



THE SHUTTLE

**Marchmont St Giles'
Parish Church
At the Heart of the Community
October 2025**



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Meeting Matters

October

- 12 10.30 Morning Worship
- 13 Butterflies Cafe closed for one week
- 14 No Butterflies Plus today
- 16 No Butterflies Toddlers today
- 19 10.30 Morning Worship
- 20 Butterflies Cafe re-opens
- 26 10.30 Joint Morning Worship with RM @ MSG
Please bring harvest gifts today
- 31 Pop up Charity Cafe @ Reid Memorial in aid of Steps to Hope

November

- 2 10.30 Morning Worship - All Souls Day
Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle
- 4 14.00 Southside Guild - Newington Trinity
- 9 10.30 Morning Worship - Service of Remembrance

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Bible stories in Gaelic with Lego

The Gaelic version has been produced with the assistance of Proiseact Pentecostes, an initiative managed by the Church of Scotland Gaelic committee and supported by the Gaelic Hub based at Uig Parish Church on the Isle of Lewis.

Roddy John MacLeod, Lord MacLeod of Minginish, convener of the Church of Scotland Gaelic group, commented: "The last couple of years have seen the appearance of a number of new, imaginative and attractive Bible resources for use with Gaelic-speaking or Gaelic-learning youngster in homes, schools and churches.

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Reflections

I'm on Study Leave sitting in a far away room in the Church. So close yet so far. I am reviewing the Liturgies I have written in the last 10 years for Remembrance, writing new ones and trying to put them in some semblance of order.

I hope to offer them to Ministers and others who conduct Remembrance Services, to allow them resources for various services that they might be invited to conduct, but have no experience of doing so before.



As the National Chaplain of Legion Scotland I have had the pleasure of meeting many people with interesting stories, who have served their country at home and abroad, in peacetime and wartime. During the summer I welcomed the King and Queen to the Centenary Event for the Kirkcaldy War Memorial and then the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh to the National War Memorial for a moving Service Commemorating VJ Day.

I have also spent some time reflecting on how we move forward after 1st January as Blackford and Grange Parish Church and how we celebrate the completion of Marchmont St Giles'. Any suggestions, gratefully received. It is important that, as we plan for the future, we give thanks for the past.

I am planning for how things will be in worship after 1st January. For a Union to be successful, we need to blend what is good from both cultures, as we move forward to the future. I have a few ideas, but I would also like to hear from you.

When Jesus was on his travels through Galilee, it was clear that he wanted to get to the heart of what it is to worship God, not only in worship, but also in our daily lives. He let the disciples pluck corn

on the Sabbath, he healed on the Sabbath, he healed people who were regarded as those who should be shunned, he talked to women and to tax collectors, he talked in clear and open terms about how people should behave, over how they did. I could go on and on.

The message we are continually given in the Gospels is about true religion, which found him in conflict with the religious authorities because they had their rules laid down clearly and he was breaking them, but in breaking them it was because they made God remote from the people. Our Calling as Christians is to speak the Gospel clearly and act kindly, loving our neighbour and not being scared to embrace the future, nor to stop doing those things which we do because we have always done them.

The next few months will mean that as we all get together in the building of Marchmont St Giles' things will be a little different for us, so that we can get a glimpse of what it might feel like being a member of Reid Memorial. They are losing their building for worship and many things they have held dear for 80 years or so. We can afford a little grace and understanding.

We need to think about how we are going to embrace the future, and even have the courage to let go of the past and focus on new possibilities. In the same way that Christ, sought God's guidance through prayer, we too must ask God what God wants of us now; and we must take time to listen.

I'll be back on 26th and look forward to catching up with you when I return and planning for a good future.

Best wishes

Karen

The countdown to Christmas is on!

Get organised with gifts from the CrossReach catalogue



https://shop.crossreach.org.uk/?mc_cid=9f11ca5abb&mc_eid=ccc9ae5d56

LOOKING AHEAD

Working Towards Blackford and Grange Parish Church

After the congregations of Marchmont St Giles' and Reid Memorial voted on 7th September to unite, the union was approved by Presbytery on 9th September.

The charities regulator (OSCR) has also confirmed that the new Blackford and Grange Parish Church charity will exist from 1st January 2026. On that date, the two legacy Kirk Sessions will become one and we are working together to ensure the process is as smooth as possible.

Before the end of 2025, we would like to celebrate all that Marchmont St Giles' achieved. There are some ideas for ways in which we could do this, but we would welcome further ideas and offers of help.

We will be thinking about how our church will look for services from 1st January and the Minister will be thinking about ways in which our services may evolve. Beyond these and other "Day 1" activities, we are also discussing how the various aspects of church life are run, e.g. buildings, communication, education, finance, technology, etc.

There is a lot to be done, both in the short term and as we look to the future. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Bruce Anderson, the Minister or to me.

David Beattie

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



We give thanks for the life and service of Very Rev Dr Alan MacDonald after a lengthy illness. We send our love and sympathy to Judith, Neil and Alison and their families

Dr MacDonald opened our Church Centre during his Moderatorial year and was the first of twelve Moderators to be catered for by the team at Butterflies.

Mrs Pamela Currie who died on 24th July 2025.

Mrs Margaret Russell, a member of the congregation, who died on 30th September 2025.

Her funeral will be held on Monday 27th October at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel.

Southside Guild

The next Guild meeting is Tuesday November 4th at 2 pm.

The talk is from a charity called " Forget me notes" and our speaker is Andrew Vass.

We meet in the Bill M Donald hall at Newington Trinity and anyone is welcome to join us.

AROUND THE AISLES



As reported in The Shuttle last month, it all started with CAL Now, this story of care is reaching even further.

Through a new partnership with Restore Hope for Street Children (RHSC) , led by Patrick Mbeleci Nyongolo in **Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana County, Kenya**, the #KnitWellbeing project is expanding its impact to children

who need it most.

RHSC supports children aged 4 to 24, many of whom live in challenging circumstances. Teachers have been introduced to the Wellbeing Books, Posters and Games, and are looking forward to receiving the hard copies of the books, alongside a knitted CAL for each of the children - a very unique gift.

Your knitting, and the joy it has brought to the children, is now inspiring a global journey of hope. Every stitch is a reminder that community, compassion, and creativity can cross borders and transform lives.

If you'd like to get involved, learn more, or knit your own CAL, visit: www.startatthebeginning.co.uk

Hard copies of the knitting patterns can be acquired from Tanya Anderson.

"Butterflies Plus" lunches

Every Tuesday (except 14th October) at 12.30 delicious food is served in Inchkeith/Inchgarvie.

Two courses, very reasonable prices, good company and camaraderie. Highly recommended; bring a friend.

Booking not essential but advisable to inform Nicci in the Cafe if possible to ensure there is enough food prepared!

Care Conversations

hosted by Southside Faith Care
& Home Instead

3 Free Talks

Join us to listen, ask questions or share experiences.
Light refreshments provided!

**Navigating
the Care Maze**
Wed 4 October
11am-12pm

**Understanding
Dementia**
Wed 13 November
11am-12pm

**Power of
Attorney**
Wed 10 Dec
11am-12pm

SOUTHSIDE
FAITH CARE



Contact us for more info
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home
instead.

All held at Marchmont St Giles Church, 3 Kilgraston Road, EH9 2DW

Lectionary

October

13 Psalm 102:1-17;
14 Jeremiah 29:24-32;
15 Psalm 102:1-17;
16 Psalm 119:97-104;
17 Jeremiah 26:16-24;
18 Jeremiah 31:15-26;
19 Jeremiah 31:27-34
20 Psalm 129;
21 Jeremiah 39:1-18;;
22 Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20;;
23 Psalm 65;;
24 Joel 2:1-11;
25 Joel 2:12-22;
26 Joel 2:23-32

27 Psalm 87;
28 Joel 3:9-16;
29 Joel 3:17-20;
30 Psalm 119:137-144;
31 Habakkuk 1:5-17;
November
01 Habakkuk 2:5-11;
02 Isaiah 1:10-18
03 Psalm 142;
04 Habakkuk 3:1-16 ;
05 Habakkuk 3:17-19;
06 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;
07 Zechariah 6:9-15;
08 Haggai 1:1-15a;
09 Psalm 98

Save the dates!

Sunday 26th October Clocks go back ONE hour!

Christmas Craft Fair 15th November 2025 at Reid Memorial

Christmas Fair 6th December 2025 at Marchmont St Giles'.

It is that time of year again! We are planning our Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December 12-4 at Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church Centre, Edinburgh

Attention Crafters! The cost of a table is £20 which includes Tea, Coffee, and biscuits.

The café will be open to order lunch if you would like.

Donation of prizes for Tombola will be appreciated

Email office@marchmontstgiles.org.uk if you would like to book a table.

The Community Xmas tree lighting ceremony will take place on **Saturday 6th December at 4pm** outside Scotmid, Marchmont Crescent, with music and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the German Speaking Congregation Church, Chalmers Crescent. All welcome

News from Grange and Prestonfield Community Council

Planning: Resubmitted planning application for student accommodation development at 140 Causewayside, replacing existing building. Design modifications and altered layout proposals for the studio /cluster accommodation mix.

North-South Tram Network extension: Council consultation underway. The long-term project plan cuts through Southside Newington to Cameron Toll, the BioQuarter and beyond. It's important you consider the outline proposals and add your view to the Survey, which closes on 17 November. Here is the online link:

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

South Suburban Rail Line (SSL): An independent group is also working on building a case for the integration of the SSL, reopened for passenger traffic, into the tram network proposals. Look for news of a public meeting on this.

Free animated videos to help children build their Bible knowledge

A new series of monthly videos will help young Gaels and other Scots build up their knowledge brick by LEGO brick.

The new animated retelling of the Parable of the Good Samaritan is the first of six videos to be released each month by specialist animation studio Go Chatter.

Good Samaritan - The videos include stories drawn from both the Old and New Testaments, among them the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Introducing well-known Bible tales in a fun and accessible way, other stories featured in the series include David and Goliath, Jonah, and the resurrection of Lazarus and follow previous releases covering Christmas and Easter.

Each video comes with teaching notes aligned with the Curriculum for Excellence and instructions enabling young viewers to recreate a scene from the video with their own LEGO bricks.

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If we believe that the Bible has relevance in our day, we must find contemporary ways of expressing its messages. Go Chatter and those who have worked on the Gaelic versions of their videos – including SSPCK, which published the first Gaelic Bible in 1766 and is now finding new ways of sharing God's Word for the 21st century – are to be warmly congratulated on achieving that."

Each video can be downloaded free for use in homes, schools and by church groups at: Gaelic - Go Chatter Studios

English language versions will also be available soon.

And finally



As seen in the Metro this week following the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally as the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury in the Church of England's history.

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