



Fairmilehead
Parish Church



CHURCH NEWS

January 2012

"A Guid New Year to ane an' a"



From the Minister

By the time you read this I will be on Study Leave until March 31st. I am hoping that by the end of this period I will have in manuscript form a short history of Fairmilehead thus far - "Fairmilehead - the first 75 years". The trouble is you can't make bricks without straw and it may well be that there is a shortage of information about the church and parish at least in the beginning. If you have any memorabilia that might help with my endeavours could you please contact Stewart at the Church Office who will copy it and return it to you almost immediately.

For any help or information in my absence you can contact Hayley or Stewart McGregor who has been appointed locum minister.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to catching up at the time of our anniversary service on February 28th when the guest preacher will be Edinburgh's Lord Provost.

Readings for the month of January



1st January

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

8th January

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

15th January

1 Samuel 3:1-10,
(11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

22nd January

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:
29-31
Mark 1:14-20

29th January

Deuteronomy
18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:
1-13
Mark 1:21-28



From the Church Centre Coordinator

Christmas 2011 brings to a conclusion a very busy and successful year at the Church Centre. In addition to our "old favourites" we have attracted new Lets, the most notable being Edinburgh Stagecoach Dance & Drama who utilise three Halls, Swanston, Caiystane and Caerketton, for three hours each Saturday afternoon bringing many young people into the Centre. The Centre continues to be well used on an ad hoc basis for Children's parties and increasingly for training events and public meetings. The income from these activities is invaluable in assisting Church funding.

As some of you are aware, as I write this I am re-acclimatising to Christmas in Scotland after spending just over two weeks in Australia - a great country where I lived for 4 years and where both my children were born. I would like to thank Hugh McCreadie for ably (as ever) managing the Centre during my leave, and to Lara, Luke and Ailsa to whom the congregation are greatly indebted for keeping the Centre open, as required, for the enjoyment of the Fairmilehead Community. I leave you with a glimpse of Australian sunshine as the Manly Ferry leaves Circular Quay in Sydney.

On behalf of the Church Centre Team may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and all good wishes for 2012.



Stewart Morris - Church Centre Coordinator

St. Catharine's News

The very cold weather reminds us of warm fires, hot drinks and food to eat. Not so for the Homeless who do not visit St Catharine's. There, they will get a hot meal, and a hot drink either soup, or tea in a warm room with people to talk their problems over with - people who will listen and try to help as much as is possible.

Most days outside St Catharine's around lunchtime you will see a queue of mainly men, and some women, eager to get in for a hot wash and then the hot food.

How can you help? Simply by donating your old clothes and bringing them to the church. Also by providing dried food such as rice and pulses, tea, sugar, margarine, and for the hot showers, soap, toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, razors and combs. The Staff would also appreciate cleaning materials such as disinfectant, bathroom cleaners, floor cleaners, black bags and disposable gloves.

If you can help, please bring the items to the Church Office where they will be stored for us. On a Sunday, there is a box in the entrance hall for you to put your items into. Thank you

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Pentland Walking Group

It is hard to imagine that we are almost half way through our Winter Programme. I hope that you will agree that our walks have been interesting and enjoyable – mostly around the Edinburgh area. We look forward to our "next term" and thoughts of Spring.

On January 8th, after a short walk in the local area, we will return to the Church Halls for a "cuppa" and chat. All members and former members will be most welcome.

Thinking further ahead, the Committee will be meeting soon to discuss our Summer Programme. If you have a favourite walk or suggestions for a walk perhaps you could speak to me or any member of the committee.

Best wishes for 2012 and please make a New Years' Resolution to join us for some gentle exercise whilst experiencing the delights of our local countryside.

Isobel Cameron (Chairman)



Newhailes Sunday 11th December 2011

The Guild

A Happy New Year to all Guild Members! We start our New Years Meetings on January 4th 2012 with Leslie Purdie on "A tale of five jackets" followed on January 18th by Mrs Mona McLeod talking on "Scots in Poland". After this comes our Project afternoon tea and I'd like to remind members to keep filling their Project Yoghurt pots with coins as they make a significant addition to the amount raised.

Renee Barton (Secretary)

Thank You

A special thank you to W T Dunbar & Sons, Funeral Directors, Morningside for contributing snacks and chocolate coins for the children after the Family Watchnight Service.

Church Register

Farewell to

Jim & Moira Burns
1 The Murrays (0/1)
to Stepps, Glasgow

Hugh & Rosamond Mackay
27 Caiystane Terrace (9/6)
to Peterculter, Aberdeen

Graham & Donelle Lawson
97 Caiyside (8/3/3) to Kirkliston

Change of Address

Sandy & Nikki Cowan
4/2 Broomhouse Gdns (0/1)
to 18/3 Oxgangs Farm Drive (12/3)
Marjorie Reid
75 Braid Avenue (5/7) to Flat 3, 4 The Cedars, Colinton Road (0/1)
Mary McQueen
47 Braid Farm Road (5/6) to
Flat 2, 3 The Cedars, Colinton Road (0/1)

Social Committee

As we go to print there may still be some places available for our Burns Supper at Mortonhall on Saturday, 14th January. If you want to book please get in touch with the Church Office as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, 31st January the Rolling Hills Chorus are going to entertain us in the Church. You can see more about this Choir on page 9 of the December/February edition of *Crossroads*. The concert will start at 7.30 pm and there will be an interval for refreshments. Tickets, at £5 each are now available from the Church Office or from members of the Social Committee.

As shown in *Crossroads* we were hoping to have a concert by singers from Firrhill School, on the 23rd February, but we are very sorry that it has had to be postponed.

On Sunday, 25th March we are arranging a Beetle Drive in Buckstone Hall at 2.00 pm. This is to be an event for all ages from children to grandparents. Full details will appear in the February edition of this Newsletter.

Donald Lane (Secretary)

The Women's Forum

The first meeting of the new year is on 11th January when Jacqueline Lynn will talk to us about the 2012 Olympics. Jacqueline has been involved in the planning of the event.

Our second meeting falls on 25th January when we are having a Burns Evening. All are welcome to come to these meetings.

Johan MacKenzie (Secretary)

114th Scout Troop

Over the next few months the Scouts are working on their Heritage Badge and for this they are researching the history of the scout group. If anyone has photos, log books etc can you please let the boys look at them. All materials will be returned.

If you have information please contact Ross Donald 07740507463 or rossdonald84@gmail.com.

Jennifer Elder

January Diary

Sun 1	1030	Family Service
Wed 4	1430	Guild
	1900	Social Committee
Sun 8	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group New Year Special – Mortonhall
Tue 10	1900	Community Council
	1930	Business Committee
Wed 11	1945	Forum
Sat 14	1900	Burns Supper at Mortonhall Golf Club House
Sun 15	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
Tue 17	1930	Kirk Session
Wed 18	1430	Guild
Sun 22	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group – Ratho & Platt Hall
Wed 25	1945	Forum
Sun 29	0945	Worship Now! Young Church & Monthly Communion
	1100	Morning Worship & Monthly Communion
Tue 31	1930	Concert by Rolling Hills Chorus

February Diary

Wed 1	1430	Guild
Sun 5	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group - Linlithgow
Tue 7	1900	Community Council
Wed 8	1945	Forum
Sun 12	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
Tue 14	1930	Business Committee
Wed 15	1430	Guild
Sat 18	1000	Walking Group AGM & Coffee Morning
Sun 19	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group - Craiglockhart Hill
Wed 22	1945	Forum
Sun 26	0945	Worship Now! Young Church & Quarterly Communion
	1100	Morning Worship & Quarterly Communion

