



Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

January 2017

From The Minister

Can I begin by wishing you all a very happy and successful new year and one that as a congregation will present us with fresh opportunities if we are willing to take them.

From my point of view, 2017 promises to be a significant year not least because later this month I will have completed 25 years as your minister before leaving this church and parish on the 17th April.

In the meantime Church services in January continue with the 'All Together Now!' time and format until the 15th of the month at which point we will resume the usual 9.45am and 11.00am times of worship.

I am happy to tell you that Dr Anne Logan will be returning as the locum minister on Sunday 29th January to allow me to complete my allotted period of study leave before returning on 5th March, the first Sunday in Lent.

What kind of church do we want to be?

As you will know by now, our Minister Rev John Munro, demits office on 17 April, 2017 and we will then begin our search for a new minister to lead the congregation in the years ahead.

As we head towards a time of 'vacancy', we are thankful to God for John's ministry and leadership over the past 25 years but recognise that we now have an opportunity to reflect on our congregational church life, to look positively to the future and to 'what kind of church Fairmilehead can be'.

A small core group of elders and members has been set up, called 'Towards 2025' to reflect on and discern what the next stage of Ministry and Mission will be for Fairmilehead Parish Church in the coming years, to set out the type of church we are, and can become, led by a new Minister. The Group have posed three questions which the Kirk Session discussed at its November 2016 meeting:-

What kind of Church is Fairmilehead Parish Church?

What are the challenges currently being faced?

What kind of Church do we want Fairmilehead to be?

The intention is to include the congregation in this conversation; to give everyone an opportunity to discuss these questions, which will help the T2025 Group and the subsequent Vacancy Committee, when duly formed, in their search for the right minister for Fairmilehead in the coming years. You are invited to join a 'conversation' to be hosted by two of our members – Andy and Gill Lippok – on **Sunday 15 January 2017**. It will be held in the church from **2.00 - 3.30pm**.

Duncan Wilson and Pamela Black

Readings for the month of January



1 January

Matthew 2.1-12
Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3.1-12

8 January

Matthew 3.13-17
Isaiah 42.1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-43

15 January

John 1.29-42
Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-11

22 January

Matthew 4.12-23
Isaiah 9.1-4
Psalm 27.1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1.10-18

29 January

Matthew 5.1-12
Micah 6.1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians



Interim Moderator

The Presbytery of Edinburgh have appointed Rev Stewart McPherson as the Interim Moderator for the Vacancy. He is the minister of Corstorphine Craigsbank Parish Church and the Kirk Session met him during the autumn of 2013 when he and a group from Presbytery conducted our Local Church Review. I will keep you informed as and when I have more information about the forthcoming vacancy. **Pamela Black, Session Clerk**

St Catharine's Mercy Centre

Thank you to all who have responded to our appeal for warm gloves and gifts for Christmas. Your interest in the Mercy Centre is greatly appreciated. Please continue to place items of warm clothing, dried food, tea, sugar and toiletries in the bags provided in the Hall entrance foyer. January can be a long cold month if you have no home to return to at night. **Sarah Wilson**

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January 2017

Sun	1	1030	All Together Now!
Wed	4	1430	The Guild
Sun	8	1030	All Together Now!
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—New Year Special local walk
Tues	10	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	11	1000	Play & Praise
		1000	Pop Up Café
		1930	Kirk Session
		1945	The Forum
Sun	15	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
		1400	'Towards 2025' - Conversation (See page 1)
Mon	16	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues	17	1930	Business Committee
Wed	18	1000	Pop Up Café
		1430	The Guild
Thurs	19	1900	Social Committee
Sun	22	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Braid Hills
Wed	25	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1945	The Forum
Sun	29	0945	Worship Now! Communion & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship & Communion
Mon	30	1930	Join the Journey House Group

Pentland Walking Group

Our first walk on Sunday 8th January is our traditional New Year Special Local Walk followed by Tea (£2) in the Church Hall. We are looking forward to starting the New Year with the usual excellent attendance at this event. On Sunday 22nd January we are staying local with a walk on the Braid Hills. As usual the walks leave the Church Car Park promptly at 1.40pm. **Esther Middleton**

Guild

There are two talks organised for January. We look forward to hearing from Ruth Boreham on 'The History of the Usher Hall' at our first meeting of the year on 4 January. Our 'In Gathering' takes place on 18 January when Odile Hughson will tell us about the Cashmere Shawl and Paisley Pattern. Please join us—everyone is welcome!

Lost Sheep

The following members have moved house with no forwarding address. If you know of their whereabouts could you ask them to contact the church office.

David and Sarah MacDonald
ex Dunfermline

Janet Bowie ex Spylaw Road

And if you plan to move house please remember to let the church office know your new contact details.

Maureen Carter Roll Keeper

Next Issue

Material for the next issue should be with the church office by 18 January 2017.

The Forum

Thank you to all who contributed and attended our Charity Afternoon Tea at the beginning of November. We raised over £600 for the charities we are supporting, 'Friends of Roslin Glen' and 'Sightsavers'.

Two members of South Morningside Explorer Scout Unit together with their leader Neil Mackenzie gave us a superb description of the building of a school in Cambodia, all completed in a three week period - a fantastic achievement. At the beginning of December the Forum attended the Guild's 'Christmas is Coming' demonstration which we enjoyed and afterwards we supplied an afternoon tea. We look forward to our annual Snowman Drive and Carol evening when we will also enjoy more 'goodies'. We begin again on 11th January with a talk from Professor Jeremy Smith on the Scottish Library Dictionaries.

Merry Christmas to all our members and best wishes for 2017.

Newsletter by email

Issuing each issue of Church News involves a significant amount of printing and the efforts of a group of volunteers to distribute the newsletters each month—in all weathers!

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Distributing in this way will help us to reduce printing costs & ensure that news of forthcoming events reaches you quickly.

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If you would be willing to join the team of distributors—delivering to just one or two streets—please let Anne Lambert know via the church office.

Church Register

Baptisms

Aria Taylor (5/3)

Rory Hunter (0/1)

Baptised 6 November 2016

Olivia Turner (3/2)

Baptised 4 December 2016

Deaths

Walter Cockburn (5/4)

on 26 October 2016

Farewell to

Mr & Mrs R Elrick (0/1)

to Barclay Viewforth

Ms J Paterson (0/1)

to St Columba's