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We had met many people who had told us about visiting Assisi; and we had met no-one who had been disappointed. In particular, several friends of ours became very excited about trips they had undertaken in the company of Rev Tom Cuthell, formerly minister of Edinburgh St. Cuthbert's. Tom has been taking groups to Assisi for 25 years and more; and there are those who go with him every year! Yet when you ask any of them what it is that makes this journey so special you always are given the same reply: "Well, it's really difficult to put it into words. You have to go and find out for yourself".

Assisi itself is unforgettably beautiful. The wooded hills and tumbling waterfalls of Umbria surround it, and the city itself, set on a hill, is clean, bright, soaked in sunshine and filled with beautiful churches and cafes with delicious treats. All very Italian! On our return I mentioned in a sermon the magnificent Giotto frescoes which cover the walls of the Basilica of St Francis, telling the story of his life. These frescoes alone make Assisi a must-see.

No doubt Francis himself is the star attraction. Attraction is the right word, for his story is the story of an exceptionally attractive man. If you were to read G K

Chesterton's biography of him (and you would enjoy the experience) you would find him described as the happiest person who ever lived. Few people spend time in Assisi without catching some of the spirit of Francis, and without being infected, even in a very small degree, with his love of the world and his love of God.



Part of the secret of the success of the visit we made was the accommodation arranged by Tom Cuthell. Those who accompany him on his trips live in a convent! There we were looked after by nuns who have made a special vow of

hospitality: it is pleasing to think as you enjoy the excellent food they provide that you are helping them to fulfil their vows! The convent is simple, spotless and full of peace; we loved it.

Tom has booked the accommodation for next year: 26th August – 6th September. If you are thinking about going, speak to me or contact him: Tom is based in Rome until 4th December, but he can be contacted by email on: tcuthell@gmail.com After 4th December he can be reached by phone on 0131 476 3864

Andrew McLellan

KIRK SESSION

At its October meeting, the Kirk Session heard reports on:-

Property – Charles Wilson reported on the wide range of property maintenance and improvement matters undertaken. In anticipation of the sale of the Centre, the choir's pigeon holes have been moved to beside the caretakers' station and extra cupboards and a rack for storing tables have been created in the storage room. In the pipeline are proposals to improve the lighting on the external steps; deal with the persistent roof leak which has put the eastmost toilet outside the Braid Hall out of action because of it; the repair of the central roof light in the Braid Hall; the commissioning of improved heating in the main toilets with redecoration to follow when the mutual external repairs to the East gable of the St Matthew's hall are completed. The Property committee never lack potential tasks.

The Session Clerk reported that Charles after seven years as Convenor (and many more years before that on the committee) was giving up that role although he will remain on the committee. The Clerk expressed warm appreciation for all that he has done over the years. The Clerk was pleased to report that the Caretakers will take on an enhanced responsibility for supervising maintenance approved by the committee with Moira Clark taking over the role as Convenor.

Communications - Issie Paterson, Convenor reported that the Street Event on 19th September had been successful with nineteen volunteers staffing tables outside Waitrose and the Post Office. There was an improved handout since last year which included an invitation to the Harvest Thanksgiving service, and a list all groups which meet in our premises. Also distributed were a sheet with information on what the church offers young people and flyers advertising the Charity Auction. Nearly all of the leaflets were handed out and at least one person as a result came to church the following day!

Jam and Baking Stall -So far, eleven stalls have made a total of £1,617 for church funds through the generosity and support of many.

Moderator's Blog – Issie reminded us that this can be found on the website under 'Who's Who'.

Report on Church Hall Development and Sale of Cluny Centre - Building work was progressing well. The plastic sheeting round the transept had, as promised, been taken down in time for Communion. Work on the transept was progressing well although the vestibule was a bit behind schedule. Nevertheless it is anticipated that with some minor exceptions work in the sanctuary should be completed by the end of November. Overall, the Contractors still envisage meeting the completion date of 22nd December.

Autumn lectures: Jennifer Stark reported that these had large audiences (none fewer than 45-50, and a couple had 70-75 people present) and there seems to be general agreement that it has been an excellent series. We are much indebted to Revd. Scott McKenna for recommending speakers. Suggestions for next year's series would be gladly received.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12 th November, 10.45am	Service of Remembrance (note starting time) (no 9.30 service this Sunday)
Sunday 3 rd December	Communion (9.30 and 10.30)
Thursday 7 th December 3.15 pm	Afternoon Christmas service, Braid Hall
Friday 8 th December c.4-6.45 pm	Community event: Morningside Christmas Lights switch-on Carols in Braid Hall (switch-on at 6pm)
Saturday 9 th December 10.00 am	Decorating church and Christmas tree: All welcome to help!
Sunday 10 th December 10.30 am	All Age Christmas Service: Our children present the Nativity story. (no 9.30 service this Sunday)

There will be a full list of Christmas services and the Church diary for the next six months in the December magazine.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP

During November, Andrew McLellan and Jennifer Stark will be leading a four-week study group, with an Advent theme. We're delighted that four people have offered to host the four evenings, as follows:

Thursday 9 th November:	Sharon Grimshaw, 40/8 Littlejohn Road
Thursday 16 th November:	Katie Taylor, 75 Braid Avenue
Thursday 23 rd November:	Fiona Ross, 10 Woodburn Terrace
Thursday 30 th November:	Robin and Fiona Stimpson, 7 Greenbank Crescent

Look forward to seeing you there. If anyone needs a lift on the night, Jennifer Stark may be able to help. Her contact details are below:

Jennifer Stark, Associate
associate@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or telephone 07802 263 979

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Anyone with time to spare on the following dates would be very welcome to come and boost the numbers, and the singing, at the nursing home services, details below.

Wednesday 1 st November, 2.15pm:	Cluny Lodge
Wednesday 8 th November, 3.15pm:	Oaklands
Wednesday 29 th November, 2.30pm:	Ashley Court
Wednesday 6 th December, 2.15pm:	Cluny Lodge

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

I'm writing this on a sunny morning that reminds me of August, in all but the colours, which



are vivid and glorious. Without doubt, winter (in Scotland) is my least favourite season, but I wonder if you find it as hard as I do to decide between the other three. Some of the wonderful autumn colours found their way into church for the All-Age Harvest Service (as did grapes, olives and sliced apple, distributed with cheerful aplomb to the entire congregation!) and the young people produced impressive 'corn sheaves' for a frieze in church.

Sunday Club had another outing to the Hermitage in late September, making the most of the chance to be outside, and enjoy being together in a different way. Again we were incredibly lucky with the weather, as the photo shows!

On our way round the Hermitage (older ones doing a demanding quiz), with Norma, Laura and Tom leading.



Along with many others (see separate article) I found the September lecture



series hugely interesting, and at times, very moving, as we listened to practitioners or sympathetic experts in different faiths responding to the question, 'What are the joys and challenges of your faith today?' For me two things stood out over the whole series: the diversity of each of the faiths we heard about, and the honesty of each speaker in answering the question. They didn't duck the challenges – some similar, some different – we are all facing. If you have ideas, sparked off by the series, for next year, then please share them.

Sunflowers stretch tall! Back in the spring, Andrew, our Locum Minister, presented sunflower seeds to the children, and to Morningside Parish Church, encouraging them to plant a seed and watch it grow. With the expert help of Annette Jenkinson, the church sunflower flourished and we watched it shoot up – taller and taller. Here it is, at the height of its glory.

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HELP REQUIRED - CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Christmas cards will be available in church for collection on **Sunday 26th November** for delivery. We now distribute 5,600 to the Parish so are grateful to anyone who can help.

Because we are now having the cards printed professionally (it turns out to be cheaper than having them done in the office) we have no need of people to help fold them.

MONDAY CIRCLE

The Monday Circle meets on a Monday at 7.45pm in the Morningside Parish Church Halls. We had a very successful and entertaining opening session talk by Jane Tulloch on "Departmental store Tales" and we were delighted to welcome several new members.

Here are the dates and topics for November and December:-

13 th Nov	A Midwinter's Night	Dr Nicki Scott (Historic Scotland)
27 th Nov	Tasty Bites	Sainsbury's
11 th Dec	Christmas Party (7 for 7.30pm) Members Only	

Anna Cunningham, Magazine Secretary

THE EDINBURGH CLOTHING STORE (SCOTTISH CHARITY NO SC039409)

A massive "thank you", once again to all the people who have made it possible for MPC to keep supporting the Edinburgh Clothing Store, this time by giving the magnificent sum of £1,829, which is our share of the money raised for the three charities which the Church supports. It is truly wonderful and will make a huge difference.

The number of people referred for help to ECS increased significantly in the year 2016-17 with a particularly noticeable increase in the number of children. So far 2017-18 is proving to be even busier. We continue to see all the refugees who come to Edinburgh through the Government scheme as well as individuals and families sent by over 120 different agencies.

The increase in demand means we need more stock to meet the needs of these people. Although we receive a huge amount of second hand items from people - and thank you very much for all you leave in the collection box currently under the elders' pigeon holes each Sunday - there are still gaps which need to be filled. Clothing for thin men, teenagers and bath towels are always needed.

The money you have given will go towards the running costs but some of it will buy some of the necessary items e.g. jeans, winter jackets, fleeces and underwear.

A few weeks ago a young boy left the store, clutching his bag of clothes and saying "It feels just like Christmas today". I cannot thank you all enough for helping to make that possible.

Fiona Stimpson

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED

The Edinburgh Clothing Store's annual Coffee Morning will take place in the Braid Hall on Saturday 18th November from 10.00a.m. to 12 noon. Tickets: £3 (£1 for children). Coffee and Cream Scones will be served and there will be a variety of stalls including for the first time a Christmas Stall.



Do come to support us and to meet up with people from across the City. No matter what the weather is it is a morning to enjoy!



CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF REV JOHN CAMERON'S ORDINATION

On Sunday 3rd December 2017, after the morning service, a finger buffet will be served at the above event to celebrate a wonderful achievement of a very special gentleman. This will be a ticket-only event. The tickets will cost £5 and can be bought from members of the Social Committee on Sundays 12th, 19th, and 26th November or from the Church Office.

Come along and help John celebrate this very special day.

FLOWER LIST

		Provided by	Arranged by
Nov	5	Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson
	12	REMEMBRANCE	Joan Burnet
	19	Isobel Brain	Ruth Henderson & Val Dunn
	26	June Cowan	Marjory Watson
Dec	3	Jennifer Rimer	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson



The new flower list for 2018 is now available on a clipboard on the Welcome Desk. If you would like to supply flowers one Sunday, please put your name and phone number against your chosen date. The cost is £40 and cheques should be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund'. If you are a UK taxpayer and can give by Gift Aid, please fill in one of the Gift Aid envelopes found on the pews. Monies can be put in the Flower Committee pigeon hole or sent to the church office.

AUTUMN LECTURE SERIES 2017: THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF OUR FAITH

For the 8th in the annual series, the speakers were invited to share the theme as reflected in four different faith contexts. Thanks to our Associate Jennifer Stark and our Interim Moderator in particular for suggestions, and to Jennifer, Dr John Stevenson, Revd Scott McKenna, and Professor David Fergusson for their chairing of the events. The decision to have the pre-talk refreshments in St Matthew Hall but hold the talks in the Braid Hall proved wise, as attendances overall were high (45 – 75). It was good to meet familiar and new visitors beforehand, and retiring offerings were gratefully received to cover the expenses.

Roman Catholicism: Dr Mary J Cullen. Editor of *Open House*, an independent magazine of comment and debate on faith issues in Scotland. Mary's doctoral thesis (2017) is titled: *Looking to the future: the development of a new partnership between priests and people in the Catholic Church in Scotland*. Challenges facing the Catholic Church today include a drastic fall in numbers training for the priesthood, but Mary also described some of the ferment of concerns around lay involvement and decision-making in the church, tracing their development since Vatican II and the greater openness which Pope Francis has encouraged. A key model for her is 'receptive ecumenism', which encourages different traditions to share and learn from each other, rather than thinking all the time in terms of denominational unity.



Judaism: Rabbi Mark Solomon. Rabbi of the Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community (Sukkat Shalom) and Interfaith Consultant for Liberal Judaism. Rabbi Mark chose to speak about six Joys and six Challenges for those of the Jewish faith. One of his own chief joys is the music, and he brought a shofar, a ram's horn, which he blew to let us experience this symbolic sound. Other Joys included Family, Feasts/food, Learning,

Humour; one at least appeared as both a Joy and a Challenge. You will find an excellent fuller report on this evening in the Greenbank Parish magazine Connections in November.

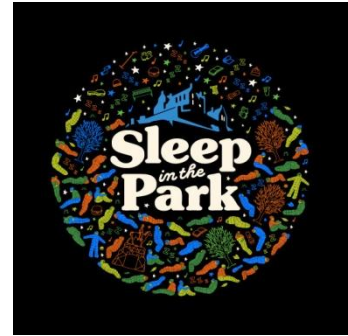
Buddhism: Bryan Webb. Buddhist, practising in the tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, and member of the Wild Geese Sangha (community). Bryan's introduction with a poem, then an opportunity to take part in a brief time of meditation, beginning with "inviting the bell", took us into what was for many a welcome stillness. Buddha can be translated as "one who is awake", and Buddhism helps people to be present. Kindness and love were common roots of our faiths, and Bryan emphasised Buddhism is an experience. You can view a video recording of his talk at Mayfield Salisbury in 2016 by accessing the link below <http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/index.php/extensions/sermons/message/bryan-webb-the-beauty-in-buddhism>

Islam: Professor Carole Hillenbrand OBE. Emeritus Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Carole's understanding and depth of knowledge of the history of Muslims and the faith since the time of Muhammad provided a clear guide to how and where divisions had arisen over time, presented with some fine illustrations.

(Photographs: Douglas Paterson; notes: Marie Ogilvie, with addition on Mary Cullen from Jennifer Stark.)

Dear Friends,

**Sleep in the Park – a mass sleep-out to end homelessness
in Scotland. For Good.
Saturday 9th December 2017**



Social Bite, a proactive charity working around Scotland with and for homeless people, is organising the world's largest ever sleep-out and are hoping to attract 9,000 people to Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens. The charity hopes that by raising funds and working together, the people of Scotland will create such an impetus that homelessness will be eradicated over a five-year period. The aim is not only to find provision for housing, but also to provide rehabilitation, job opportunities and support that will help people get back on their feet and find their place within society. The hope is that the many charities who work in these areas might also link up to provide ongoing support and care.

The vision is to make Scotland an example for the whole world to follow. We know we are a small country, but we are also a nation of innovators, explorers, and philanthropists. We are a small country with a big and generous heart.

At Christmas time there are many legitimate calls upon our time and our generosity. There are so many worthwhile charities and causes to support. But there is for Christians something compelling about the reality of homelessness that lies near the heart of the Christmas story. The homeless Christ-child, the refugee Holy Family.

Social Bite have gathered together a range of amazing people to the sleep-out. John Cleese, Deacon Blue, Rob Brydon, Sir Bob Geldof, Liam Gallagher and Amy Macdonald who will be present on the night.

You might not be able to take part yourself, a cold winter night in a park in December won't be possible for everyone. But you might know someone in your Church or workplace, a child or grandchild, a student friend or someone in a uniformed organisation, school, or a company who might be able to get involved individually or as a group. The challenge is for each individual to raise a minimum of £100 towards the cause. 2,000 people have already signed up. There's still some way to go to reach 9,000 people.

You can find out more at www.SleepInThePark.co.uk or register at www.SleepInThePark.co.uk/register. You can also watch this short video: https://drive.google.com/a/capital-events.co.uk/file/d/0B8k2l12zCl89d2JmVVINVEZVRjg/view?usp=drive_web.

I am praying for 1,000 connected to the Church of Scotland will sign up. Will you join in?

Rt. Revd. Dr Derek Browning, Moderator
General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

CHOIR AND ORGAN SCHOLARS

You may have noticed our new choir and organ scholars on Sundays. Here, Katie Brown, one of the new sopranos, introduces herself. It is hoped that the others will be introducing themselves next month.



My name is Katie Brown, I am fifteen and I am in 5th year at George Watson's College. I was delighted to receive a choral scholarship here and absolutely love singing in the church choir on a Sunday morning. I am looking forward to improving my sight singing and musical knowledge and also expanding my repertoire. I also play the violin and piano and hope to continue my involvement with music after I leave school. I am currently studying for my higher English, Classics, Drama and French exams and A level music.

GIFT SERVICE – 26TH NOVEMBER



It is hard to believe that Christmas is only a few weeks away. This year, the Gift Service is on 26th November and once again we hope to provide gifts for the men from our Wednesday Club and the children from Challenger Children's Fund. Last year we provided presents for about 65 children and 15 men, all due to the generosity of members of our congregation. I don't yet have the final numbers for the children but labels will be available for collection on Sunday 12th November. Please remember that the children's gifts are posted so lightweight things would be appreciated.

Thank you all in anticipation of your kindness.

Hazel Knight

ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of
(James) Gordon Lindsay, who died on 22nd September.

Mrs Margaret Thomson (widow of the late John Thomson), who died on 23rd September
and Mrs Magdalene Stevenson who died on 15th October.

GORDON KINLOCH

We have heard from Gordon's daughter that he has moved into a nursing home in Greenock a stone's throw from his childhood home and his primary school. He is apparently '*now installed and exploring Greenock, terrifying the natives and waiting for visitors*'. His family would like to thank the Morningside congregation for the fellowship and friendship that he enjoyed during his time there and he would be pleased to see any member of the congregation venturing as far as Greenock. His new contact details may be obtained by contacting the Church Office.

MUSICAL NOTES

After playing Morningside Parish Church's very fine "Father" Willis / Rushworth & Dreaper organ, one of the most satisfying aspects of being the Organist & Choirmaster is, strange as it may seem, the planning of the music, both voluntaries and choir music, week by week. I say "week by week", but in reality I normally tackle the matter in three stages - September to Christmas, New Year to Easter, and Low Sunday to June (when the choir stand down for the summer.)

Certain periods are easier to plan for than others of course. Whilst one may be a little stumped sometimes as to what would fit, both organ- and choir-wise, on the umpteenth Sunday after Trinity (or after Pentecost, if you prefer!), other seasons of the year seem to suggest all sorts of things - and one is limited simply by the space available in which to play and sing things.

One such is November and early December - which (more-or-less) sees All Souls / All Saints, Remembrance, Christ the King (or the Sunday next before Advent, or "stir up" Sunday - see the Collect for that day), St Andrew's Day, and the First Sunday in Advent. If, like me, you look forward particularly to certain periods in the Church's Year and the music associated with them, here are some treats in store for later this year:-

All Souls / All Saints (really 30th October and 1st November, but for us Sunday,

November 5th): Denis Bédard's Variations on "Sine Nomine" (for surely Bishops How's "For all the saints" will be sung that day), the anthem Stanford's "How beauteous are their feet";

Remembrance, November 12th: some grand and solemn organ voluntaries, including George Thalben-Ball's ever-popular "Elegy", and the anthem is John Ireland's substantial and moving "Greater Love", one of the finest pieces of its kind;

"Christ the King", November 26th, when we "go to town" somewhat before the generally more restrained season of

Advent: the anthem is a new one - Grayston Ives' "The King of Kings." Something of a challenge for the choir, perhaps, but worth it! And quite possibly, afterwards, a rendition of (?) "Highland Cathedral" on the bagpipes, for St Andrews Day - although

at the time of writing this last tbc.

Advent Sunday, December 3rd (which also happens to be a Communion Sunday): the hymn "Lo! He comes", features that Sunday, I know, and the obvious closing voluntary is Kenneth Leighton's triumphant Fantasy on the tune, one of a set of six "fantasies" he wrote for the late Herrick Bunney, of St Giles'. And I couldn't possibly let Advent pass without Bach's "Sleepers, wake!", which will be sung during the Communion.

M.W.

CHRISTMAS/FESTIVE CHEER

Sunday 10th December – Come along and join us for some 'Mulled wine and Christmas treats' after the morning service, in the Braid Hall.

MORNINGISDE PARISH CHURCH CHARITY AUCTION

The Charity Auction on 29th September turned out to be an enjoyable and entertaining evening for the bidders who attended. There was a good turnout from the Congregation and the Auction made a very decent dent in the cost of our new sound, projection and recording system for the Church and halls.



The viewings the day before had revealed a huge variety of items kindly donated by members of the congregation and their friends, or surplus items from the Church as we consolidate to one site. Curling stones and cots, pewter and paintings, prams and planters, batons and books, rugs and radios, sewing machines and screens, silver and snowshoes, tables and tapestries, etchings and earrings, benches and bureaus and much besides all tried to tempt bidders.



Martin Cornish, our auctioneer rattled through 300 lots in just over two hours, cajoling the crowd to raise their hands and wave their paddles for items they never knew they needed. Competition for the jewellery proved keenest with some of the largest items of furniture proving harder to sell to congregational bidders who were mostly trying to downsize. The competition for rocking chairs proved keener

than the bidding for desks and sideboards. No matter. Where the items didn't make what Martin judged was sufficient, items were withdrawn and will be sold through the auction house at Ramsay Cornish, with no seller's fee charged to the Church. Other items have been marketed on market websites like Ebay. Given some of these items are still to be sold we don't know what the final total will be but the funds raised so far already exceed £5000 which makes a good dent in the cost of our new audio visual system.

A big thank you everyone who donated, collated, photographed, publicised, invigilated, and coordinated the auction in the months before the event, on the night or in the final clean up. Carole and our caretakers were a huge help. Thank you too to the team providing coffee, wine and sustenance to the hardy bidders who stayed to the end and also deserve our thanks. Our next auction is planned for 2040, given our previous auction was in 1994, 23 years ago. Any volunteers?

Robert Armour

[An especially big thank you to Robert and Anne Armour and their daughters for all the hard work they put into so many aspects of the auction, before, during and after the event. Ed]

WEDNESDAY CLUB FOR THE DISABLED

On 27th July, we were again guests of the Ladies Section of the Biggar Bowling Club. Adhering to the well tried formula, we were invited for lunch, afternoon tea and a few ends of bowls. First port of call in Biggar was the Gillespie Centre for a scone and morning coffee, then a leisurely stroll up the High Street to the Bowling Club; the less ambulant were taken up in cars by the volunteer helpers. After lunch, we managed around 10 ends of bowls before a short, sharp shower put an end to play. We then adjourned to the Clubhouse for a blether before partaking of afternoon tea with home baking. We took our leave around 5:00pm and headed straight home.



sixties. At the end of the tour, those who were able climbed the steps to see Scotland's largest winding engine in action. This winding engine hauled men and coal up and down the pit shaft for nearly ninety years and is still in working order. The remainder of the men were able to follow what we were seeing by watching part of the multi-media self-guided tour. After coffee and cakes, we enjoyed a run home via Innerleithen and across to Peebles.

Saturday 12th August found us, once again, visiting the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway. This is, by popular request, our fourth visit in 12 years. On arrival, we went to the Museum of

Scottish Railways to look at the ever increasing number of exhibits on display – diesel and steam locomotives, a Glasgow subway coach, carriages, flat-bed goods wagons, a travelling Post Office sorting coach, grain wagons, signal box controls, oil tankers, British Rail commercial vehicles etc. After lunch,

On 5th August, we visited the National Museum of Mining, based at the Lady Victoria Colliery in Newtongrange. Following the obligatory pit-stop – pardon the pun – we toured “The Story of Coal Exhibition” from coal's creation in the Carboniferous period 360 million years ago to human efforts to extract it from the earth from the 13th century through to modern times. After lunch in the Coal Shed Cafe, we enjoyed a very interesting tour of the “mine” workings by a retired miner, enhanced by many personal anecdotes relating to his time “down the pit” – his reminiscences also generated a lot of interaction with one of our group who had worked at the Lady Victoria in the



we went for a “hurl” on the steam train, got off at Manuel (the end of the line) to watch the engine “change ends” and modern Scotrail trains pass on the Glasgow main-line, then back to Bo’ness station to visit the 0-Gauge model train layout before returning to the Station Buffet for the obligatory cuppa. We returned home via South Queensferry to view the new Queensferry Crossing.

Our last outing was to New Lanark World Heritage Site on 19th August. After an early lunch, we went on the Annie McLeod Experience Dark Ride which takes you on a fascinating journey of discovery with the ghost of mill worker Annie McLeod who tells her story of life in New Lanark in 1820. The men then were free to visit other parts of the World Heritage Site – the Roof Garden, the Village Store, Robert Owen’s House, Millworkers’ Housing and the People & Cotton Textile Exhibition, where they could see the mill’s historic machinery in action spinning wool. For some reason, our outings always seem to generate a terrible “drouth” so we ended our visit at the Mill Cafe for coffee and scones before piling back on the tail-lifts for the journey back to Edinburgh.

Around 10 members of the Wednesday Club attended each of the outings which, from the feedback on the return journeys, they enjoyed. As usual, they appreciated the help and company provided by members of the Congregation on each outing. I would also like to add my appreciation of the support given by the dedicated band of loyal volunteers and this year’s new recruit. Without your help, I just could not run these outings.

The first half of the 2017/18 session for the Club started on 4th October and finishes on 13th December with a visit from the Telephone Choir and, of course, Santa. The second half, from 10th January to 18th April, sees the Club move into the new Cluny Hall – something we are looking forward to very much. We are always on the look-out for people to provide an evening of musical entertainment or to present a digital slide show. If anyone would be willing to provide us with entertainment one Wednesday evening, or knows of someone who might be able to do so, please contact Ian Hastie (447 4533) who coordinates our entertainment.

Charles S Wilson MBE
Club Leader

(Photos at Bo’ness by Ian Hastie)

WORK PARTY

A meeting of the work party will be held on Monday 6th November in Room 2, Cluny Centre at 10.30am/10.45am.

A warm welcome will be given. There is nothing to pay as knitting pins, wool, etc are provided. Tea/Coffee is also available. Contact me on the undernoted number for information.

Margaret Guild 447 6290

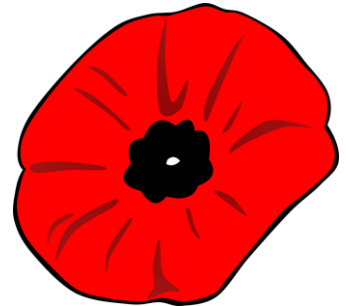
DECEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the December issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 10th November 2017** and it will be available for distribution on **Sunday 26th November, a week earlier than usual to allow for advance notice of Christmas activities**. Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by post to the church office at 1 Cluny Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 6DN or by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk.

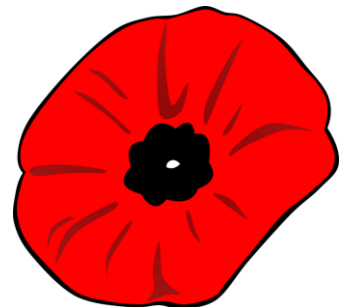
AFTERMATH by *Siegfried Sassoon*

Have you forgotten yet?...

For the world's events have rumbled on since those gagged days,
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways:
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow
Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man reprieved to go,
Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.
But the past is just the same--and War's a bloody game...
Have you forgotten yet?...
Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget.



Do you remember the dark months you held the sector at Mametz—
The nights you watched and wired and dug and piled sandbags on parapets?
Do you remember the rats; and the stench
Of corpses rotting in front of the front-line trench—
And dawn coming, dirty-white, and chill with a hopeless rain?
Do you ever stop and ask, 'Is it all going to happen again?'



Do you remember that hour of din before the attack—
And the anger, the blind compassion that seized and shook you then
As you peered at the doomed and haggard faces of your men?
Do you remember the stretcher-cases lurching back
With dying eyes and lolling heads--those ashen-grey
Masks of the lads who once were keen and kind and gay?

Have you forgotten yet?...

Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.

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