



Magazine

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Dear Friends

At a recent church meeting I attended, not in our church, a woman said to me, “we have no children, no young people to speak of, our congregation is aging and things aren’t the way we want to be, but please, our worship traditions, they are very dear to us. I don’t want to see them changed.” A friend of mine, in his late 30s, said about the Church of Scotland and the same-sex debate that if the Church didn’t get a grip and realise that we’re in the C21st and not the C19th, we might very well be witnessing the church’s last gasp of breath as it disappears into the cultural ether, and that people under 40 simply see the Church standing for discrimination and wondering when was the last time the Church was so far out of step with the cultural milieu within which it exists.

In our own congregation, when we attempt to do something different in worship, or in social events and fundraisers, these can often be met with equal bouquets and brickbats. “I haven’t been so excited and thrilled in Church for a long time.” “I’m confused and I think I’ll just go home.” “I suppose it was interesting but not really my thing.” “Don’t ever do that again.”

I have often wondered that if those followers of Jesus gathering in Jerusalem a few weeks after the crucifixion and resurrection events, waiting and unsure, would have bothered to establish the Christian Church if

they knew what was going to happen. The splits; the fights; the unchristian, uncharitable, uninspiring and unhealthy nonsense that has marred so much of Christianity from its beginning and is still clearly evidenced to this day.

And yet, because of what they did, or despite what they did, and because or despite us, God’s Holy Spirit still moves. When we are down-hearted – the Spirit moves; when we want to pack it in – the Spirit moves; when we are appalled by intemperate language or behaviour by

people who call themselves Christians – the Spirit moves; when we are the ones who appal others because of our own intemperate language or behaviour – the Spirit moves.



I wish God would get a move on and show us what He wants for

His Church. I wish God would give us the heroes and heroines of faith who would lead us forward, and inspire us by their commitment and action and wisdom. What God has given is us – you and me; and God has trusted us – you and me – to get on with it and show that we do care, that we can change, that we will move forward, that faith is still relevant to our world today. There are times when that does not seem enough; but it is, because the Holy Spirit of God is still moving. It is time we moved with that Spirit too.

Revd Dr Derek Browning

KIRK SESSION NOTES

At its recent meeting the Kirk Session received reports from:

Communications Committee

- **Data Protection** - Irene Wilson had given a talk to the group about the working implications of data protection requirements.
- **Banners** - additional banners are being arranged to advertise the Baby & Toddler group meetings and weekly church services; smaller and less obtrusive notices had been installed for CCTV; with the help of Doreen Reekie, a new Welcome Pack was nearing finalisation
- **Leaflets** - Ewan Brown thanked all involved in the production, collation and distribution of 5000 leaflets to the parish for Christmas and Easter. It was an important part of the church's outreach and it required the continued support of all involved.
- **Magazine** - 140 are now distributed by email, only 1 by post. Colour printing is kept to a minimum. 320 are printed each month (excluding July, August and January) and a small team meets to fold and bag the magazine and Life & Work on the Friday before the first Sunday of the month. Large print copies are also produced. A recording of each magazine is done by 3 teams of 2/3 people and the Moderator and distributed by Helen Buist along with recordings of the Church services.
- **Website** – We are still looking for a website administrator

Health and Safety Committee

- The Session heard about several areas of work involving ensuring the safety of the congregation, staff members and members of the public using our buildings. As if it were planned(!) during a discussion on ongoing fire drills, the fire alarm was sounded to ensure the Session knew how to exit the building in case of a fire.

Nicola Whyte, our associate, reported that there would be an event for teenagers voting for the first time in the forthcoming Referendum, helping them to imagine Scotland's future. Secondary schools and local churches have been contacted and there is hoped to be a good turn-out of young people at this event on the evening of 6th June.

The Kirk Session heard with thanks about the continuing generosity of the Friends of Morningside in providing funds for choral and organ scholarships, new wheelchair 'bays' in the church, and other important work.



**THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL BEETLE DRIVE WILL
TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH HALL ON 20th
SEPTEMBER 2014.**

AUTUMN LECTURES 2014

To commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War One, the theme for this year's Autumn lectures (jointly organised with Greenbank Parish Church and supported by New College, Edinburgh), will be **War and Peace**. These will be held in our Church Halls, on Sunday evenings, 6.30pm for refreshments, with the lectures starting at 7pm.

7 th September	The Church and WW1 -	Professor S J Brown
14 th September	Conflict Resolution and Peace-keeping Today	Dr Theodora Hawksley
21 st September	Forces Chaplaincy	Rev Dr Marjory MacLean
28 th September	Craiglockart Hospital	Rev Professor David Fergusson



WORSHIP NOTES

The Minister and Kirk Session have agreed that there will be changes to the beginning of the 10.30am Morning Worship, with effect from 25th May. This was after consultation with the Worship Committee, the Education Committee, and Sunday Club parents and grandparents. The aim is to see if rearranging the beginning of the service will allow for a more child-friendly approach to worship. The service will start with a children's hymn, a short prayer, one of the Bible readings, the Children's Time and then the offering. Children will be encouraged to participate wherever possible. After the children leave for crèche and Sunday Club, the choir will sing the introit as we are led in to the adult part of the service which will include the usual prayers, the remaining reading, the anthem and the sermon. This will become the normal pattern of order of service until a review at the beginning of next year. This pattern will not apply to the traditional communion services in June, October and December, Remembrance Sunday, or at other family services. It is hoped the congregation will support this experiment as we seek to find ways to meet the changing needs of our congregation.

We will celebrate and share the Lord's Supper on 1st June at 9.30am and 10.30am. The thanksgiving service is at 6.30pm.

Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, is on Sunday 8th June. You might want to mark the day by wearing something red to Church that day, red being the colour of the Holy Spirit! The 8th June will also be the last 9.30am and 6.30pm services until they resume on 7th September.

We hope to have a special service of music involving our choral scholars on Sunday 8th June at 6.30pm. Details in the weekly intimations.

Please note that there will be a **fire drill** on **8th June** at the 9.30am and 10.30am services. An evening service fire drill will be held later in the year.

THE GUILD



On Sunday 12th May, a special service was held in the village of Wamphray, in Dumfries and Galloway, to celebrate the life of The Very Rev Professor Archibald Charteris, who founded the Guild 127 years ago.

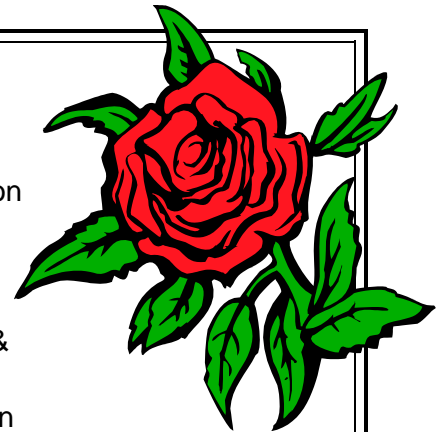
This remarkable Churchman also founded Life and Work, and also the Diaconate.

As part of the Guild's 125th Anniversary, a project was launched to restore the gravestone of Dr Charteris and his wife, and to erect a memorial stone in the churchyard at Wamphray. The restored stones were on display at Sunday's service which was conducted by Rev Adam Dillon, Parish Minister. An inspiring reflection was given by The Rt Rev Lorna Hood, and Mrs Marjorie Paton, the Guild National Convener, spoke about the founding of the Guild.

I quote from Marjorie's letter to Guild members. "It was a very affirming day for everyone and, as the Guild looks to the future, it is surely right to remember our roots and how and why the Guild began and has proved to be a powerful force in the Church."

FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
June	1 Forbes & Jean Bowman	Ruth Henderson
	8 WEDDING	WEDDING
	15 Ella Scott	Joan Burnet
	22 Hazel Knight	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
	29 Audrey Grant	Marjory Watson
July	6 Rosemary Drysdale	Margaret Gossip
	13 Rena Tough	Irene Wilson
	20 Mr & Mrs D Reid	Caroline Reid
	27 Marjory Watson	Marjory Watson
August	3 Fiona Stimpson	Val Mannings
	10 Dr & Mrs Jenkinson	Ruth Henderson
	17 Dorothy Mushet	Eleanor Watt
	24 Margaret Gossip	Margaret Gossip
	31 Fiona Watt	Val Mannings
September	7 Lorna Gunn	Joan Burnet



A HUGE THANK YOU

The volunteers who run the Edinburgh Clothing Store would like to say a huge “thank you” to everyone who has made it possible for the Church to give £950.10 to the Clothing Store so early in the year.

As you know the Church has agreed to support the Clothing Store by giving it £1,500 each year but a contribution to this commitment early in the year is doubly appreciated. This is a tremendous help as finding money for running costs is extremely difficult. The Clothing Store receives no council or government funding and needs around £23,000 each year in order to pay the rent, heating, lighting insurance etc. We have a wonderful group of volunteers (9 of whom are members of this church), none of whom claim expenses and many of whom make other donations in kind, so we cannot reduce our overheads.

The need for the service we offer increases each year and, very sadly, over the past two years there has been a significant increase in the number of children being referred for help. What we offer is clothing, bedding, curtains and towels.

- What we particularly need is
- Clothing for men – especially winter jackets, fleeces, jumpers, T shirts and shoes.
 - Clothing for children – aged 2 -10 years
 - Clothing for teenagers.
 - Bath towels

Donations can be brought to Church any Sunday and left in the box marked ECS in the vestibule under the hymn books on the right hand side as you enter.

Once again, thank you, to all who voted for us at the end of last year and made it possible to win a one off grant of £3000 from the Bank of Scotland Community Fund. This has enabled us to buy a stock of new items which are usually in short supply.

The help given by the congregation over a number of years has been truly amazing and has definitely helped enormously in keeping the Clothing Store open and able to help the most needy in our community. Thank you all very much.

Fiona Stimpson

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU...

From the Christian Aid Committee to the volunteers who collected during Christian Aid week. To date, £3,720 has been collected in our Parish, although there are still more contributions to be counted. Thanks too to those who assisted at the Christian Aid fair on Saturday 24th May.

Bill Reid, Bob Cunningham, Ruth Henderson



AND ANOTHER...

To all those who turned up at church on Saturday 26th April armed with rubber gloves, gardening gloves, buckets, secateurs and anything else they thought might come in handy to help with the Big Church Spring Clean. Much elbow grease was expended in dusting, polishing, wiping, scrubbing, vacuuming, clearing out and gardening. It didn't matter whether you could come for an hour or for several: all

contributions were welcome. One of the biggest challenges was trying to retrieve all the miscellaneous items which had fallen into the radiators under the benches in the church hall – a weird and wonderful selection. A big difference was made to church, halls and grounds so thank you very much to all those involved.

LIFE AND WORK – JUNE 2014

The June issue includes the following articles:

Martin Luther King and Me

A Church of Scotland minister's experiences of the American civil rights campaign.

'A Beautiful Perspective'

Astronaut Jim Dutton describes how seeing the Earth from space impacted on his faith.

The Green Funeral Revolution

Jackie Macadam learns about environmental funerals and how new options are being offered in death.

'I am Going to be Myself'

Lynne McNeil meets the Rt Rev John Chalmers, Moderator of the 2014 General Assembly.

General Assembly

Summaries of reports to the Assembly

The Silenced Ghosts

As the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War approaches, Ron Ferguson reflects on those forgotten by the history books.

Question Time at the Kirk

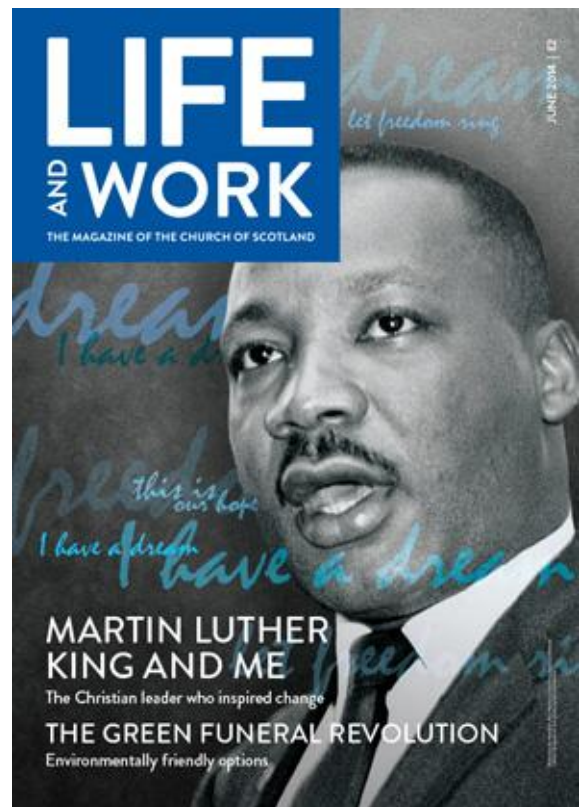
William Clarke describes how Scotland's political future was debated at a London church.

A New Ministry

The development of a new centre of excellence for ministry at Aberdeen University

'Who Do You Say That I Am?'

Lynsey Martin, Moderator of the National Youth Assembly, offers a personal insight into her year in office.



188TH GUIDES –: WHY I ENJOY BEING PART OF GIRLGUIDING UK



I have been in guiding since 1992 when I joined as a Rainbow at Craiglockhart Parish Church. Since then I have been a Brownie, Guide, Young Leader with Brownies and Guide Adult Leader (all at Morningside Parish). I enjoy being part of GirlGuiding UK because of the exciting opportunities it offers. I get to organise and take part in fun activities with girl guides such as 'tubing' at Hillend, sausage sizzles at Bonaly, residential weekends away to beautiful locations like Canty Bay and last year I was lucky enough to be selected to go on an overseas guiding project to The Gambia.



I went with five other young Adult Leaders to train Gambian guide leaders and do activities with Guides and Brownies in topics such as self-esteem, leadership and decision-making. We also brought lots of craft materials for the girls to enjoy and taught them crafts and songs from guiding in the UK. Last Friday I was delighted to be able to show our guides photos and clothing which I brought back from my trip. We also worked on

activities for the Gambia badge which we're working towards. (This was designed by my team as part of fundraising efforts for our trip). We made worry dolls, practised Gambian table etiquette and tried drinking water out of plastic bags, which I discovered is common practice in The Gambia. The girls seemed enthralled in all that I was able to share from my trip, and this reminded me why I enjoy being a Guider: because it's so much fun!



Fiona Ross, Guider

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SUMMER LUNCH - 22ND JUNE

This is the date that everyone has been waiting for and now you can ink it in your diary!

As before, numbers are limited and admission is by ticket only. Tickets will be on sale on Sundays 1st, 8th and 15th June at a cost of £10 so buy yours at the first opportunity!

A two course buffet lunch and coffee will be provided. Wine will also be sold separately. Any profits will go to the church's 3 charities.

The Social Committee looks forward to welcoming you on 22nd June to this popular event.

TALENT AUCTION

Ten years ago we held a Talent Auction at Morningside. Many will remember the auction of 80 lots, ranging from days out (car trips, picnics, golf rounds, tours, afternoon tea, enjoying music, bridge), sharing skills (baking a celebration cake, hosting dinner, portrait photography, making cards, researching family history, making jam, writing a poem), to undertaking tasks (gardening, car valet, shoe polishing, ironing) or tickets to events, and many more. We learnt what a talented congregation we have, shared some experiences, and had fun and fulfilment along the way.



So we propose to hold another Talent Auction, immediately after the Summer Lunch on **Sunday 22nd June**. As we look forward to the summer, we can all think of talents and skills we could offer up for auction. Something we could do, or make, or share, or something we could arrange that might appeal to others. The only limit is your imagination.

We're asking everyone to think what we each could offer. Be creative – we all have skills, interests, and occasions we could share.....and if not, Ryder Cup or Commonwealth Games tickets will do! But the offer doesn't need to be something of great value...it's the effort and participation that's important.

On the day you will bid for a voucher setting out the task or offer and how to contact the provider. You then sort out after the event where and when it's delivered to suit you both. The winning bid is paid as a donation to the Church, and similarly the voucher represents a donation by the person offering the task.

What we need from you is to decide on the skills, task, event or something completely different that you will offer. We need to know by 8th June at the latest...but why not decide today? Then write or email the Church office (address on back page) setting out what you are offering and your contact details. That will allow us to publish the list of lots for Sunday 15th June, a week ahead of the auction, to allow bids from those who can't make the Lunch.

The Auction will be a fun event. The Summer Lunch will be a fun event. Don't miss them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC – 20TH JUNE (1898)

The pic-nic to Newhailes on 20th June was in every way a great success. This was the third of these annual trips [from St Matthew's Church] and on each occasion the weather has been delightful. This year the children were specially fortunate in having, through the kindness of Sir Charles Dalrymple, so beautiful a place as Newhailes grounds to pic-nic in.

The children, 180 in number, accompanied by their teachers and some members of the congregation, left Morningside by a special train at 10.30, reaching Newhailes about 11. After a slight lunch all amused themselves in the finely-wooded park till Mr Milligan summoned them together for dinner at one o'clock. After dinner a long programme of races, both for girls and boys, attracted most of the children; but others amused themselves with cricket, swings, Aunt Sally and other games.

Tea was served about 5; and then, while the children played among the trees, the Ladies' Committee provided a very welcome cup of tea to the older people, whose numbers had been considerably reinforced as the afternoon wore on. After tea Mrs Milligan presented the prizes won at the sports and then it was time to form into column and march to the station, whence a special train carried the happy party safely home about 8 o'clock.



The children all enjoyed themselves most thoroughly. No accident happened to any of them; while their behaviour was exceedingly good. They were asked to do no harm to Sir Charles Dalrymple's shrubberies and trees and so well did they obey that Mr Bryce, the head gardener, praised them highly for their good conduct.

ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of

Angus Stewart, who died on 6th May 2014.

Miss Nan (Anne) Hunter, who died on 10th May 2014.

GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE CONCERT

The eagerly awaited concert by George Watson's College took place in the Church on Friday 25th April before a large and expectant audience of parents, friends and Church members.

Performing were the College Chamber Choir of forty singers and the Caritas Strings numbering thirty players, all of whom performed to an extremely high standard.



Among the choral items were Purcell's 'O Sing unto the Lord' and 'Beatus vir' by Monteverdi, while from the orchestra a major contribution was the Concerto for three violins in F major by Vivaldi. This item was of special significance to Morningside Parish Church members as one of the three violin soloists was Donald Taylor, a choral scholar currently with us singing either bass or tenor as required.

At the end of the concert it was only fitting that the young talented students were accorded a standing ovation by a most appreciative audience.

Tom Davidson



MUSICAL NOTES

Firstly, we have had an exceptionally good group of Choral Scholars this "session": They have all been a delight to work with, have added much to the worship here; and we shall indeed be sorry to see them go their various ways after Sunday 8th June, although of course at the same time we wish them well. That Sunday (Whitsuntide, or Pentecost) should be something of a musical feast, for not only is the anthem at the morning service Mendelssohn's lovely "Hear my prayer" (which closes with the famous "O for the wings of a dove"), but the theme of the evening service is "Hymns at evening", and all five Choral Scholars will be present, and taking a leading part - do come and support them.

On Sunday 18th May, we said goodbye (or possibly just "au revoir", for she may re-apply) to Miriam Abraham, our Organ Scholar this last session. I hope many of you enjoyed her masterly rendition of the Buxtehude F major Toccata at the end of the morning service that day. We thank her for all that she has done (especially during my prolonged enforced absence, when she was very much "thrown in at the deep end"), and we wish her well for the future, both in music (with us or not) and medicine.

We are very grateful to the "Friends" and the Session, especially at a time when money is tight, for continuing to fund the scholars. Please bring the existence of the scholarships to the notice of anyone you may think might be interested.

Several folk have asked if the Festival time concerts will take place again this year (for some reason, the "four hands, one piano" events have been particularly popular.) Nothing decided yet, but please "watch this space."

Morley Whitehead

CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL



A quick verse of "Come and join the celebration" ? Or perhaps a rousing version of "Happy Birthday to Us" ? Or even a noisy rendition of "An organ for me, An organ for me....." ? Or how about a cocktail of them all to celebrate :

- a) the 150th anniversary of Barclay Viewforth Church,
- b) the fact that we have a "celebrity" to help in these celebrations, and
- c) our good fortune in having Dr John Kitchen, City Organist, as the celebrity to give a dazzling organ recital as one of the splendid events held throughout this anniversary year?

As organist at Barclay Viewforth I am unashamedly excited about having our fine organ played by an organist of this calibre and reputation. Having heard John play organs all over Scotland, having listened to his many recordings, having heard his vast repertoire, having enjoyed his affable good humour and audience manipulation at his glorious "Get Organised" recitals in the Usher Hall, I am more than pleased to spread the good news about his forthcoming recital at Barclay Viewforth Church on Friday 20th June this year at 7.30 pm when he will delight what I hope to be a large audience of music-lovers. His recitals really are special!

After the recital there will be a chance to mingle, chat and meet Dr Kitchen over wine and refreshments.....and all for a mere fiver! This will be a special occasion and one in which I hope you and your friends / organisation / club / association /group will wish to be involved. Please spread the word and I and my friends at BV (beside Bruntsfield Links) look forward to giving you a warm welcome.

The date: Friday 20 June at 7.30 pm

The star: Dr John Kitchen

Hope to see you there.

Dennis Deas

FRIENDS OF MORLICH HOUSE

Grateful thanks to the members of the congregation who supported the annual coffee morning on Saturday 26th April 2014. The final total was £1,032.95.

Last year two awnings were purchased and fitted to the conservatory windows and new hedging planted along the front wall joining up the existing hedge. This has established itself well but will take time to thicken and grow to the height of the rest. This year new garden chairs are required as well as the ongoing care of the garden.

There is an urgent need for new committee members so please, if you can spare a little time to help, get in touch with Fiona Watt 447-9648 or Marion Cooper 447-7149. Thank you.

The annual strawberry tea is to be held on Friday 11th July 2014 at 2.30pm in Morlich House. This would be an ideal time to come and meet the residents and existing committee members.

SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE

There are no magazines in July and August. Material for the September issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 15th August 2014** and it will be available for distribution on Sunday 31st August. Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or by post to the church office at 1 Cluny Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 6DN.

If you receive a paper copy of the magazine and would prefer it by email, please contact the office at the address below.

PENTECOST IS EVERY DAY

By Stewart Henderson

I share and share and share again
Sometimes with a new language
Which, if you are so open
Will take you behind the sky
And award you cartwheels across the sun.
I give and give and give again
Not restricted by the church calendar
Or concocted by ritual.
I have no need of anniversaries
For I have always been.
I speak and speak and speak again
With the sting of purity
That can only be Me
Causing joyous earthquakes in the mourning soul of man.
I am and am and am again.



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