



Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

March 2011

From the Minister

I am pleased to write this month in support of the "Get Re-connected" programme which was so ably described by Duncan Wilson in the February edition of the Newsletter. It makes sense that before our celebrations for the 75th anniversary of the church get properly underway, beginning in February 2012, that we attempt to make contact with those members, former members and friends of Fairmilehead who are still resident in or near our parish and have played a part in the life of the church in the past and may want to consider playing a part in the future.

Behind the "Get Re-connected" programme is the thought that some members lose touch with the church - many through no fault of their own - as life changes and fresh demands are made on both talents and time. We hope that this initiative might prove to be helpful to those for whom church still means something but for whom the thought of doing something about it can be daunting. Be assured that everyone who takes part in our "Get Re-connected" programme will be warmly welcomed!

The programme itself will begin this month and invitations are going out with the District Elders. (Those who do not currently have a district elder will have their invitation posted to them in good time). The "Spring Party" to which we are being invited as part of this initiative will be at the very least joyful and informative. Both Professor Stuart Monro and Rev Hayley O' Connor have agreed to combine in making a short presentation which will spell out where we are going at the time of our 75th anniversary and beyond, although we hope that many thoughts and ideas will be forthcoming from the people of the parish and not just be simply the product of the Kirk Session "think-tank.". Our Session Clerk, Pamela Black and myself will be on hand to answer any questions together with a group of elders. Please react positively to the invitation and take part in one of the "Get Re-connected" evenings for what promises to be the beginning of an entirely new chapter in the life of our parish church.

Best wishes,

Readings for Lent



**9th March
(Ash Wednesday)**
Joel 2.1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51.1-17,2

13th March (Lent 1)
Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

20th March (Lent 2)
Genesis 12.1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4.1-5;13-17
John 3.1-17

27th March (Lent 3)
Exodus 17.1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-42



3rd April (Lent 4)
1 Samuel 16 1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5.8-14
John 9.1-41

10th April (Lent 5)
Ezekiel 37.1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45

17th April (Palm Sunday)
Matthew 21.1-11
Isaiah 50.4-9
Psalm 31.9-16
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 27.11-54

St. Catharine's News

Those of you who were present at one of the Services on Sunday, 13th February, will have felt moved by the talk given to us by Sister Catherine Marie. I'm sure we all felt humbled by the examples of love and care given to the homeless and their families by Sister Catherine Marie, Sister Aelred and the Sisterhood. Such fine dedication, given selflessly, in providing help and support to those truly in need. Our contributions are clearly making a difference so hopefully we can continue to support the great work of St. Catharine's for many years to come.

The weather continues to be cold, damp and windy, all the conditions we don't like to be out in, so imagine how the Homeless feel, St Catharine's desperately needs dried and tinned foods, sugar, tea, margarine and, for the visitors, - toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors. The Centre also need black rubbish bags, disposable gloves and cleaning items. They can be handed into the Church Office during the week and put into the plastic box opposite the Welcome Desk on Sundays.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Katherine Shaw, Moya Justice and Val Walke

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Guild

As we near the end of our 2010/11 Session that March is a busy month.

March 2nd Prof. Stuart Monro will address us on "Life on the Rocks". This is an open meeting and visitors are welcome.

March 4th (Friday) World Day of Prayer This year the event is hosted by Fairmilehead and should be most interesting.

March 9th is the date of our joint supper. The Forum are hosting this year's event. Tickets (£10) are available now.

March 13th (Sunday) A retiring collection will be taken at both services in aid of the CrossReach Project. Tickets will also be on sale for the Project Tea at 2.30pm on March 16th. Audrey would like some especially nice items for the stall on this day and if you have been collecting some small change in yoghurt pots please bring them along as they help to swell the donation. Finally our AGM is on April 5th (Wednesday) when we bring posies for the Wards in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. These are always appreciated.

Renee Barton - Guild Secretary

Water Board

As neighbours we have been advised by the City of Edinburgh Council Planning Department that Scottish Water has submitted an application for Planning permission in principle for a residential development with associated roads, parking, landscaping and access for the Fairmilehead Water Treatment Works Site at 55 Buckstone Terrace, Edinburgh.(11/00188/PPP). All valid planning applications can be viewed on-line through the Council's website at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning or alternatively by visiting Council Headquarters to view on paper. Visitors will require to provide details of the application reference number.

Alex Justice



Bring on the Bases!

While we are looking for all singers and musicians to join us - we have a lack of Bass singers! Practice is on Thursdays at 7.30pm and again before the service at 9.15am on Sundays. Volunteers do not require to participate every week. We are also looking to form a small group to lead the singing in 4-part harmony at the 11am Service. Interested? Please speak to Claire Currie after any Service or telephone 477 1151 - email: claire.currie@blueyonder.co.uk



Claire Currie

Church Register

Deaths

Margaret McAlpine
33 Caiyside
Edinburgh (8/3/6)
Died 5th February 2011

Julia Watt
16 Swanston Grove
Edinburgh (6/4)
Died 7th February 2011

Emma Bathgate
16 Caiystane Hill
Edinburgh
Died 31st January 2011

The Social Committee

The last of our series of **Annual Quizzes** will be held in Buckstone Hall on Saturday, 5th March commencing at 7.00 pm.

Tickets at £5 each, including refreshments are still available for "An Evening of Musical Entertainment" by **The Penicuik Silver Band** on Friday, 18th March. The concert, in the Church, will start at 7.30 pm.

In the last two years we have enjoyed excellent Lunches at "EH15", the restaurant run by catering students at Jewel & Esk College in Milton Road. A booking has been made for Tuesday 3rd May at 12.30 pm. The charge for 3 courses and coffee will be £9.50. If you would like to be part of our group please pass your names to Marilyn Aithie (445 1939) or the Church Office by 30th April, indicating whether you intend to go direct or wish to share transport.

Donald Lane

Pentland Walking Group

The Group held its Annual Meeting in February and agreed a programme of walks for the summer. In addition to fortnightly Tuesday evening walks there are some all day picnic walks and High Tea near Selkirk. Copies of the Programme are available from the Church Office or from me.

To mark the change from winter to summer there will be a picnic walk on Sunday, 17th April at Lochore Meadows Country Park. This will be particularly suitable for families with children. We leave from the Church Car Park at 12.00 noon.

Donald Lane

Morlich House Churchill

Good News! The foundations have been laid for the long-awaited conservatory, and we eagerly anticipate the pleasure the finished job will bring to residents, friends and hopefully you who have supported the cause. Furnishing the room will not cost nothing, hence our next fund-raising event.

Coffee Morning at Morningside United Church Hall - Saturday 30th April 2011 10.00am -12noon. Please put the date in your diary. Contributions for the stalls - baking, gifts and garden will be gratefully received by Evelyn Couper and Jennifer Munro.

Jennifer Munro.

The Forum

The Forum is nearing the end of the session. On the 5th March we hope to have two teams in the annual Church Quiz. On 9th March we host the Joint Supper with the Guild, when both groups enjoy good food, good entertainment and lots of chat. Our AGM is on the 23rd March followed by a talk by Katherine Shaw on Allotments.

Johan MacKenzie (secretary)

March Diary

Tue 1	1930	Kirk Session
Wed 2	1430	Guild
Fri 4	1930	Service for World Day of Prayer
Sat 5	1900	Annual Quiz (last one for now!)
Sun 6	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group - Castlelaw
Tue 8	1900	Community Council
Wed 9	1930	Forum & Guild Dinner
Sun 13	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
Tue 15	1930	Business Committee
Wed 16	1430	Guild
Fri 18	1930	Penicuik Silver Band
Sun 20	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group - Dalkeith Riverside Walk
Mon 21	1930	75th Anniversary Event
Wed 23	1945	Forum
Sun 27	0945	Worship Now! Young Church & Monthly Communion
	1100	Morning Worship & Monthly Communion
Tue 29	1930	Stated General Meeting
Wed 30	1930	75th Anniversary Event

April Diary

Sat 2	1030-1600	Scottish Rock Garden Club
Sun 3	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
	1340	Walking Group - Dirleton/Archerfield Estate
Tue 5	1900	Community Council
Wed 6	1430	Guild AGM
	1930	75th Anniversary Event
Sun 10	0945	Worship Now! & Fun Zone
	1100	Morning Worship
Tue 12	1930	75th Anniversary Event
Wed 13	1930	Business Committee
Sun 17	1030	Palm Sunday Service
	1200	Walking Group - Family Picnic Lochore

Holy Week: Services to be announced in **Crossroads** Magazine

Sun 24	1030	Easter Day Celebration & Communion
Tue 26	1840	Walking Group - Dreghorn Circular Walk
Mon 27	1430	Guild Outing
Thu 28	1930	Hustings for Scottish Parliamentary Elections

Early May Diary

Sun 1	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
	1100	Morning Worship
Tue 3	1230	Lunch at EH15
