



# THE SHUTTLE

**Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church  
At the Heart of the Community  
September 2022**



I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

Princess Elizabeth  
26th April 1947



1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

## Meeting Matters

### September

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|----|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| 11 | 9.30  | Junior Church                             |
|    | 10.30 | Morning Worship                           |
| 13 | 12.30 | Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the Over 60s |
| 18 | 9.30  | Junior Church                             |
|    | 10.30 | Morning Worship                           |
| 20 | 12.30 | Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the Over 60s |
| 25 | 9.30  | Junior Church                             |
|    | 10.30 | Morning Worship                           |
| 27 | 12.30 | Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the Over 60s |

### October

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                  | 19.00 | Christian Aid Quiz - see page 13                                                  |
| 2                                                                  | 9.30  | Junior Church                                                                     |
|                                                                    | 10.30 | Morning Worship - Harvest Service                                                 |
| <b>Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle</b> |       |                                                                                   |
| 4                                                                  | 12.30 | Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the Over 60s                                         |
| 9                                                                  | 9.30  | Junior Church                                                                     |
|                                                                    | 10.30 | Morning Worship                                                                   |
| 10                                                                 | 20.00 | Kirk Session (Business) (Hybrid, i.e. in person with the option to join by Zoom). |

### Front Page

Speaking in South Africa on a tour with her parents the Princess Elizabeth made a pledge on her 21st birthday. Just five years later she ascended to the Throne and has fulfilled that pledge for seventy five years.

The second Elizabethan age has seen momentous change over all aspects of life but the Queen was a constant presence throughout the lives of many of us who have seen her reign outlast many of our own family connections.

May she rest in peace.

## Reflections

As we begin this new Season in the Church's life, I wanted to write to you to let you know about the changes which are currently taking place in the Church of Scotland.

Each Congregation is in talks with their Presbytery about what we need to do to make the Church of Scotland viable and striving for renewal in the next few years. Nearly 100 years ago, after a period of Disruption, the Church of Scotland united with other Churches in 1929. In the 80 years before this there was a significant level of church building and never since have buildings been full of God's people, in part because after the Union the issue of too many buildings was not addressed in a meaningful way.

We have been handed the legacy in our time to do that challenging piece of work. When you consider which buildings are required and which should be released, it isn't only ever about bricks and mortar. Cultures and traditions build up within Congregations and merging of two styles, outlooks, habits and practices is never straight-forward. The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland who, in essence, own most of our buildings are promoting *well equipped spaces in the right place*. This means that you can have the perfect building, but if it is in not in the *right place*, and is miles from anyone, then there are hard questions to address. Conversely, you can have a building in exactly the correct place, but needs a bit of care, and it can be made into a *well equipped space*, then that is an easier choice.

The other issue is the reducing number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament which the Church of Scotland has at the moment, although there is hope that more people are placing themselves forward for the Ministry. We have too many parishes and not enough Ministers and as a result of the Pandemic, some Ministers who may have worked longer, are choosing to retire earlier than expected.

The Church of Scotland has hard questions to ask itself and hard answers to deliver, so that we are the people called by God and not burdened by too many inflexible and inadequate buildings to maintain without necessarily having the resources to maintain

them. We have been challenged to address these issues and to consider the Five Marks of Mission which is a tool which the Church of England has been using since the 1980s.



The Five Marks acknowledges that the mission of the Church is the mission of Christ and a healthy Church can exhibit how well we function in this way

**TELL** - proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

**TEACH** - teach, baptise and nurture new believers

**TEND** - respond to human need by loving service

**TRANSFORM** - seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

**TREASURE** - strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth;

The Church of Scotland theologian, Doug Gay wrote in his book *Reforming the Kirk* (2017) warmly of the Five Marks "*This is the kind of full-spectrum lens which I believe we need to refocus the*

*life and work of the Church of Scotland. It calls evangelicals beyond individualism to social and ecological ethics. It reminds liberals of the importance of evangelism and discipleship... This is the key insight which I think can be the star which guides us on the next stage of the Kirk's journey. Missiology frames ecclesiology which frames ministry."*

So the question is what are we about in Marchmont St Giles' and what do we aspire to be in the next five years as we look to the future with far closer working with our neighbours and foster good practice and relations towards a Union and Team Ministry.

## **TELL**

We are faithful to Sunday worship and seek to engage in meaningful worship which speaks of our current faith, both in respecting and valuing the past and tradition of the Church, while at the same time seeking to engage and embrace modern styles of worship, hymn singing and music which speaks to us today.

We engage in worship both focused on children and adults and seek to incorporate the multi-generational aspect of our Congregation into our worship.

## **TEACH**

We welcome all comers and are an inclusive Congregation. We celebrate in the baptism of a child or adult and seek to encourage exploration of faith throughout the week and on a Sunday.

## **TEND**

We already deliver a Ministry to the Families and Children with an intentional multi-generational approach with the Children's Worker and closer collaboration with the other churches.

We deliver a Ministry to the Elderly of the Parish through various initiatives including Butterflies Plus and Southside Faith Share, a new SCIO set up along with Mayfield Salisbury, Priestfield and Craigmillar Park, several chaplaincies already long established.

The Minister delivers a Ministry to the students of Napier and Edinburgh University in the parish through the chaplaincy already established at Napier and continued good practice. We hope to

provide cooking classes and eating together with students in this new year.

We care for people in our parish who we have been advised needs support and care. We are outward looking.

## **TRANSFORM**

We take seriously our commitment to vulnerable people and send food and toiletries to Richmond Craigmillar and the local Primary School in the same parish.

We are going to be a Warm Space during this winter to ensure that people in our parish don't have to choose between being warm and eating.

## **TREASURE**

We have already addressed how we keep our carbon footprint low. We have replaced paper towels in our toilets with energy efficient hand driers.

We have a Church Centre which is as environmentally friendly as we can make it.

We use low powered bulbs in our lights and are moving to more energy efficient LEDs in other fittings .

We have timers on our toilet lights so that they go off automatically when no one is in them for a period of time.

As you can see we are already engaging in Mission and these few examples are just scratching the surface of what we are about.

Change is always challenging and uncertainty can make us feel worried about the future. But let us be brave and let us remember the changes 50 years ago when three Congregations came together to embody Marchmont St Giles'!

The Kirk Session will be considering and reporting as we move forward towards the end of the year and in the New Year working towards implementing the Plan, which has to be fully in place by December 2025.

Take care.

*Karen K Campbell*

# AROUND THE AISLES

**Church Centre Staffing Matters** - During the course of the summer we have had a change of personnel in the church centre with Carey Mills in the office moving on to pastures new and Dave Alexander, our caretaker, retiring after a long career in engineering. We thank them for all that they did for Marchmont St Giles' and wish them in the next chapters of their lives.

They have been replaced by Greg Belcik who will be combining his former duties of our cleaner with those of the caretaker, so we will be able to see more of Greg during the day now since the duties of his previous role were always done early in the day. Isobel Donald has taken over in the office and has already established contact with a number of our regular centre users. Please say hello when you see them around.

**Butterflies Cafe** recently received a lovely review about Butterflies Plus

"My mum came to Butterflies Plus for the first time today - I recommended it to her as I used to see it often when I came in when my boys were little. She has been very isolated and lonely lately, and I saw such a huge difference in her when we visited this evening. She spoke about how lovely it was to have such a nice meal, how welcome she was made, and how nice it was to have a chat. I'm so grateful to see her spirits lifted. Thank you for all your hard work!".

**Marchmont St Giles website update** - look out for our new website. We have been fortunate to have had Lucy Robertson working with us during the summer. She has completely refreshed our website and it is hoped to have it 'go live' in the coming weeks, she has also been around to lend a helping hand to those needing guidance on how to get to grips with a new smart phone, tablet or laptop. She has been a ray of light for some of us.

As the Prime Minister assumes office the Moderator of the General Assembly and the Principal Clerk have written to her on behalf of the Church of Scotland

Dear Prime Minister

Congratulations on your election as leader of the Conservative Party and for your appointment as Prime Minister.

Our prayers – and those of members of the Church of Scotland – are with you as you undertake your new responsibilities.

The Church regularly prays for those in positions of political authority, recognising the often difficult decisions you have to make on behalf of all of us.

We also pray that wisdom, compassion, justice and mercy might touch the hearts of those in government and that God will be with them.

Our political debate has become increasingly polarised and acrimonious in recent years; robust disagreement is normal in a healthy democracy, but being disagreeable is not.

A tone has developed whereby it is commonplace for political opponents to traduce rivals personally, rather than focus on the substance of debate.

We've seen people from all parts of the political landscape and media commentators use tactics of name-calling, belittling and bullying people who have a different point of view.

Our plea to you as you take up the office of Prime Minister is to do what you can do to restore civility and respect in our political discourse – allowing for deep disagreement, but in a way which treats everyone with dignity and respect.

We hope your visit to Scotland to meet Her Majesty the Queen was blessed with peace.

We look forward to meeting you in London later in the autumn.

Right Reverend Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator

Rev Fiona Smith, Principal Clerk

## The Tindal Mosaic

My dear dad, Giuliano De Rosa passed away last year after suffering from advanced Alzheimers. The last time we were all together as a family he was telling us about his early days in England. He had come to England from Italy in 1958, aged 27, at the request of his uncle Ernesto. Ernesto had moved to England and set up the company Roman Mosaic. As my dad was also trained in the art of mosaic Ernesto asked him to come to help him with a job for a few weeks. My dad did this, but ended up staying in England permanently, meeting my mum Sheila, and working all over the world with Roman Mosaic as a mosaic artist.

Out of the blue at this last family gathering, my dad's then variable memory, brought up the story about a church in Edinburgh where Ernesto had completed a very important job. This was a little frustrating as I have now lived in Edinburgh for 27 years, with my parents making frequent visits, and not once had he mentioned this before! Unfortunately Dad never got to see it, however post lockdown we were thankfully able to trace this piece of mosaic to Marchmont St Giles.

With my mum making a visit to Edinburgh this week I contacted the church, where Sue was so helpful in arranging for us to meet her and make a visit to see the Tindal mosaic.



It was amazing and quite emotional to see this wonderful piece of art and piece of family history, and indeed learn of the touching history behind it. It's been lovely for us to share this story and photographs with Ernesto's two surviving daughters and the rest of our family, both in England and Italy. It's so nice to know the mosaic will remain there for many years to come. Our thanks once again to Sue for all her help and the Marchmont St Giles community.

With our best wishes,  
Deborah and Sheila De Rosa

The Ministers and others from the seven local churches have been working together to develop an independent charity called **South-side Faith Care** to encourage every older person to have the care and support to live the life they choose.

We have received a grant from the Tor Christian Foundation\* to seek to improve the lives of older people through pastoral care to achieve spiritual, mental and social well-being based on faith values.

In the first year we have been awarded £100,400, to get the project set up and in year 2 £37,870 and in year 3 £39,665. This is a very exciting time and one of the ways you can help is to consider putting yourself forward as a Trustee.

The Plan is to

- offer activities and support to combat isolation and loneliness
- challenge attitudes to age and age-related conditions which stop older people living as valued and equal members of society
- encourage new groups to meet and develop responses to isolation among older people – a new men's group, and an arts workshop are proposed
- encourage established groups to expand their activities and geographic reach
- encourage existing and newly recruited volunteers can drop in when not volunteering, to participate in training, or to be part of running the hub and café
- operate satellite activities to operate in the community and in older people's homes – a technology support project to build confidence in using devices at home; visiting or sitting services

The plan is to establish a centre, possibly a shop front with other rooms for groups and services for older people providing informal interaction and engaging in more formal meetings/activities.

The centre will be staffed, by at least a Full-time Coordinator and a part-time Manager, and also offer openings for volunteers in activities the focus groups in the research identified and the programme will look at filling gaps and avoiding duplication as it evolves.

*\* the Tor Christian Foundation, was formerly a Christian Care home in Murrayfield and when it was sold, they decided to offer grants to churches to work with the elderly in their neighbourhoods.*

## EXERCISE SPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

WEDNESDAYS 10-11am  
Marchmont St Giles Church

Sitting at home, arthritis killing you?  
Puffed going upstairs?  
Balance bad  
Saying “ooof” getting up from the chair?

**You need us!!**

We address the annoying effects of ageing, all to our type of music with lots of laughs and coffee after.



Rhona Gordon 07759714199

**WARNING EXERCISE CAN CAUSE HAPPINESS!**

# CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



## **We celebrate the birth of**

Lawrence (Lawrie) Watson-Stewart, a son for Hannah Watson and Chris Stewart, on 13th July. A grandchild for Judith and Charles Stewart.

## **We give thanks for the life and service of :**



Mr Douglas Scott, a resident of parish, who died on 27th June, aged 97

Mrs Evelyn Kirk, a resident of parish, who died on 2nd August, aged 102

Mrs Ina Bott, a member of the congregation, who died on 28th July.

Ms Helen Munro, daughter of Rev John and Mrs Pat Munro who died after a short illness on 20th August.

Mr Jim Macleod, a member of the congregation, who died on 25th August

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor,  
HM Queen Elizabeth II, who died on 8th September 2022 at Balmoral.

God save the King





# CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

AT

MARCHMONT ST  
GILES' CENTRE

7PM

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

ENTRY BY DONATION



# Lectionary

## September

- 11 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- 12 Psalm 73;
- 13 Jonah 3:1-10;
- 14 Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6;
- 15 Psalm 113;
- 16 Ezekiel 22:17-31;
- 17 Isaiah 5:8-23;
- 18 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- 19 Psalm 12;
- 20 Proverbs 17:1-5;
- 21 Proverbs 21:10-16;
- 22 Psalm 146;
- 23 Proverbs 28:3-10;
- 24 Proverbs 28:11-28;

- 25 Amos 6:8-14;
- 27 Hosea 10:9-15;
- 28 Hosea 12:2-14;
- 29 Psalm 37:1-9;
- 30 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37;

## October

- 1 Isaiah 7:1-9;
- 2 Lamentations 1:1-6
- 3 Psalm 3;
- 4 Habakkuk 2:5-111
- 5 Habakkuk 2:12-20;
- 6 Leviticus 14:33-53;
- 7 Numbers 4:34-5:4
- 8 Numbers 12:1-15;
- 9 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

**All connected to Richmond's Hope are deeply saddened at the death of HM The Queen. We extend our sympathy to her family at this time and to all those affected closely by her death.**

**We recognise that Her Majesty's death will also stir many memories of other loved ones whose deaths have deeply touched our lives, causing us to remember and revisit them.**

**For information about support which is available especially for children and young people visit our website  
[www.richmondshope.org.uk](http://www.richmondshope.org.uk)**



## And finally .....

The **Ministers' Daughters' College** at Esdaile in Kilgraston Road had a long association with our church which continues to this day with some of the 'old girls' numbered in our congregation and as home to other members of the congregation. *The Chronicle of Esdaile* recorded life in the college and is an interesting resource of social history during its life.

But what school magazine is without something similar to *Esdaile Errors* with such gems as :-

- A right angle is the angel on the right side of a triangle.
- He was, for the most part, an evangelist but he also had his sidelines.
- He was making a shoe from the scant light that got in through the window.
- He had an alert mind even after twenty years of marriage
- It was all a misinterruption



Hello again Lilibet ♥

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