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THE SHUTTLE

**Marchmont St Giles'
Parish Church
At the Heart of the Community
March 2024**

When someone is going through
a rough time just sit with them.
No preaching, no advice. Just be
there



1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

Meeting Matters

March

- 10 9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- 11 7.00 Kirk Session with St Catherines's Argyle
- 17 9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 24 9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- 28 Maundy Thursday Service
- 29 Good Friday Service
- 30 Easter Saturday - Children's event
- 30 Easter Saturday Service
- 31 Easter Day
- 10.30 Morning Worship

April

- 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

Looking ahead

The King has appointed Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh to be The Lord High Commissioner at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May 2024.

Julia Cato's Induction

Thursday, 30 May at The Old Kirk and Muirhouse.

And finally



Greetings!

My name's Tim & I run the bright yellow Breakfast Bothy near the Pavillion on the Meadows. The Bothy is a registered charity that provides tea & coffee & hot breakfast rolls for the homeless and those otherwise struggling.

I am posting to let you all know that we plan to open up a charity shop in April/May to help fund our work and are officially looking for donations in preparation for us opening!!

If anyone is doing any spring cleaning/ looking to do a big clear out, I'd really appreciate it if you considered us with any unwanted items. I will be taking any and all donations at the Bothy between 9am-1pm weekdays.

Speaking Truth to Power: Dorothy Day – Christian Activist

*A Conversation with Martha Hennessy - Dorothy's Granddaughter and
Prominent Social Activist*



Friday, March 22nd 2024 from 6.00 pm – 7.30pm

Christ Church Scottish Episcopal Church

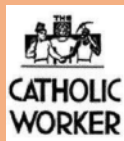
6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DD

Free admission via Eventbrite booking link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speaking-truth-to-power-dorothy-day-christian-activist-tickets-853491826027>



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Reflections

By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down,
and there we wept when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our harps.
For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

Psalm 137

This psalm is one of those which made its way into the psalter. It is a psalm of lamentation, written when the exiles were in Babylon, known by us as Iraq. They remembered a time in Jerusalem when all seemed to be well, before they were taken to a foreign land amongst challenging traditions, beliefs and practices.

In the light of the Resurrection, the disciples felt like foreigners in a strange land. They were surrounded by those who would do them harm – both Roman and fellow Jews. How would they be, worship and witness about the man who had died for the world? They too were in a dangerous place and time and looked back; when things were apparently so much easier.

It is also the case that the Church has a propensity to look to the past through rosy tinted spectacles and remember a time when things seemed easier and better. *I remember when the Sunday School was full and there were lots of people in Church.* Yes, that might have been the case but in the last 50 years or so, the Church has lost some of its voice and distinctive call to discipleship and has not faced the challenge of 1929 when 2 churches united, and then did nothing about the over population of church buildings. Why? Perhaps because we have lost confidence or have taken things for granted?

Like the people who lived in Babylon, we live in a land where the majority of people do not practice our faith nor have a Church going habit. At the moment, there are many people who are sad about where we are. Songs of Lament, like the Psalm 137 are being sung. There is a valid place for lament in our lives and hymnaries. Songs

of lament were removed when CH3 was published and perhaps that is an aspect of our worship that we have failed to tend. At this time in the Church's story as we move towards each other, and say goodbye to the past, we need to pause, lament and take stock and then to move to the future in hope, faith and trust. That is what the first disciples did on the road to Emmaus. That is what the early Church did as they addressed themselves to the challenges they faced in preaching the Good News of Christ.

We can pause, but soon we must be up and moving forward, trusting that Christ is walking with us, surrounding us with his love; and the power of the Holy Spirit is challenging us to be the people God needs us to be, here and now.

So, in this Easter Season, even as the disciples hid behind doors in the upper room or tried to leave Jerusalem for safety, what will our response be to the news, *He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'* Now I have told you."

Karen K Campbell

Notes from the Kirk Session 4th March 2024

Mrs Sue Wilson is to demit from her role as Safeguarding Co-ordinator after her relocation to Fife. In her final report to Kirk Session she was pleased to advise that all required Safeguarding training was up to date. The Minister thanked Mrs Wilson for her work in various roles at Marchmont St Giles' including social media where she looked after our Twitter and Facebook pages and wished her well.

Lighting project - the imminent arrival of the components for the lighting is eagerly anticipated, now there is the compatibility of diaries to arrange.

Volunteer Opportunities in and around Marchmont St Giles'

Butterflies Cafe -

We are looking for volunteers to help with organising the Summer Fair, and helping out on the day. The fair is on Saturday 15th June.

If you or someone you know would like to help out please email Nicci at butterflies@marchmontstgiles.org.uk, or pop in after 2pm to Butterflies Café on a weekday .

Host Families Needed in Edinburgh

EIL is an educational charity who offer international students the opportunity to live with local families whilst completing short term study programmes in the UK. They are looking for volunteer families in Edinburgh to host American university students between 1st and 21st June 2024. The students are part of a larger group taking part in a study abroad programme.

The students are willing to share a twin bedroom and hosts receive a contribution towards household expenses. This project would suit someone who enjoys meeting young people and sharing their love of Scottish culture, life experiences and interests. Hosts must have or be happy to have a PVG check (free).

For more information about the charity please see their website at www.eiluk.org/host/

Social Help!Media - If you have a knack for posting on social media and would like to be our goto social media person then please get in touch with the Minister or Charles Stewart, Shuttle Editor. We have a Facebook page and an X formerly Twitter account to spread the word about Marchmont St Giles' etc.

Intergenerational Worker Update



Having worked to establish a more regular Kids Club (Sunday School), this Lent we are running a Muddy Church for our children and young people. Meeting in The Grange Cemetery with our friends from St Catherine's Argyle, we will reflect on Bible readings in conjunction with what we see, hear and smell

in this green space.

With Ruth Naylor's help, we have started Prayer and Bible Study sessions. These take place on Wednesdays throughout Lent in the church centre. We gather for prayer at 9.30am, with the study running from 10am to just after 11am. The focus for this season is the concept of God's grace, using scripture and the story of Les Misérables to discover how we may be a generous people in our time.

I'm also investigating new ways of reaching out to our community, in conversation with St Catherine's. Creating a Messy Church is one option.

The Thursday Toddler Group continues to thrive. We are regularly welcoming new children, parents and carers. If you are able to volunteer and help out – in snack preparation, or as a welcomer and a friendly presence – please get in touch with me!

Simon

family@marchmontstgiles.org.uk

St Catherine's Argyle CofS

This Lent, we are joining together in prayer with our neighbours at Marchmont St Giles'.

We will be meeting in the vestry at St Cath's from 7.30pm-8pm every Wednesday throughout March.

You will also be able use our Prayer Tree, which will symbolically carry the prayers of the two congregations as we walk side by side in faith together.

Lectionary

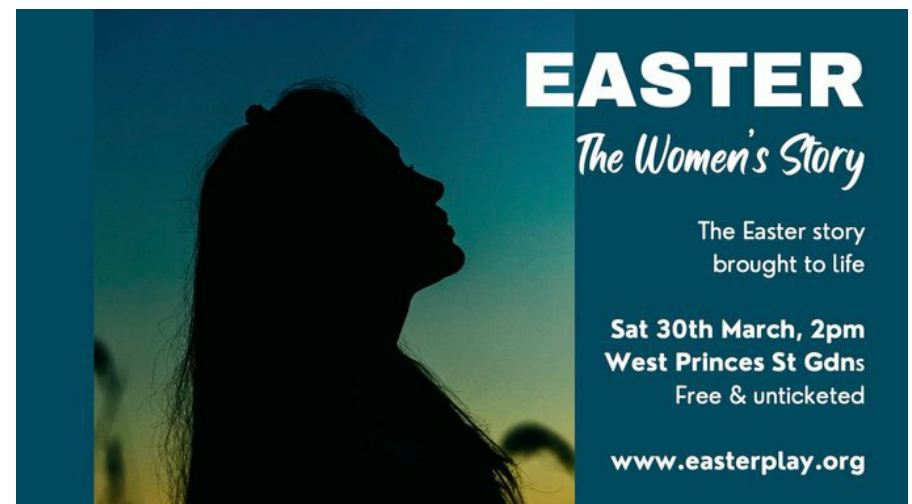
March

11 Psalm 107:1-16;
12 Numbers 20:1-13;
13 Isaiah 60:15-22;
14 Psalm 51:1-12;
15 Exodus 30:
16 Habakkuk 3:2-13;
17 Jeremiah 31:31-34
18 Psalm 119:9-16;
19 Isaiah 44:1-8;
20 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23;
21 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
22 Jeremiah 33:1-9;
23 Jeremiah 33:10-16;
24 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
25 Isaiah 7:10-14

25 Isaiah 42:1-9
26 Isaiah 49:1-7
27 Isaiah 50:4-9a
28 Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
29 Isaiah 52:13-53:12
30 Job 14:1-14
31 Acts 10:34-43

April

1 Genesis 1:1-19;
2 Psalm 133;
5 Daniel 2:1-23;
6 Daniel 2:24-49;
7 Acts 4:32-35



CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



Very best wishes to Hannah Chambers on her recent appointment as Professor in Energy Systems in the Mechanical Engineering department of the University of Edinburgh.

Such a happy & momentous day in the life of Edinburgh Northwest Kirk - the congregation has voted in favour of calling Rev Julia Cato to be their Minister.



We give thanks for the life and service of Mr James Woodrow, an adherent of the congregation, who died on 23rd February, his funeral will be held in the Church on 13th March, at 10.30am.

Dr Margaret Moffat, a member of the congregation, who died on 28th February, her funeral will be in the church on 4th April at 11.30am.

Mr Charles McCallum, a resident of the parish, who died on 5th March.



AROUND THE AISLES

COMING SOON!

Holy corner Christian Aid Book Sale

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May at Morningside United Church
Donations of books are welcome and being received only at the Chamberlain Rd entrance on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10 to 12.

Yes please:

fiction and non fiction, children's and Scottish

No thank you:

Encyclopaedias, Readers Digests, CD's, DVD's, academic journals



Any Dream will do - The Playhouse Theatre will host a production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* with Donnie Osmond in the role of Pharaoh some twenty five years after he played the part of Joseph in the film.

It is planned to make a block booking for one of the performances in December - 3rd to 29th

Watch this space for further information.

\$ Edinburgh University Savoy Opera Group (EUSOG) have their modern take on Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe* coming up in the first week in April - look out for information on **Biolanthe**.

Meanwhile a week earlier the **\$ Edinburgh Studio Opera** will be performing Handel's 'Semele' in the Pleasance Theatre.

The **\$ Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society** is celebrating its centenary this year and performing "The Gondoliers" at the Festival Theatre from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th May. Tickets available at the Festival Theatre Box Office.

(\$ Members of Marchmont St Giles' choir have taken part in the past or are currently taking part in these productions. Ed)