

THE SHUTTLE

March 2021

MARCHMONT ST GILES' PARISH CHURCH
AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



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Meeting Matters

Key to Social Media for all events

Facebook Live #, Zoom * and YouTube ~

(NB YouTube is updated a day or so after the event)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	10.00am	Thought for the Day	#/~
Tuesday	11.00am	Coffee'n chat	*
Wednesday	7.00pm	Knit and Natter	*
Thursday	12.30pm	Lent Bible Study	*
	8.00pm	Lent Book Group	*
For more details about joining in with these activities please see page 12			

March 2021

14	9.30	Junior Church	*
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship	#/~
	11.30	After church Coffee	*
21	9.30	Junior Church	*
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship	#/~
	11.30	After church Coffee	*
28	9.30 BST	Junior Church	*
	10.30 BST	Palm Sunday: Morning Worship Church	#/~
	11.30 BST	After church Coffee	*

April 2021

1	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	#/~
2	7.00pm	Good Friday	#/~
3	7.00pm	Easter Saturday	#/~
4	9.30	Junior Church	*
	10.30	Easter Sunday : Morning Worship and Sacrament of Holy Communion - Church	#/~
	11.30	After church Coffee	*
5	7.00pm	Kirk Session	*
11	9.30	Junior Church	*
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship	#/~
	11.30	After church Coffee	*

Reflection

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!



It is true that a Congregation sings its theology.

From the very beginnings when humanity began to sing – it has been an important part of who we are: we express praise, happiness, sadness, lament and hope in music and it enriches our souls. In terms of faith, singing brings us together and we share in words and ideas which are important to us.

For thousands of years since King David wrote them, the psalms were an integral part of worship for Jews and Christian communities: until quite recently our congregations in Scotland only sang them.

As a singer I have missed singing in Church. I have in some small way, every so often joined in recording with the choir, but it is not the same thing. We can sing at home and even at the screen as we share together in the worship in Streaming, but it isn't the same.

We all want to click our heels and wish to be back in "Kansas" but like Dorothy finds out, it isn't as easy as that and we all feel the frustration.

Perhaps we will have a new-found appreciation for the different aspects of worship, like the live music and the singing as well as the Sacraments.

When we hopefully return to the Church building on Palm Sunday for those of you who have been in the time of the easing of Lockdown, it will be no different.

Fifty people are allowed under the new Guidance issued on Tuesday. When you arrive you will sanitise your hands as you enter the vestibule, making sure you have your mask on. As you enter the St Giles' room you can make your offering and you will be assigned a seat.

The service will continue in the usual way, except there will be no singing and at the end we will all leave down the ramp and out the Centre door. There will be no hymn books and all the words and videos will be on the screen. If you need the 'facilities', those on the organ side may go to the toilet at the entrance to the Church and those on the pulpit side will do so in the Centre.

During Holy Week there will be a Holy Week Thought for the Day at 10.00am on Facebook Live. The usual services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will also be on Facebook Live at 7.00pm.

The Easter Morning Service will be at the usual time of 10:30am with the Sacrament of Holy Communion served. Hopefully from then on, we will continue until we get any announcements on what the next steps are. We won't be able to have an Easter Egg Hunt, but we will be able to celebrate in the joy of the Resurrection in other ways.

We will have final confirmation on 23rd March, whether or not in person worship will be allowed from 28th March, so pray for this to happen.

As we are only allowed to have a maximum of 50 people at the moment, which includes the Minister, organist and stewards, we are asking that everyone lets us know if you are wishing to come.

We are also allowed to have extra people in the Centre but that means the only way to be part of the Service is to watch on the TV.

I look forward to singing Alleluias and Jesus Christ is Risen Today, but that will not be together this year. It might feel very peculiar when we do get to sing, and we must be prepared that in the beginning of this innovation it might be behind masks.

I know that many of you who have been vaccinated are keen to return to some sort of normal. We have all had to make sacrifices this year, and some more than others, so it will be good to see you again. When Israel returned to the Promised Land after exile in Babylon, they found a place different from the one they had left. That will also be the case in Marchmont. Some of our friends are gone. There will be a screen permanently up and I will be leading worship in a slightly different way.

As Lockdown recedes we will review how we do it and what we do on a regular basis. The privilege of reopening ahead of shops and other activities is a sign of the importance which the government has recognised in the faith communities, but also our responsibility in how we have conducted ourselves.

We must continue to keep to the rules and support each other. We are all a little worn out by the last year and I hope that as we return, we can support each other and encourage one another, binding people up and supporting their faith and their souls.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes,

Karen

Lenten Daily Lectionary

MARCH

14th Numbers 21:4-9
15th Hebrews 3: 1-6
16th 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6
17th Isaiah 60: 15-22
18th Isaiah 30: 15-18
19th Psalm 51: 1-12
20th John 12: 1-11
21st Jeremiah 31: 31-34
22nd Isaiah 43: 8-13
23rd Isaiah 55: 1-8
24th John 12: 34-50
25th Deuteronomy 16: 1-8
26th Jeremiah 33: 1-9
27th Mark 10: 32- 34,46-52
28th Mark 11: 1-11

29th Isaiah 42: 1-9
30th Isaiah 49: 1-7
31st Isaiah 50: 4-9a

APRIL

1st John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
2nd Isaiah 52:13-53:12
3rd Job 14: 1-14
4th John 20: 1-18
5th 1 Corinthians 15: 35-49
6th Genesis 1:20-2:4a
7th Song of Solomon 3: 1-11
8th Daniel 1: 1-21
9th Daniel 2: 1-23
10th Daniel 2: 24-49

Celebrate Easter 2021

Facebook Live and in person

Palm Sunday

9.30am Family Service (Zoom)

10.30am Morning Worship



Facebook Live 10.00am

Monday to Saturday

Thought for the day



Facebook Live 7.00pm

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Saturday



Facebook Live and in person

Easter Day

9.30am Family Service (Zoom)

10.30am Morning Worship and

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Church Services at Easter 2021

You will have seen from Karen's words that the First Minister announced on 9th March that churches MAY be able to open for worship at Easter. At present the final decision will not be made by the Government until Tuesday 23rd March whether conditions are favourable for worship to resume. At the time this issue of The Shuttle was printed the minister had had some discussions with various elders of the church to prepare the way ahead if approval is given. There are a number of tasks which need to be undertaken to prepare for our return to services.

The numbers attending a service are limited to a maximum of fifty in the church including the minister and any others required for the conduct of a service. The impact of this restrictions means that-

1 People intending to attend the services will be required to book ahead, please phone Charles on 07831 374007.

2 The wearing of masks is obligatory by adults, unless medically excused.

3 Hand sanitising on arrival and departure is required, dispensers are located at the entrances and exits to the church and centre.

4 You will be directed to a seat in the church which may not be at or near your usual seat, please co-operate with the direction of the stewards. On leaving the church please proceed down the ramp to the church centre and leave through that door.

5 As singing is not currently permitted, hymn books will not be required, the words of hymns will be displayed on the screen.

6 The church will be ventilated before the service so it may not be as warm as is usual, please dress warmly.

7 We are required to maintain a register of who has attended services for Test and Protect purposes, please give your name and contact number to the Stewards. (subject to GDPR)

Finally please do not attend if you have any of the symptoms of Covid or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive.

The aim is to ensure that as far as possible we maintain the church as a safe location for all who attend worship.

AROUND THE AISLES

The Guild



Courtesy of the Guild here's your earworm for the day. What's an earworm you say?

An earworm is defined as being a catchy song or tune that runs continually through a person's mind.

Song by Johnny Mercer -

YOU'VE GOT TO -
Accentuate the positive
Eliminate the negative
Latch on to the affirmative
Don't mess with Mister In Between
You've got to spread joy up to the maximum
Bring gloom down to the minimum
Have faith or pandemonium's
Liable to walk upon the scene

A huge thank you to Rt Rev Martin Fair, who hosted a fun and very successful quiz night with folks from Brechin to Bermuda and almost everywhere in between. His acting and singing was something to behold with his Bruce Springsteen a particular favourite as well as a full on re-enactment of Pirates of the Caribbean on Arbroath Beach.

It was a great way to bring people together and at the same time to raise funds for our Guild projects. We are delighted to report that a fabulous £1369.80 plus gift aid was raised for our projects. So thanks to all who donated and to Martin who made it possible.



As we mark 100 years of the first cloth poppies in November did you know that you can support the work of Poppy Scotland for ex-service personnel throughout the year by recycling your used ink cartridges. There is a list of acceptable cartridges from a wide range of printer manufacturers. Not

only will your donation cost you nothing, it will raise funds for the work of this charity caring for our servicemen and women and it could save up to 30 tons of waste going to the landfill every year.

To find out if your cartridges are on the wanted list follow this link <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges> then all you have to do is pack the cartridges, print a Freepost label and take the post box/ post office.

If there is sufficient interest we could become a collection point at MSG, please drop a line to theshuttle@marchmontstgiles.org.uk if you have cartridges to recycle.

Did you know that the Lady Haig Poppy Factory was 95 years old this week. Having started in the Canongate the poppies are currently made by the workforce in temporary accommodation at Redford Barracks while the factory at Warriston is refurbished but it is hoped they will be able to return to their home by the end of this year. They are looking forward to having visitors, young and old, tour the factory to see the process involved in making over four million poppies and fourteen thousand wreaths every year. For more information go to

<https://www.ladyhaigspoppyfactory.org.uk/factory-history/>

What time is it? While out and about we've all looked to the church clock for a time check but in recent months were thwarted by the clock and or the bells being out of action. Happily all the repairs have now been effected and we can all see or hear the correct time.



But remember the clocks change on Sunday on 28th March as we leap forward in time into British Summer Time.

Kirk Session Notes

The Kirk Session met virtually once again at the start of the month and discussed the following items of business.

GDPR The Session Clerk is making progress to ensure that all information about members held by the church is current and correct

Clusters - discussions continue with local churches to find means by which we can work closer together in future.

Finance - the Treasurer presented the accounts for what had been a challenging year financially, she was pleased to report that we had achieved a slight surplus for the year to 31/12/2020. However planning a budget for the current year was challenging. She extended her thanks to the Finance Committee and to Cuillin Scott in particular for their support.

FMC - it was reported that the building is checked regularly and there were no outstanding issues.

Fundraising & Development - one last attempt was to be made to contact the fundraiser engaged by us. We had also been advised that in the current climate there were some funders making awards. It will be discussed further about how we may adjust the scale of our plans to match the funding available.

Church records - these were attested. In normal times they would be presented to Presbytery for review but an alternate checking programme has been instigated for the time being - a random sample of books will be reviewed online.

Safeguarding - A new category of check has been introduced regarding people who may have intermittent contact with children or vulnerable adults.

Stated Meeting 2021- This will be held on 11th May at 7.00pm.

Christian Aid service - 16th May 2021. Our regular quiz will be made available online and on paper.

Next Kirk Session meeting will be held on 5th April.

Where in the parish?

Can you identify where these are to be found in the parish,
all in plain sight.



Clue : St Roque



Clue : Love Over



Clue : First in the Loan



Clue : Display of net worth?

Keeping in touch in lock-down 1

For any of these meetings /gatherings on Zoom please email
Karen to receive the Zoom joining code:
kkcampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk

- Early Service on Zoom at 9.30am
- Monday, to Saturday of Easter Week on Facebook-Live at 10.00am there is a Thought for the Day from Karen, Kate and Julia
- Tuesdays at 11.00am, if you are able to join Zoom, there's a coffee'n chat, make a cup of tea or coffee and join in for a chat.
- Wednesday at 7.00pm on Zoom there's a Knit and Natter meeting. You can sew or knit or join the meeting just to chat.
- Thursday at 12.30pm you can join the Bible Study led by Julia on Zoom. All welcome to join this informal gathering.
- Thursday at 8.00pm Lent Book Group on Zoom
- As we prepare to welcome people back into the church for our Sunday Services, we will continue to broadcast the services live on Marchmont St Giles' Facebook Live Page and also on MSG YouTube Channel.
- There is coffee on Zoom after the service each Sunday at

Keeping in touch in lock-down 2

Marchmont St Giles' Website: Recordings of hymns and anthems by our choir are on MSG' website.

Minister's weekly email: If you would like to receive the Minister's weekly email please let her know.* It's a good way to keep up-to-date with MSG and Butterflies Cafe news.

*Email: kkcampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk

Calling all keen photographers.

1 To accompany the words of hymns during our services as many as eight pictures may be used. Feel free to provide some featuring, views, gardens, pets etc to the Minister to use.

2 See pages 25-26 of last month's issue of The Shuttle about the photo competition -'Hidden in plain sight', entries close on Wednesday

The Tech-Team are constantly updating the technology in the church to live-stream the Sunday Services from the church. We say thank you to them - especially Al and Andrew - for their ongoing work which helps us all to join together in worship every Sunday.

Having started with just a mobile phone this time last year we now have quite an array of equipment under the watchful eyes of our very able team.

Marmalade and Jam Ann McGhie has marmalade, strawberry and rhubarb and ginger jam for sale and can deliver if anyone is interested. Ann 667 8325

Front Cover:

One of a number of illustrations by Charlie Macksey from his book, 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' described by Richard Curtis as "a wonderful work of art and a wonderful window into the human heart"

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<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2021/march/charlie-mackesy-hope-social-media-covid.html>



The end of an era arrives next week when the transfer of children's hospital services is completed and from 8:00 am on Tuesday 23 March the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP) at Little France will be fully operational.

Beginning its life at 7 Lauriston Lane the Hospital was the first dedicated children's hospital in Scotland, followed by Aberdeen then Dundee and Glasgow. It became the Royal Hospital in 1863 but to generations has been known as 'Sick Kids'. It opened on the site of the Trades Maiden Hospital (established by Mary Erskine) in 1895 having been designed by George Washington Browne who was also involved in the design of the Caledonian Hotel and many other buildings around Scotland including The Limes on Blackford Road which he designed as his family home, he is buried in the Grange Cemetery.

The building and surrounding properties will now be developed into a variety of housing styles, from student accommodation to family homes of varying sizes.

One important feature of the building is the A listed Mortuary Chapel which has been described as an outstanding decorative scheme with richly symbolic Arts and Craft mural scheme by Phoebe Anne Traquair.

Despite its change of status the old hospital building will long hold special memories of the skill and dedication of its staff for many thousands of parents from near and far in the last 125 years.

Family

Early Service

What a delight to see the children and their families on Zoom for the Early Service on a Sunday morning. Still going strong, the Early Service is a time for song, prayer, chat and a bible story. We love hearing what everyone has been up to during the week and what they are looking forward to.

For Lent, we have been looking at God's promises through the stories of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Jonah, and Daniel. Together we explored these biblical characters' growing faith as they navigated challenges in their lives. We are looking forward to finishing up this "God's Promises" series and preparing for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Farewell

It is hard to believe that my time at Marchmont St Giles' has come to an end. What a journey it has been! I have been so privileged to learn from all of you. Thank you for your welcome, support and encouragement. Meaningful conversations, light-hearted chats, and good laughs will be part of so many wonderful memories from my time at MSG.

I do not know what the future holds after my Probation placement at MSG ends, and so I continue to discern my next steps. Your prayers would be more than welcome! I, in turn, will hold all of you in prayer as you move forward in reopening the church and the church centre, and when it is safe to do so, reuniting with loved ones near and far.

In gratitude, Julia

EASTER TREATS



What to do with the kids at Easter?

These Easter bunnies and sheep can be simply made with no special equipment/ingredients. Shortbread biscuits are thicker and easier to use and less likely to break and you can buy ready to ice fairy cakes in the supermarkets to save time.

Coconut Sheep

1. Make a thick paste with icing sugar and water and spread over surface of biscuit or cupcake and allow to spread to the edge .
2. Dip in coconut until fully covered and press lightly.
3. Place a giant chocolate button towards the front, cut a small button in half and tuck under the big button on either side - use some of the icing as glue.
4. Stick on edible eyes with a tiny amount of icing

Marshmallow Sheep

1. Follow steps 1 as above.
2. Place giant chocolate button towards front and add 2 edible eyes as above.
3. Place small marshmallows all the way round and fill in gaps behind the eyes with more marshmallows.

Marshmallow Bunnies

1. Follow step 1 as above and place marshmallows around the edge placing ears on either side - make ears by cutting marshmallows in half diagonally. Press sticky side into pink sugar and stick on either side of cupcake.
2. For nose use any pink sweet eg millions, half of a jelly bean and place towards front of cake.
3. Mouth and eyes are made from chocolate vermicelli - look for bent ones for the eyes and the mouth with a straight one in the middle.
4. Fill in behind the eyes with more marshmallow

Cupcakes

1. Pile vanilla frosting on the cupcake and smooth into a dome shape - using a finger works well for this.
2. For ears follow step 1 and place towards the back of the surface.
3. For nose use small pink sweet.
4. Use vermicelli for the whiskers and eyes - tweezers are very useful for this.

Coloured picture by Jayden of Joseph and his coat of many colours



CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS

We give thanks for the life and service of:

Mrs Afshar – a resident of the parish, who died on 6th February 2021

Children and Families

Children and their families continue to meet on Zoom at 9:30am on a Sunday morning before the main worship service. As always, it is a great time to catch up and learn about the Gospel together.

Thank you to all the extensive team who do what they do to bring our services together for 'broadcasting' on Sunday mornings, it really is much appreciated.

Covid Restrictions

Scottish Government restrictions mean that the Minister and elders are currently unable to visit people in their homes but can be contacted by phone and email.

Donations of winter coats, scarves and wellies for primary school children are still gratefully received. Thank you for the continued support for FairShare at Richmond Craigmillar both in kind and financial donations, the picture below shows the food set out in readiness for FairShare Thursday, fridges at the far end hold some stocks of perishable items.

Some local residents and church members take ingredients to make soup or main meals for their neighbours to ensure that everyone in need gets something somehow.

Food donations can be placed in the box outside the Church Centre or can be collected by Charles (call 07831 374007).

Spare Plastic bags are always useful too.



And finally

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Cowdenbeath Trinity Church

YESTERDAY AT 21:39

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!



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WHO'S WHO @ MARCHMONT ST GILES'

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