



Murrayfield *Parish Church*

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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Trustees Report to the Stated Annual Meeting On 26th March 2017

Well it has been another busy year at Murrayfield Parish Church.

Our membership continues to change as we lose some members through death and moving away from the district however this is balanced by welcoming many new members, a good proportion of whom are in the younger families section. It is great to see how the families and young people continue to be a major part of our worshipping congregation and as a result how crèche and S-Club, in their 4 groups, continues to accommodate the requirements of the growing numbers within the different age bands. Our sincere thanks go to the S Club leaders for all their excellent work. We must also recognise the sterling work that goes on to support the more mature of our members and to that end this year I yet again want to thank Chris Goudie and her team of visitors, and the district elders, for the fantastic work they do for and with our older and housebound members, and those who are in poor health. During 2016 we revised our pastoral visiting arrangements and we now focus our energy on supporting those in the congregation who benefit from timely active pastoral care. It is worth remembering that pastoral care takes many forms e.g. flower ministry, home visits, hospital visits, driving, clubs and we are indebted to all the volunteers who make these activities possible.

In September we held a Harvest Thanksgiving / Stewardship weekend and thanks are due to the team who worked so hard to pull the event together, and those who helped over the 3 days.

The Art exhibition held jointly with Roseburn School in November was again a success and raised significant funds for the school and the church.

Our activities continue to be wide and varied and included in those who use our church centre are: Messy Munchkins, Bowlers, Bridge, Postcard Club and the Tinnitus Group. Messy Church which started in January 2015 has continued to be a great success with some 60 participants each month.

We continue to have excellent relations with Roseburn School and more recently with St George's School – we are delighted to welcome both of them and Wester Coates Nursery for worship services.

The city benefits from our ongoing commitment to Fresh Start and, with our ecumenical partners in Murrayfield Churches Together, the Murrayfield Club for frail older people and those with dementia.

In national terms our support for Christian Aid and the Church of Scotland's HIV/AIDS project continues. Our commitment overseas extends to Kwamebikrom in Ghana and, with our partners in MCT, the Ecludare project in Kenya.

All of these areas of work are embedded in the goals of our 5 year strategic plan and are evidence of the fulfilment of our aims within the Path Of Renewal project.

Locally there is to be a parish boundary change as a result of the closure of Dean Parish Church. We will gain some additional residential areas and St George's School campus. We welcome any new members who have joined us already as a result of that situation.

Murrayfield is lucky to have a great team of staff and we thank them very much for all their efforts on our behalf. The scope of our work is impressive, not just because a few people do a lot (though that is true) but also because a lot of people quietly get on using their skills and talents, to the benefit in the end of us all.

*Jane Smart (Joint Session Clerk)
March 2017*

LETTER FROM MANSE

Dear Friends,

Easter is every bit as important a date in the church calendar as Christmas. Unfortunately because the date of Easter fluctuates from year to year, and because of changing patterns of school holidays, Easter in church can often feel very different from Christmas. Whilst Christmas services in church can often be very busy sometimes Easter services can be very quiet- whilst many people are at home for Christmas they might go away over Easter. This can be a real shame because much of the Easter narrative can be missed by regular churchgoers. It's not uncommon for significant portions of the Easter narrative to be missed by the worshipping congregation. With this in mind I wanted to remind you about the different services that are available over the Easter period.

We start Easter week with our planned Sunday service. On this occasion we will also be celebrating a baptism and at the end of the service the children will distribute palm crosses. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week there are 7 pm Murrayfield Churches Together services. On Monday night at 7pm we gather at Saughtonhall United Reformed Church. On Tuesday night at 7 pm we gather in the garden of the Church of the Good Shepherd for a service following the stations of the Cross led by Reverend Dean Fostekew. On the Wednesday at 7 pm we gather in our own Sanctuary. This will be a short service incorporating some scripture readings, some musical reflection and some poetry as well as some hymn singing. This Wednesday service finds us with Jesus in Gethsemane. Then on Good Friday at 7 pm we gather again in our Sanctuary for a service of readings and hymns joined by our choir. This service will pick up where we left off on Wednesday evening and follow the events through to the death of Jesus. The service ends by departing in silence.

The next opportunity to meet is at 8.15 am on Easter Sunday morning. This year we have a change of location for this dawn service- this is because of construction works going on at Roseburn Park. Our new location is the Bridge at Roseburn Coltbridge Avenue, just opposite Café Colpamia. This early morning service includes an egg hunt for the children. After this early morning service a breakfast of a hot bacon / sausage roll and tea and coffee is provided in the Church Centre. The final movement in our week of Easter Services is our Easter Sunday 10.30 am Praise Service. This service will include many favourite Easter hymns celebrating the resurrection and a presentation by the S Club and a short reflection

by the minister. Towards the end of the service we will join together in the celebration of communion.

Even if you do not normally attend one of these Easter services you are very welcome to come along this year. Participating in these services helps us to come closer to the Easter story and its revelation of God's love for us.

Wishing you a happy Easter whether you are home or away.

Your minister Keith

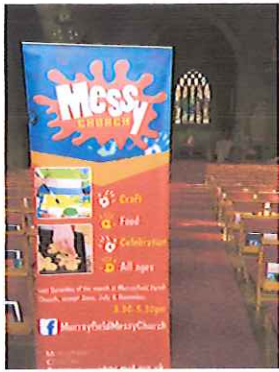
FAMILY CEILIDH



Our church hall was transformed into a busy dance floor at the family ceilidh on Saturday 4th March. We were encouraged onto the dance floor by the superb Greyfriars Kirk Ceilidh band and there was plenty of enthusiasm for dancing, from the Gay Gordons to the Hokey Cokey!

During the break we enjoyed a bake potato supper and home baking. It was a great family night out for all ages.

Messy Church



At Messy Church families and friends enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together.

"It's great for parents and children (grandparents too). It's exciting and a fun way to find out about Jesus."

Join us for Messy Church on the last Saturday of the month (except

June, July and December) at Murrayfield Parish Church, 3.30 -5.30pm.

If you would like to come along to help one Saturday, please get in touch. There are many ways to get involved and you don't have to be good at crafts!!

Have a look at our Messy Church Facebook page. Please 'like' to receive regular updates and share with your friends. <https://www.facebook.com/MurrayfieldMessyChurch> .
Fay Forsythe: fay_forsythe@btinternet.com. 07708400589

WWW

WEDNESDAY WORKOUT AND WORSHIP (and lunch)

We are having a break over Easter and will not be meeting on April 5th, 12th and 19th.

However we will be resuming on April 26th and hope you can join us.

11.30am Seated exercise class £3 per session

12.30pm Lunch with soup and rolls
Suggested donation £2

1.00pm Short service of worship

Anyone is welcome to join us any Wednesday for any combination of the above. The first exercise class is free.

Please come along or ring Chris Goudie on 07799 208989 if you want more information.

MILK TOPS

Thank you to all who collect and wash the milk tops of ALL COLOURS for Marie Curie and Macmillan Home Care. We have just delivered 6 tonnes of tops at £200 per tonne to the polymer factory. You will remember that there are 1.5 million tops in a tonne!!! (I was told this load would cover my front lawn).

The tops finish up as fibre optic cable covers-for computers and telephones but even may have been used in the Marshall Asphalt for the first time on the replaced Glasgow Airport runway.

Our tops are collected from the wheelie bins in front of my lounge windows at 6 Osborne Terrace by a commuter from Galashiels working in Edinburgh.

A shed was built alongside St Peter's Church in Galashiels for collecting or sorting the tops (see the beautiful Dove collage made by the local school children adorning the shed on the church noticeboards.)

Youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award are helping with the sorting now as we get other plastic which we don't want. Tops with a 2, 02, 4 or 04 in a triangle inside the milk top lid are what we want. Please no fairy liquid, toothpaste or non 2,4,02,04 tops.

Martha Dickson

ART WEEKEND A GIANT CHEQUE



A cheque for £2143 was presented to the church by Roseburn Primary School pupils at the school assembly on Tuesday 28th March. The total amount raised from the Art Weekend in partnership with Roseburn school was an amazing £4286! Many thanks to all who supported the weekend.



Christian Aid Update

So far this year Murrayfield Churches Together have raised

£868 from our quiz on March 12th.

Thank you to everybody who took part, Marjory Clark for setting her usual testing quiz and all the willing helpers.

In addition, as a result of the collection in Murrayfield church on Sunday March 19th **£450 has gone to the East Africa Crisis Appeal.**

This started as the South Sudan Crisis Appeal and then became an appeal for famine victims in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya as well. The appeal was organised by the Disasters Emergency Committee of which Christian Aid is a part and our government has pledged to match these donations £1 for £1.

They say "charity begins at home" but to Christian Aid the whole world is our home. There are more opportunities to raise funds for our world neighbours.

On April 22nd church members will be taking part in a sponsored walk over the Forth Road Bridge. Why not join the walk and ask family and friends to sponsor you? Forms will be available in church and the church office. Hurry because names for our church group have to be in by 11th April. If you plan to walk give your name(s) to the church office or whoever is handing out forms in church. If you do not want to walk please sponsor somebody who is.

Lastly dare we mention the biggest fundraiser of all - Christian Aid Week. That is not until May so we have just enough time to draw breath!

Liz Sudlow

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

invite you to a

LOCAL ELECTION HUSTINGS

On

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017

7.30-9.00 pm

In

MURRAYFIELD PARISH CHURCH HALL

Come along and question your local candidates

Rev Keith Graham Chairing

Candidates

Frank Ross SNP

Gillian Gloyer Lib Dem replacement to Paul Eddie

Scott Douglas Conservative

For more information contact:

secretary@murrayfieldcc.org.uk



Our church-run parent / toddler group 'TOTS' will be starting on Thursday 11th May! in our church hall. We will be inviting parents / carers and pre school children to join us for storytime, crafts, time to play, thanking God, tea and cake and singing! The group will run every Thursday morning 10-11.30 am, during term time. Please spread the word! Flyers are available to pick up at the back of the church, please take a bundle and give them to friends, neighbours and family.

Fay_forsythe@btinternet.com 07708400589



Scrabble and Rummikub Session

We will be having a Scrabble and Rummikub session on Monday 10th April and then again on Tuesday 2nd May in the Dove from 2.00 pm until 4.00pm. Please feel free to come along. No experience needed. Rummikub is very easy to learn!

Chris Goudie

ECUDARE

We have received this letter from Esther thanking us for our Christmas donation to the Ecludare projects and telling us how the money will be spent.

“On behalf of the Ecumenical Day Care and Support Women Project I would like to acknowledge the receipts of an equivalent £3000 from MCT.

The board has settled on the following activities
 £500-kitchen gardens renewal-seedlings of spinach, kale at the onset of rains
 £500-soap making during the Easter celebrations
 £500-Easter celebrations with grandmas group
 £500-Chapatti flour over the Easter holiday
 £500-Uniforms for very needy children
 £500-logistics, Easter lunch for the 7 groups during their home improvement day.

I continue to thank all the MCT members who have continued to walk with us. This is not an easy task but I thank God for your continued support and prayers.

Most of our members have continued to do very well in various projects that we have established for them.

Over this Easter our families will do cups and sufurias, from the revolving fund kitty.

Once again thank you for your generosity. I will keep you updated.

Happy Easter to you all. “

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT REPORT



The ‘Big Brew’ after the service during Fairtrade fortnight was a big success.

Huge thanks to all who supported the event by attending, those who provided delicious baking and those who helped with serving fairly traded tea and coffee.

Thanks to all of your support, we have been able to donate £200 to Traidcraft again this year, which will go towards helping producers from the poorest parts of the world.

Thanks especially to Alex Hardie for running the bake stall, all of those who kindly donated baking and Matthew Grant who helped on the stall and baked cakes. Thank you too to Alexa Storrier and Fay Forsythe for a very busy shift serving tea and coffee!



*Fiona Dinsmore
 Gillian Platt*

S CLUB AT EASTER

S Club will be taking part in the Palm Sunday and Easter Services. We hope to be able to showcase some of our artistic talent on Palm Sunday and create our own procession.

On Easter Sunday we hope to tell the Easter Story with actions! We hope you will all join in.

Julia Hodgson

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mon 10th Apr	7.00 pm	Saughtonhall UR Church
Tue 11th Apr	7.00 pm	Church of the Good Shepherd
Tue 12th Apr	7.00 pm	Murrayfield Parish Church
Fri 14th Apr	2.00 pm	The Liturgy of the Cross, Church of the Good Shepherd
	7.00 pm	Good Friday Service Murrayfield Parish Church
Sun 16th Apr	8.15 am	Break of Day service at the bridge at Coltbridge followed by breakfast at Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
	10.30 am	Easter Service including Holy Communion Murrayfield Parish Church

SUMMER TEMPORARY POST

Would you or anyone you know over the age of 16 be interested in a paid temporary post to cover our caretaker's summer annual leave in the mornings between 3rd and 14th July? To find out more, please contact Carolyn at the church

CAKE AND CHAT



Cake and Chat Sundays will take place on the last Sunday of every month! Join us in the hall after the service for delicious home baking and lots of chat! Visit the Traidcraft stall to browse and stock up on your fairly traded products.

If you would like to bake for cake and chat-we urgently need a baker for the last Sunday in April-please contact Liz Aitken 337 3965 or Fay Forsythe 337 6501. We would be delighted to welcome new bakers

Spring into Action

Please help us collect toiletries for Edinburgh City Mission and Fresh Start.

'Spring into Action' is the name we give our annual appeal to collect toiletries for a project called 'Basics Banks' (which is run by Edinburgh City Mission) and for Fresh Start. The 'Basics Banks' give to those struggling without enough money even to buy food. They give out not only food, but also toiletries.

Fresh Start also give out toiletries, but in addition they give cleaning items in their Starter Packs. These packs are given to people when they move into new homes following homelessness.

Both charities are happy to receive value/basics brands.

Please bring any items you are able to donate to church any time before April 16th and place them in the box provided in the Church Vestibule.

Items we are collecting:

SOAP, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT,
TOOTHPASTE
TOOTH BRUSHES
FACECLOTHS
TOILET ROLLS
WASHING UP BOWLS
WASHING UP LIQUID
LAUNDRY TABLETS
ALL PURPOSE CLEANERS
TOILET CLEANERS
J CLOTHS
BIN BAGS AND LINERS
DUSTPANS AND BRUSHES

Thank you very much for all your donations.

Pastoral Group



CHURCH CENTRE-EASTER

The Church Centre will be closed to all groups for Easter from Friday 14th April 2017 until Friday 21st April 2017 inclusive, reopening on Saturday 22nd April 2017.

DUTY ELDERS IN APRIL

Team 6-Neil Scott, Isobel Kiltie, Christina Webster, Norman Robb, Audrey Graham
Team 7-Douglas Beddie, Betty Forbes, Margaret Henderson, Lesley Beddie, Pam Skrgatic
Team 8-Sheila Millar, Marjorie Guthrie, Susie Hazeldine, Jennifer Paterson, David Whiteford
Team 9-Jane Crispin, Marjory Cook, Catriona Parkin, David Parkin, Peter Alderdice
Team 10-Catherine Campbell, Jane Flanagan, Chris Goudie, Peter Campbell, Rosemary Whaley

April 2nd -Team 6
10.30 am Morning Worship followed by Short Communion

April 9th -Team 7
10.30 am Morning Worship with Baptism
4.30 pm Murrayfield House

April 16th-Team 8
8.15 am Dawn Service at bridge at Coltbridge
10.30 am Easter Communion Service

April 23rd -Team 9
10.30 am Morning Worship

April 30th -Team 10
10.30 am Morning Worship with Baptism

May 7th
10.30 am Morning Worship followed by Short Communion



FLOWER ROTA

	Donor	Deliverer
02 Apr	Margaret Henderson	Margaret Henderson
09 Apr	Tiggy Herbert	Tiggy Herbert
16 Apr	Easter	Easter
23 Apr	Betty Hurley	Betty Hurley
30 Apr	Pam Skrgatic	Pam Skrgatic
07 May	Susie Hazeldine	Susie Hazeldine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 4 Apr	2-4 pm	Tuesday Circle-AGM and Daffodil Tea
Sun 9 Apr	6.30 pm	Faith Study Group, The Dove
Mon 24 Apr	7.30 pm	Stewardship and Finance Group
Tue 25 Apr	7.30 pm	Hustings, Main Hall
Wed 26 Apr	7.30 pm	Property Group, The Dove
Tue 2 May	7.30 pm	Community Council, Upper Room
	7.30 pm	Convenors' Group, The Dove



CHURCH OFFICE- EASTER

The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday (14th April) and Easter Monday

FRIDAYS ARE SPECIAL IN ST ANNE'S CHURCH CORSTORPHINE THE FAN CLUB 10.30 am-Noon

7th April 'The Kirk in the High Street'
Maurice McIlwrick
21st April Dramatic Readings
Anne and Ken Ritchie
5th May 'Around the world with Shell'
-Rebellions, coups and other interesting events'
Peter Everett

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

New Member
Mrs L Bryce

CHURCH CENTRE EVENTS

Mondays

Jo Jingles music classes for babies and children
10.15am-11.00 am
Contact Leigh Duke 07557303631
Bowlers 10am-12 noon
Contact David Mackenzie 337 6702
Bridge 10am-12 noon
Monkey Music 1.30-4.30 pm
Contact Rachel 260-9667

Kumon 3.15-5.45 pm *Contact 315 3025*
Pilates 4.40-8.20 pm
Contact Lin Grahame 629 1162; 07803402492
Clubbereise 6.35-7.35 pm
Contact Julie 07825087345

Tuesdays

Zumba 9.20-10.30 am
Contact Nadia Alkoc 07882619624
Murrayfield Club 10 am—2.30 pm
Contact 07881288909 / 337 7739
Baby Massage 10.30-11.45 am
Contact Laura 02087522481
Tuesday Circle 2-4pm twice a month
Contact Edith Elliot 337 3313
Pilates 4.45-6.45 pm
Contact Charlotte 07901977277

Wednesdays

Tumbletots 9am-1 pm
Contact Analise Gatt 07492198681
Quiet Fellowship Group 10 am-12 noon
Contact Riki Geard 07768866660
Wednesday Workout and Worship WWW
11.30am-1.30pm *Contact Chris Goudie 312 8468*
Rainbows 5.15-6.15 pm
Contact Nicola 07184004760
Zumba 6-8.40 pm
Contact Nadia Alkoc 07882619624
Yoga 7.15-8.30 pm
Contact Katie Rutherford 447 4708

Thursdays

Murrayfield Club 10am-2.30pm
Murrayfield & West End Baby Group
1-2pm *Contact 346 4686 or 313 5102*
Yoga 2.30-4.15pm
Contact Katie Rutherford 447 4708
Rainbows 6-7.30 pm
Contact Melanie Wong 07740397735
Clubbereise-6.20-7.20 pm
Contact Julie 07825087345
Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
7.45-9.15pm
Contact Elizabeth Harry 07505 703828

Fridays

Murrayfield Club 10am-2.30pm
Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.30 am
Contact Katherine Buchan 07980313119
Mini French 1-2.30 pm
Contact Felicity 07800554328
Brownies 6-7pm
Contact Melanie Wong 07740397735
Guides 7.30-9 pm *Contact Nicola 07814004760*
Postcard Club 2nd Friday of the Month 7.30pm
Contact Margeorie Mekie 468 0037

Saturdays

Edinburgh Ballet 9-11.30 am
Contact Sara Wood 07723589280
Kumon 9.30-12.45 pm *Contact 315 3025*
Tinnitus Group 4 times a year
Contact Betty Perrers 01324 485617

Sunday

S Club 10.30am-12 noon
Sunday Creche 10.30am-12 noon

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