



THE SHUTTLE

**Marchmont St Giles'
Parish Church
At the Heart of the Community
April 2023**



1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

Meeting Matters at Marchmont St Giles'

April

9	9.30	Junior Church
	10.30	Morning Worship
16	9.30	Junior Church
	10.30	Morning Worship
23	9.30	Junior Church
	10.30	Morning Worship
27	2.00	Guild Spring Rally
30	9.30	Junior Church
	10.30	Morning Worship

May

2	2.00	Southside Guild - 'If only I'd known,,,'
7	9.30	Junior Church
	10.30	Morning Worship
		Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle
14	9.30	Junior Church
	10.30	Morning Worship



On 27th April Southside Guild will join with other Guild branches from all over Edinburgh for the Spring Rally to be held at Wardie Parish Church at 2.00pm. Musical programme with Margaret Donaldson and Jenny Logan.

On 2nd May Southside Guild will hear the Rev Donald Scott present a talk on 'If only I'd known...' at Craigmillar Park Church at 2.00pm

All welcome

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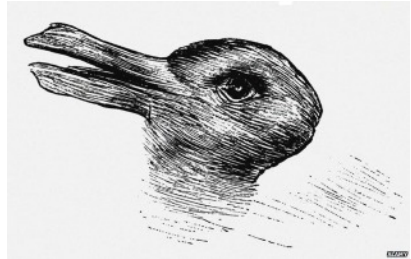
Our postbox topper on Marchmont Road. As this photo was being taken two other folks had stopped to take a picture!

Reflections

Friends,

Easter is a time of new life and new possibilities and we are called as people of faith, to embrace all that an Easter encounter offers us.

One way I have thought about Resurrection over the years, is to think about Wittgenstein's duck rabbit



Depending on how we consider and see it, we might see one or other or both. The image was used by two psychologists, Joseph Jastrow and Ludwig Wittgenstein, as a way of explaining how we can see the same thing differently - or as it has been described, "seeing that" as opposed to "seeing as".

So, what do you see? A duck or a rabbit? The image does not change, but how we look at it might. This is also the same for situations we also find ourselves reflecting on after the event. After experiencing an incident or viewing a piece of art, we may remember it years later, and do so from a different angle. Whether we see it differently is down to something beyond our efforts alone.

At Easter, there is a question we need to ask. What is it that makes us perceive Jesus as the Saviour? What makes anyone consider the details of the Easter story and believe any of it? None of us can go back and ask those who were there.

Simone Weil, the French mystic, said:

'Belief in the existence of other human beings as such is love'

Another way is to acknowledge that seeing another human being as human is itself an act of love. Seeing other human beings as less than people results in such evils as slavery. The reason we value others enough to see a neighbour in the face of a stranger, means that we embrace love.

When we see and love with this perspective and attitude, means that we do not need to justify it, we just need to embrace that Jesus is the Redeemer of the world. If he is our Saviour, and we

see him as such, it is because of love. And as St Paul reminds us, 'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things' (1 Corinthians 13:7).

Love is never easy. We can, like Mary Magdalene, choose to recognise Christ in the face of Jesus in a garden.

She mistakes Jesus for the gardener in a garden. In this encounter we are not only called to see the duck but also the rabbit - the garden of Resurrection and the Garden of Eden.

The first garden is where we are told the first people rejected all that was offered, and now in this garden the first people who witness Resurrection embrace a new reality in a new garden. The old rejection is restored as Jesus triumphs over death.

This encounter in the garden is the first of many encounters which affirms that in the experience of the first disciples and others, that Jesus was the Christ, that he had triumphed over death and things would never be the same again.

Like Mary and those on the road to Emmaus they didn't recognise Jesus immediately, but through a word or an action, their hearts were turned and this turning applied to their lives thereafter. So, what difference does Easter make for us? It founded the Church and it set us on a road that brought us to where we are today. Let us consider our responses to the one in the garden and what we are being called to be and do this Easter.

Karen K Campbell

Lectionary

April

- 9 Resurrection of the Lord
- 10 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 11 Exodus 15:1-18
- 12 Joshua 3:1-17
- 13 Psalm 16;
- 14 Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3
- 15 Song of Solomon 8:6-7;
- 16 Second Sunday of Easter
- 17 Psalm 114
- 18 Jonah 1:1-17;
- 19 Jonah 2:1-10;
- 20 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 21 Isaiah 26:1-4;
- 22 Isaiah 25:6-9;
- 23 Third Sunday of Easter
- 24 Psalm 134
- 25 Proverbs 8:32-9:6
- 26 Exodus 24:1-11
- 27 Psalm 23

- 28 Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20
- 29 Ezekiel 34:1-16;
- 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

May

- 1 Psalm 100;
- 2 Ezekiel 34:23-31;
- 3 Jeremiah 23:1-8;
- 4 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- 5 Exodus 3:1-12;
- 6 Jeremiah 26:20-24
- 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 8 Psalm 102:1-17
- 9 Proverbs 3:5-12;
- 10 Proverbs 3:13-18;
- 11 Psalm 66:8-20;
- 12 Genesis 7:1-24;
- 13 Genesis 8:13-19;
- 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



To Sarah and Dan Carall-Green, a son Benjamin David (Ben) born on 30 March. A little brother for Annie, a nephew for Katie and a grandson for Jessica and David McCraw.



We give thanks for the life and service of Fiona Koren, Evelyn Renton, a member of the congregation, who died at the end of March and Beatrice Jardine a resident of the parish.

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Saturday 14 May 10 – 5

Sunday 15 May 1 – 5

Morningside United Church, Holy Corner, EH10 4DJ

In Main Hall - enter from Bruntsfield Place



In aid of Christian Aid: charity no SC039150

Marchmont St Giles Summer Fair

15th July 2023

Craft Market

10am to 4pm

Afternoon Tea

12.00 to 2.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Live Music

BBQ

Childrens' Activities / Bouncy Castle

Volunteers to assist with stewarding, serving afternoon tea etc are warmly welcomed, please contact Nicci at Butterflies Cafe or Isobel in the Church Office

Short bits- news updates



The Rt Hon Lord Hodge, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, has been re-appointed as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly, serving in the role for a second year.

As Lord High Commissioner, Lord Hodge will attend the 2023 General Assembly, acting as the personal representative of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Moderator of the General Assembly is taking part in a Kiltwalk to raise money for Christian Aid's East Africa Hunger Appeal.



Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields will join Scotland's largest mass participation walking event on 30th April to help the charity address a humanitarian crisis in South Sudan, northern Kenya and Ethiopia. He recently visited South Sudan where more than nine million people are at risk of starvation.

The Moderator met with Christian Aid staff in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to learn more about their vital work and the severe challenges they face.

Due to work commitment time constraints, the Moderator is taking part in the Wee Wander which starts on the shore of Loch Lomond and finishes at Moss O'Balloch Park, a little more than three miles away.

He will wear the Ancient MacLeod tartan and will be accompanied by Val Brown, the new interim head of Christian Aid's Scottish operations.



The Journeying with New Scots conference, hosted by St Mark's Parish Church in Stirling, was aimed at helping church leaders and members from all denominations, as well as members of other faiths, help build a community with asylum seekers, refugees and other New Scots.

Postbox toppers and variations on the theme of 'yarn bombing' have taken the country by storm in over the dozen or so years and have virtually turned into a cottage industry with patterns being produced for all sorts of decorations and even has social media pages on Pinterest or Facebook etc dedicated to the crafting skills.

And now the phenomenon has arrived in Marchmont with an Easter themed postbox topper made by the Craft Group in the church now adorning the post box outside the Co-op on Marchmont Road.

If knitting/crocheting is your means of relaxing/ expression then get in touch about the next project it could be a 'crowning achievement'!

Contact the Office for more details.



Yarn Bombing around the world has taken on all sorts of subjects and scale from the balustrades of a Bridge in Italy to an advertising promotion for Toyota to a tank outside the Military Museum in Dresden.

Last year in the UK postbox toppers were spotted all over the country marking the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen and brightened up post boxes all over the country, sadly followed just a few short weeks later by others marking the end of her reign.



Dr Greenshields, Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury and President Salva Kiir Mayardit.

Since 2015, the Kirk has helped South Sudanese church leaders work at both a grassroots level and political level to try and bring unnecessary conflict to an end and build lasting peace.

Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, Moderator of the General Assembly 2014-15, led the start of this process and attended a spiritual retreat at the Vatican in 2019 along with Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury and South Sudanese political leaders.

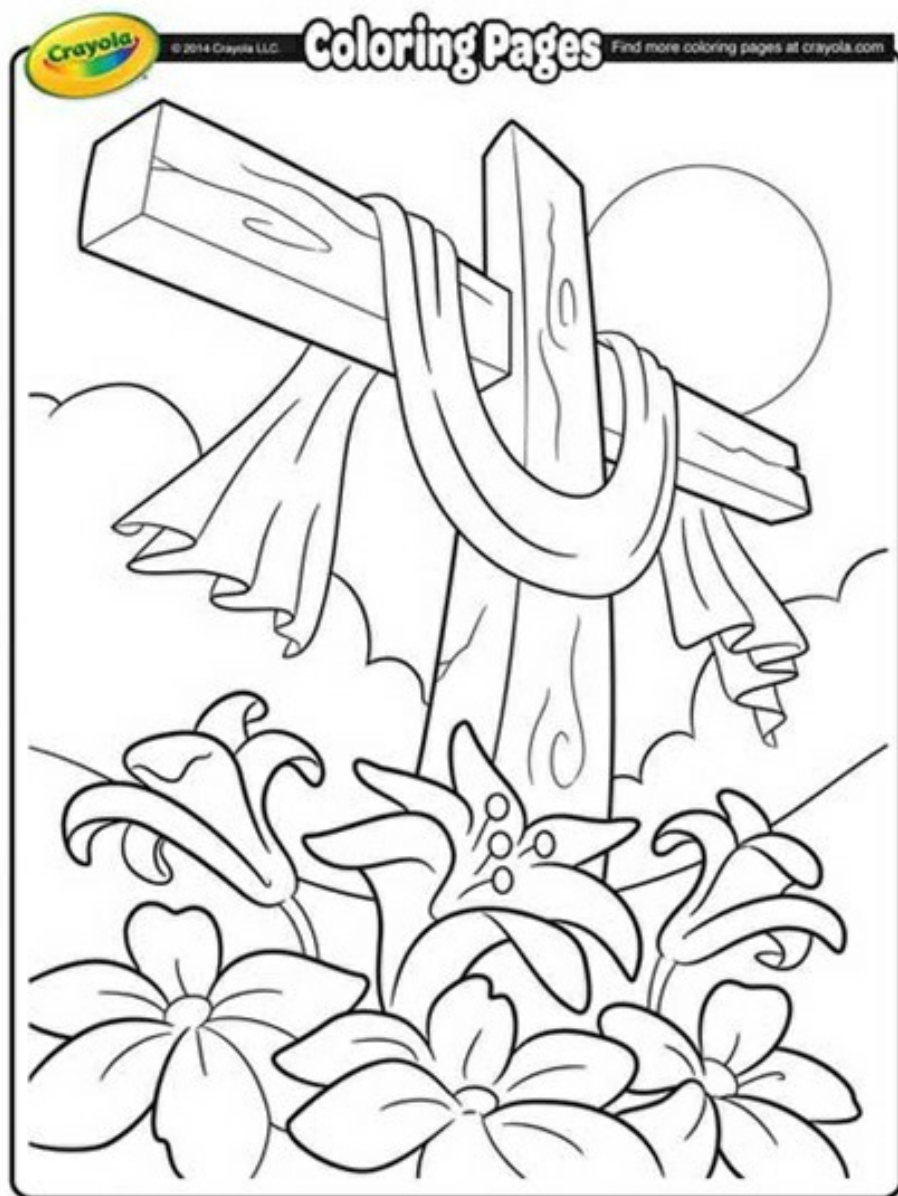
In a dramatic gesture at the end of the visit, the Pontiff knelt before the government leaders and opposition, kissing their shoes and urging them to pursue peace, telling them 'Remember that with war, all is lost'.

It was then that a pledge was made to visit South Sudan at the earliest opportunity – the COVID-19 pandemic delayed matters – at the invitation of the government.

This enabled the Church of Scotland to take our mission to encourage peace-building a step further by drawing the light of the world's press on South Sudan and speaking truth to power.

Uneasy allies since the country became independent in 2011, President, Salva Kiir Mayardit, and his First Vice-president, Riek Machar, both indicated a willingness to encourage people to move forward in the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

And finally an Easter colouring page for all ages



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