



Magazine

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Dear Friends

Some years ago I was involved with a summer holiday club for children. It was a great success. One of the 'games' was creating a time-travel room where we went back to the time of Jesus and looked at short DVD clips from films about the life of Jesus. There was the nativity, Jesus healing the sick; Jesus teaching His friends, and the events of the last week of His life. Before we ran the week, we gathered parents to tell them about what we were doing and showed them the DVD clips. When we got to the events of Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus, one parent objected. "You can't show them that. It's too upsetting." It was very far from any of the gorier films of Jesus' death - we'd been very careful - but that parent was visibly upset at the depiction of Jesus dying. We talked her round, and in the end the children were unfazed by it (they knew the story!), but it has always left me with a troubled memory.

If you only come to Church on the Sundays at either end of Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter, then you go from what feels like one celebration to another, and you miss out some of the most powerful and challenging aspects of our faith. It is hard to 'glamourise' or desensitise the horror of that week, with its sense of impending doom. We are familiar with much of the story but the fact remains that for the Romans, and to a lesser extent the Jewish Temple hierarchy, Jesus was only one more troublemaker from Galilee, with an unsettling religious message. To

them, He was nobody special and it is only two millennia of Christian teaching that has reshaped for us now what was then the casual banality of His death. People were crucified regularly. His was not the only cross.

But we know, or should know, why His death was different, which is why we need to know the context of His life and His death, particularly in that last week. Most gospels give a massive percentage of their writing to describe what happened, and fill the days with meaning and metaphor, with serious questions, and hints at answers. Palm Sunday needs Holy Week, and Easter Sunday needs Holy Week, to set the events of Jesus' life in context.



In Jerusalem the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is reputed to cover two sites. One, the Hill of Calvary, is where you can kneel down under an altar and touch the stone of the rock called Golgotha. The other is the site of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid and the mystery of the resurrection has its roots. In one church, the site of crucifixion and the site of resurrection. The two must go together for our faith to make sense.

Attend the Holy Week services in our Church this year, and prepare yourselves through the challenge and the sadness to the glory and the joy. May you have a truly blessed Easter.

Revd Dr Derek Browning

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: 25TH – 30TH MARCH



This year, the joint Holy Week services that we share with our friends at Greenbank Parish Church will be hosted in our Church. We will be looking at the last Thursday of Jesus' life. So often we look at each day of the week, and struggle to give due attention to all the events that took place on the Thursday and the early Friday morning. This year we will take the week to look at that one day.

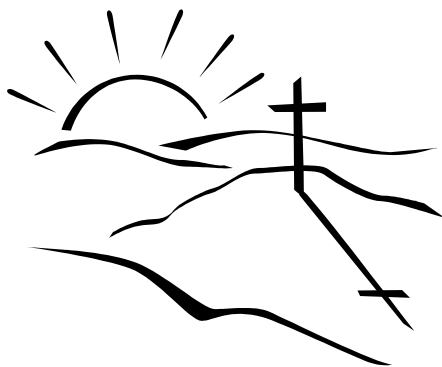
Monday 25 th :	Gethsemane
Tuesday 26 th :	The Trial
Wednesday 27 th :	The Denial
Thursday 28 th :	The Last Supper (with Communion)

The services will take place at 7.30pm in the Church. Monday to Wednesday services will be held in the chancel, and on Thursday the congregation will sit in the nave, in the front half of the Church.

On Good Friday, 29th March, there will be the traditional readings taken from John's Gospel which tell us of Jesus' crucifixion and burial. This will be followed by the joint choirs of Morningside and Greenbank performing John Stainer's moving work "The Crucifixion". You may remember they did this a few years ago and it was an incredible evening. Stainer arranged for congregational hymns to be sung as part of the performance so we will sing those at the appropriate times.

On Holy Saturday, 30th March, there will be a service of readings and music, focussing on times of loss and times of hope. This is a quiet, reflective service, with the church in gradual darkness, and it is one that is simple and powerful at one and the same time.

As we are the host church this year, please make every effort to attend these services.



EASTER DAY – 31ST MARCH

There will be one morning service on Easter Day at 10.30am where we will gather to celebrate the resurrection. Children will meet with us for the first part of the service then go through to the hall for activities. There will be special Easter refreshments in the hall following the service.

On Easter Evening we will look at the much-loved story of the Road to Emmaus and share the Lord's Supper around the Communion service. If you have not been to an evening communion, this would be a good service to attend.

EFFECTIVE LISTENING – FOR LIFE, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

This course may be of interest to anyone who would like to improve their listening skills in everyday situations – to family or friends, folk they visit casually or in the course of their service as elder or church visitor. This is an informal interactive course with a mix of teaching, discussion, modelling and time to practise listening and be listened to. It will run over four sessions on two Saturdays from 10am-4pm 13th and 20th April and will be held in Morningside Parish Church Hall. The cost is £40 (participants are expected to attend all sessions). Further information and application leaflets are available in the vestibule.

Do you **really** listen? Or are you waiting to come in with your own story, or offer a solution, or perhaps you are too distracted by your own concerns, or wanting to ask lots of questions? Could you offer a listening ear when someone just needs to be heard?

WORK PARTY

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th March in the usual venue, Cluny Centre, at 10.45am.

This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in knitting and crocheting.

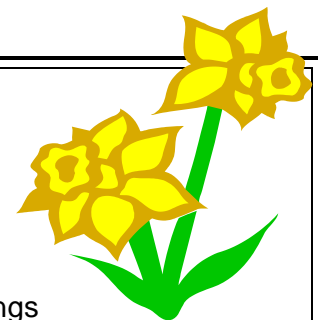
A warm welcome will be given. More details from me on request.

Margaret Guild 447 6290



FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
Mar 3	Mrs Peterson	Margaret Gossip
10	Mrs Ella Scott	Val Dunn & Eleanor Watt
17	Miss Kathleen Elder	Joan Burnet & Val Mannings
24	Mrs Nicolson	Caroline Reid & Paula Hunter
31	EASTER	Flower Committee
Apr 7	Chris & Anne McNeil	Irene Wilson & Isobel Paterson



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

HOLY LAND EVENING – MONDAY 4TH MARCH

The Minister will talk about his recent visit to the Holy Land and give a PowerPoint presentation, on Monday 4th March at 8pm in the new halls. On his trip he visited Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, Herod's desert palace at Herodion, Jericho, Tiberias, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum and sites around the Sea of Galilee.

There will also be an opportunity to consider a congregational pilgrimage to the Holy Land, possibly in November 2014, jointly with Greenbank Parish Church and Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church. This possibility is still being explored and there would be a further meeting to discuss this with anyone interested.

The 4th March meeting is open to anyone – you are not being asked to make any commitment to the possible 2014 pilgrimage by attending – so please come along if you are free.

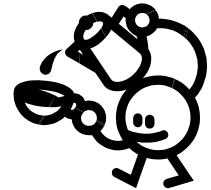
OUTREACH DANISH AND COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

Time: 10.30 – 12.00

Venue: New Hall, Morningside Parish Church.

Tickets: Adults: £3 Children: £1.50 - available before or on the door

All monies raised will go to support the works of the Edinburgh Clothing Store, Edinburgh Headway & Scottish Love in Action



DIFFERENT VOICES – FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

All are welcome to the Friday 15th March **Different Voices Worship Event** in St Cuthbert's, Lothian Road where we will be moving at the speed of *150 Psalms Per Hour*.

Through a mix of visual arts, professional music, creative readings and silence we will encounter every verse of the 'different voices' of the psalms - joy, lament, protest and patience.

So come, and listen to the Voice that is beyond creation.

7:00pm Doors open

7:30pm Service

8:30pm Drinks and nibbles

8:45pm Optional 'Worship Debrief'

The Event is FREE for all and is part of the Different Voices National Music Event which runs on Saturday 16th – tickets for the rest of the event are priced at £40 (discounts available for group bookings or low income). To book contact the Mission and Discipleship Council on 0131 225 5722 or enquiriesDV@cofscotland.org.uk For more detailed information please visit http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/music_for_worship

CONGREGATIONAL AGM – SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

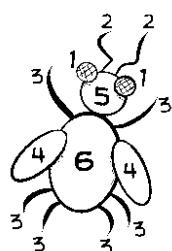
The Congregational AGM will take place on Sunday 24th March immediately after Morning Worship in the Church.

EASTER - SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

Following the Service on Easter Sunday, 31st March, refreshments (including tea, coffee, wine, Easter cakes, hot cross buns and chocolate novelties for the children) will be served in the Church hall. Please come along with family and friends to help us celebrate this special day. In order to cover costs we hope everyone will be willing to make a donation on the day.

FRIENDS OF MORNINGSIDE AGM – SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

The Friends of Morningside AGM will take place on Sunday 7th April immediately after Morning Worship in the Church.



ANNUAL OUTREACH BEETLE DRIVE – SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

Venue: New Hall, Morningside Parish Church

Tickets: Adults £5.00 Children £2.50 Refreshments available to purchase on the night

Prizes

All monies raised will go to support the works of the Edinburgh Clothing Store, Edinburgh Headway & Scottish Love in Action.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STEWARDS WANTED - 18th – 24th MAY

Stewards play a significantly important role to ensure that many of the backup services in support of the General Assembly operate in a highly efficient, welcoming and friendly fashion. Throughout the week of the General Assembly some 300 stewards help to cover over 1,000 different duties.

Each “shift” generally lasts for about two hours and it is up to each steward as to how often they wish to help – some only have time to help on one occasion, whereas others travel considerable distances to help as often as they can.

With so many tasks to undertake we are always seeking new volunteers. If you think you might like to help us then please get in touch for more information. Your help would be very greatly appreciated.

Simon Bolam, Chief Steward

Phone:- 0131 225 1849 or 07850 790051 Email:- chiefsteward@generalassembly.co.uk

MUSICAL NOTES



This Good Friday, 29th March, the evening service will take the form of a performance by the combined choirs of Greenbank and Morningside Parish Church choirs of John Stainer's "The Crucifixion – A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer."

Since its first performance, in 1887, the work, in common with much other Victorian music (or indeed Victorian art generally) has not always received a good press. But fashions change and we nowadays seem readier once more to accept that "The Crucifixion" contains much that is worthy (in the best sense). The work is scored but modestly, for tenor and bass soloists, SATB choir and organ, and there are five hymns for the congregation to sing (one more than is usually the case of a Sunday morning!) The service will begin with readings from St John's gospel.

We did similarly two years ago and that occasion was deemed very apt to the day, and "moving" by those attending.

Morley Whitehead



LADIES GROUP

Thank you to those who came on Monday 11th February to hear Olivia Giles speak on her charity 500 Miles. That evening we raised £200 which will go to help those in Malawi, Zambia and Zanzibar who require prosthetic or orthotic devices, along with training local people to make and assist those who require them. This allows these people to improve their quality of life and possibly a chance of work.

The Ladies Group meets in the new hall at Morningside Parish Church at 7.45pm on a Monday. Our remaining meetings this session are:-

11th Mar Life on the Rocks

Prof Stuart Monro speaking about Dynamic Earth - How it came about and its geology

25th Mar AGM

April Outing

Please give us your support.

Anna Cunningham, Secretary

188th GUIDES

It has been an adventurous start to the New Year with our first weekend away under our belt already. We visited Stanemuir Brownie House during the last weekend of January. This is a bungalow, 25 miles south west of the city, set in enclosed grounds with a trim trail, the 'Seedpod' (newly constructed outdoor sitting area) and a slight slope at the back of the building, just perfect for tobogganing!

However, on the Friday night the weather was really against us with less than half the expected guides arriving due to the falling snow and terrible road conditions. All the guiders made it, if only because we didn't have the sense to turn back! Once inside we were snug and warm sitting around a log fire.



Our theme was 'New Year's Party' which included 'cocktails' and canapés on the Friday night, buffet style breakfasts and activities based around the Chinese New Year. This included decorating a sheet and box to make a dragon, putting together a dance using the completed beast and performing it for the group.

Fortunately the rest of our guides managed to make it to Stanemuir on the Saturday morning and by then the call had gone out "Bring your sleds" because with about a foot of snow sledding was very much on the agenda. Much of Saturday involved playing outside in the snow and lots of snowball fights. Saturday afternoon included completing challenges such as knotting a piece of spaghetti and a scavenger hunt whilst playing Capture the Castle. An activity which proved very successful was baking Cake Pops, covering them in chocolate and decorating them with sprinkles. I think some had more sprinkles than anything else!

The 'Go For It' badge packs the patrols have chosen for the term are Five Senses, Experiment and Chocolate (always a favourite!). The Experiment GFI is becoming a hit with the patrol endeavouring to make popcorn jewellery, with the dual results of making the hall smell very nice and providing a snack for the unit. Needless to say not much went into jewellery! Interest badges, such as Traditions of Guiding, are also being worked on and camp fire blankets are on the agenda.

Our oldest patrol has started working on the BP challenge hoping to finish by June so they can attend the BP Adventure to the Highlands for a weekend of water sports. As part of the challenge they are contributing to the Thinking Day meeting when we celebrate the founders of guiding.

Other events on the horizon are another camp and Festival 2013, an international camp at PGL Dalguise in July. As always Guides is open to everyone, so if you are at all interested in what we do please come along and pay us a visit – We look forward to meeting you.

Anita Wilkinson, 188th Guider



JOIN THE ANCHOR BOYS!

The Anchor Section is the youngest section in the BB and is for boys aged between 5 and 8. It has lots of fun doing different activities which include making things, crafts,

music, games, sports, stories, going on visits, making friends, and working towards their badges. It meets on Friday evenings at 6pm.

Why the Anchor Section?

Boys of this age are developing rapidly. There are big changes in a boy's mental, emotional, social and physical development. However, all boys are different and have a variety of needs. The relationships formed with boys at this age can be important in assisting them to achieve a sound sense of personal and group identity. The programme provides a wide variety of different activities and most importantly . . . opportunities for fun and enjoyment!!!! Come and give us a try, you really will enjoy it.

If you know of any boy in this age group who might be interested in joining, please contact Rona McLaren for further information at ronamclaren@btinternet.com.



SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 3-5PM

Morningside Parish Church halls, Braid Road

A warm welcome to all families who would like to join us for this fun event.

Messy Church is a special time for families to enjoy doing craft activities together, play games, share a Bible story and sing a few songs before finishing with a hot meal



£3 per head to cover cost of meal and craft materials. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult - this is a family event so please bring your Mum / Dad/ Granny/ Grandpa/ Uncle/Aunt/ Cousin/Carer/Neighbour

Email: lesleyfraserassociate@hotmail.co.uk or call 0131- 449-2447

FROM THE ROCK TRUST

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you from everyone at The Rock Trust for your recent donation of £420 from your annual Soup and Apple Crumble lunch. Your generous support helps us continue our vital work in Edinburgh and the Lothians supporting vulnerable and homeless young people.

SERVICE OF REMEMBERING – SUNDAY 7TH APRIL, 3PM

Each year on the Sunday after Easter there is a Service of Remembering held in the Church. This year it will take place at 3pm on Sunday 7th April. The service is for anyone who has lost a loved one, recently or some time ago, and would like a quiet opportunity to reflect on the loss and to remember with gratitude. The service lasts for around half an hour and those who attend it have found it to be helpful and gentle.

If you are remembering a bereavement and would like to come along, or if you know of someone who might like to attend, you and they will be made most warmly welcome.

Many churches hold this service around All Souls/All Saints in the November of each year. Here we hold it in the season of Easter, remembering not only the reality and sadness of death, but also the promises of hope that Jesus offers to us all.

KIRK SESSION NOTES

At its February meeting, the Kirk Session:

- Paid tribute to Alastair Graham and Jim Grant, senior elders who had died recently. Both elders had served the church for many years and will be greatly missed.
- Received a report from the Worship Committee
 - Recommending the continuation of the evening service. The evening service costs in heating and lighting terms around £30 for the 30 or so services in the year, but it was felt that the benefits of continuing to provide an almost unique service to a range of people who don't normally attend morning services was worthwhile.
 - Reviewing the number of choral and organ scholars with the Friends of Morningside
 - Agreed that the September Communion be moved to the first Sunday in October. It had become clear that with many people being on holiday in August and early September it was becoming difficult to visit congregation members, and also difficult to 'staff' the service with elders. It also would mean that visits later in September (the start of the new 'session') would be more beneficial. This change will take place this year.
 - Agreed that the Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be moved to the last Sunday in September.
 - Noted that the George Watson's College Choir will make a welcome return to join us at the evening service on 21st April.
- The Education Committee reported that there would be a Messy Church event on Saturday 27th April. The theme would be Noah and his Ark.
- A group reported on the Congregational Review which took place last year:
 - From a congregational roll totalling 607 we had 269 responses (44.32%) with 338 giving no response.
 - Of the 269 responses 96 indicated that they would still like to be visited on a regular or semi-regular basis, with additional phone, email or post when required.
 - 86 indicated that they would prefer email as the main contact

- 29 preferred post only contact
- 52 gave no preference
- 4 said that phone should be the only contact
- 2 said there should be no contact at all!
- The Kirk Session will continue its review of membership. An 'email' district has been set up and we will consider what information to send out by this method. Initially it will be the invitation to communion, but there are other occasions when it would be good to send out specific information by email.
- The Kirk Session maintained its commitment to face-to-face visiting to all who preferred this form of visiting, and will consider that all members should receive at least one visit in the year. There will be a reorganising of districts in due course to reflect this new information. This is a complex matter and will take a little longer to work through but the Session was grateful to those who did respond.
- The Kirk Session will receive a report in due course with recommendations about how to proceed with those who have not responded to either the Congregational Review or the Stewardship Campaign.
- The Stewardship and Finance Committee reported:
 - The Kirk Session approved a **deficit** budget for 2013 of £60,000, with a commitment to reduce the deficit each year until 2016 where the goal is to have a break-even budget
 - There had been a reasonable response to the Stewardship Campaign with some members increasing their giving. The Session agreed that an annual campaign should become part of our congregation's life as it gave opportunity to remind the congregation of its financial responsibilities and to focus attention on the things that the church should be doing.
 - As part of a short-term strategy to address the major expenditure areas in the congregation's life the Session agreed to set up five task groups (who will report in May) to look at Heating, Lighting and Energy Efficiency; Utilities and Services (cleaning, church office, printing); Letting and Rent Review; the Cluny Centre; Fundraising for congregational purposes.
 - The ministerial staffing provision was reviewed. Miss Norma Ronald DCS, our Pastoral Assistant, has intimated her retirement in June 2013. Ms Lesley Fraser, our Children and Families Associate, has a three year contract which terminates in early July 2013. The Session agreed that a new, full time post of Associate for Christian Education and Pastoral Care be advertised – a three year contract. More details will appear later. There will be an opportunity to thank Norma and Lesley for their work in due course.



THE GUILD QUIZ 2013

The 2013 Guild Quiz is now on sale. Copies may be obtained for £1 from Guild members or on the Welcome Desk. Please support this fundraising initiative in aid of the "Heart for Art" project for dementia sufferers.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The theme for the Church and Society Newsletter this month is "Green Issues". There are articles about eco churches awards and bible study suggestions. I'm always happy to pass on any more news if you are interested (Lynn Mitchell 447 0460)

CARBON FAST FOR LENT

Fasting for Lent is a long-standing Christian spiritual discipline. The tradition of self-denial and reflection on the word of God in preparation for Easter is important for ourselves in our personal journey as well as a witness to our friends and family about what our faith means.

You may already have decided what you are giving up for Lent this year, but as well as personal challenges such as giving up alcohol or chocolate, you might like to consider a focus for your household too. Each year TearFund encourages us to have a Carbon Fast for Lent. By signing up you will be offered weekly challenges all of which give an opportunity to think about our household's impact on the planet.

There are practical ideas that are both effective and inspirational. Simple actions might range from turning down the heating whilst wearing more jumpers; to avoiding buying imported food for a week; to sharing household items like ladders and lawnmowers with neighbours rather than buying them; to praying for those whose lives have already been severely affected by deforestation and industrialised agriculture.

So why not take the opportunity to have a "carbon detox" during Lent and perhaps beyond! For more information and to sign up to the campaign visit www.tearfund.org/carbonfast, new ideas for 2013 will be launched in February.

ECO-CONGREGATION SCOTLAND ANNUAL GATHERING & AGM 2013

This year's Eco-Congregation Scotland Annual Gathering will be held on Saturday 20th April at the Grassmarket Community Project, Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh. The theme this year is food, and will include workshops on a range of subjects from food security to local food production. The event will be held in the new centre behind the churchyard which will give more space for additional workshops and group discussions. The Grassmarket Community Project run the woodworking project where the Eco-Congregation award plaques are made.

Full details will be sent to all registered congregations nearer the time. More information is also available at the [website](#). If you are interested in attending, please contact Gordon Hudson, Manager, Eco-Congregation Scotland at manager@ecocongregationscotland.org or on 0131 240 2274.

The Church and Society Council also briefed MSPs for their debate on 30th January on the cost of living, with particular focus on payday loans. "We need to recognise again that there are moral and ethical dimensions to economics and to the decisions made by individuals, commercial companies and by nations. Protecting the most vulnerable in society cannot be a party political issue; the Church of Scotland urges all MSPs to use this debate to transcend party differences and consider how they can best assist those who struggle to make ends meet."



THE AQUILLOS ENSEMBLE

The Aquillos Ensemble are kindly holding a concert in aid of the children of Scottish Love in Action, on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm in Morningside Parish Church. Tickets cost £8, children and students free.

The Aquillos Ensemble was formed in 2009 and includes musicians who have performed with the BBC Concert Orchestra, SCO, RSNO, RPO, Royal Ballet Orchestra, the Ulster Orchestra and the BBC Northern Radio

Orchestra. Do come to relax and enjoy a delightful programme of the following music:-

Ibert: Trois Pieces Breve
 Poulenc: Novelette arr. G. Emerson
 Mozart: Piano and Wind K452
 Zemlinsky: Humoresque

Bozza: Trois Pieces pour une Musique de Nuit
 Beethoven: Quintet in E \flat arranged for the Sextet OP 71

LIFE AND WORK – MARCH ISSUE

Articles include:-

“Dr Livingstone, I Presume?” The life and legacy of David Livingstone, born 200 years ago this month.

The Big Question: which missionary has inspired you?

Easter 2013 Easter Prayer and contemplations from the Moderator, Ron Ferguson and the Very Rev James Simpson.

The Deepest Darkness: the Rev Scott McKenna reflects on the dark day which preceded the Resurrection.

A Land of Contradictions The Rev John Chalmers, Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reflects on the lasting impressions of his first visit to the Holy Land.

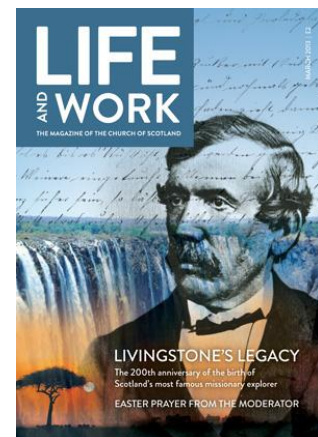
If Only... The launch of a major new campaign to tackle global hunger.

Having Your Say Chloe Clemmons emphasises the importance of participating in the debate on Scottish independence.

Gathering of Song and Music Lynne McNeil highlights Different Voices, the church’s national music event which takes place this month.

Biblical Botanicals In the final part of her series, Muriel Armstrong considers the origins of the Burning Bush.

A Moray Monument John R Hume reflects on the gifts and history of Bellie Parish Church in Fochabers.



ROLL CHANGES

Your prayers are asked for

The family and friends of the following members who died recently:-

24 th January	Alastair Graham, of Oaklands Nursing Home, Canaan Lane
27 th January	Mrs Isabel West, of 23 Buckstone Dell
31 st January	Jim Grant, of 53a Braid Avenue

PRESBYTERY REPORT (As people have been wondering what it does....)

Meeting on 11th December: Tribute was paid to Rev Donald Stephen (interim moderator at Cluny Parish Church) on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

11 candidates for ministry and one for readership were presented.

Help is sought to staff a stand for the Mission & Discipleship Council at the Royal Highland Show.



Some historically restricted funds are to be re-organised to provide a single Presbytery Bursary Fund to assist candidates for the Ministry at New College (currently 20). Some endowments to be taken into a single Presbytery Fabric Fund, available to congregations, and others into a single Mission resourcing Fund. The Principal of New College outlined the difficulties faced by students in training, lack of congregational support and large debts incurred with student loans. It was proposed that Presbytery should raise awareness of these difficulties and consider setting up a special fund (John McIntyre Memorial) to assist the students.

Meeting on 5th February. Rev Ian Gilmour (St Andrew's & St George's West) was installed as Moderator for 2013-14.

Items discussed included: Sunday parking controls in Edinburgh, congregational use of Fairtrade products; impending welfare and benefit changes; the burial of babies' ashes at Mortonhall Crematorium; and the use of the Liverpool Care Pathway in end of life care.

Finance: Changes to Gift Aid will see the introduction of a scheme whereby charities can claim on small cash donations in certain circumstances, and this will be of some benefit to churches (up to £1, 250 each year from April).

Vacancies this year: Rev Rob McKenzie moving from St David's Broomhouse to Leith St Andrew's; Rev Alan Cobain from St Nicholas Sighthill to Tyne Valley (Lothian); Rev Bill Brown retiring from Murrayfield; and Very Rev Dr Gilleasbuig Macmillan retiring after 40 years ministry at St Giles' Cathedral. Kirk o' Field is the first congregation affected by re-adjustment within the Presbytery Plan, with the ending of tenure for their minister within six months.

APRIL MAGAZINE

Material for the April issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 22nd March 2013** and it will be available for **distribution on Sunday 7th April**. Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by post to 1 Swanston Road, Edinburgh, EH10 7BB, or sent by email to alison@riddell2.plus.com.

LOVE IS COME AGAIN *By Randall Vander May*

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom men had slain,
Thinking that never He would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch may call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been.

*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*



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