




Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

June 2017

Session Clerk's Update:

Kirk Session and Meeting of the Congregation

The Kirk Session has met twice during May, primarily to work on vacancy matters. The default position of the Church of Scotland is that a congregation may not call any minister in a same-sex relationship. However, the 'Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships and Same Sex Marriages Act' Act 1, 2015, allows a Kirk Session to depart from this historic position and permit the consideration of ministers in Civil Partnerships and Same Sex Marriages. The Session has voted to 'depart'. The Electoral Roll has been prepared and will be sent to the Presbytery of Edinburgh shortly. The Session have seen a draft of the Parish Profile which, following some amendments, will be updated and made available in due course via our website and the Church of Scotland's website, for those interested in applying for the vacancy here.

There will be a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of appointing a Nominating Committee for the Vacancy on Sunday 18th June 2017. This will follow the 10.30am All Together Now! service which will be conducted by our Interim Moderator, Rev Stewart McPherson of Craigsbank Corstorphine. Stewart will then moderate this meeting of the congregation. Thirteen people can be elected to this Committee and should be representative of the 'spread' of our congregation. If more than thirteen people are nominated then an election will follow immediately. The task of the Nominating Committee will be to nominate one person to the congregation of Fairmilehead to be the new minister. Edicts to this effect will be read out on Sundays 4 and 11 June.

Only if you are on the Electoral Roll of the congregation can you nominate someone who must also be on the Electoral Roll; no member who is a paid employee of Fairmilehead Parish Church, or ministers of the Church of Scotland, former ministers and their spouses can be nominated. To constitute a valid Nomination, the nominee has to be proposed and seconded, and assurance given by the proposer that the person is prepared to act on the Committee. You can either nominate someone on the 18th June at the beginning of the meeting or complete a Nomination Form which is available from the church office or can be downloaded from the website www.fhpc.org.uk 'Vacancy'. Forms that are completed before the meeting should be handed to the Session Clerk, c/o The Church Office, 1a Frogston Road West, Edinburgh EH10 7AA by 10am on Sunday 18 June, 2017.

Being a member of the Nominating Committee is a commitment but can be enriching and rewarding.

The Committee's work is confidential, as are the names of any applicants, and this confidentiality must be respected, both during the time the Committee is at work and, indeed, subsequently. It is planned to keep the congregation informed of progress without compromising the privacy of the task.

Once chosen, the Nominating Committee will meet briefly with the Interim Moderator after the service on the 18th June and then again on Monday 26 June at 7.30pm. They will be expected to meet regularly until the minister is appointed. It is hoped to advertise the position by the end of June.

The children will remain in Young Church a little longer than usual to allow their parents to take part in the meeting.

Pamela Black, Session Clerk

Sunday 18 June 2017

Due to the meeting of the congregation which follows the All Together Now! service to appoint the Nominating Committee, no tea or coffee will be served in Buckstone Hall that morning.

Pentland Walking Group

Our first walk this month, on Tuesday June 13th, is an all day picnic walk to Duns Castle Estate, this walk leaves at **10.00am**. On Tuesday 27th June we are walking at the Kirkliston Railway leaving at **6.40pm**. We will meet as usual at the Church car park to leave at the stated times.
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Summer Refurbishment

All going well, it is planned to refurbish the church kitchen and to redecorate Buckstone Hall, after the floor has been cleaned and sanded during July. Subject to permission being granted by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, the work is scheduled to begin on Monday 3 July 2017.

Obviously, the kitchen and the Buckstone Hall will be out of bounds to members and hall users alike for most of July 2017. Please adhere to any site notices – these are for your own safety.

We will however continue serving tea and coffee after the All Together Now! services on a Sunday during July. This will be served in Swanston Hall.

We are a Fair-Trade Church and an Eco-Congregation

The Kirk session has agreed that Fairmilehead Parish Church will become a Fair Trade Church, buying Fair Trade products wherever possible. As a registered Eco-Congregation, the Church is also taking steps to reduce our contribution to climate change and to care for the environment. As Christians we are aware of our responsibilities to ensure the welfare of our global neighbours and of the need to act when our choices have a negative impact on others. At the Kirk Session meeting on 17 May it was agreed that the Church's energy supplier will change to a 100% renewable supplier, at a slightly lower cost than the existing contract. Individual members are encouraged to also consider their choice of energy supplier, as the energy supply sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland.

St. Catherine's Mercy Centre

St. Catherine's Mercy Centre closes during July and August for essential cleaning and a much needed break for staff and volunteers.

Cleaning materials and disposable gloves would be welcome along with the usual requirements of warm clothing, non-perishable goods, and food such as sugar, tea, rice, pasta and tins of ham or tuna. Collection of such items will continue throughout June.

**Holiday Club
7-11 August 2017**

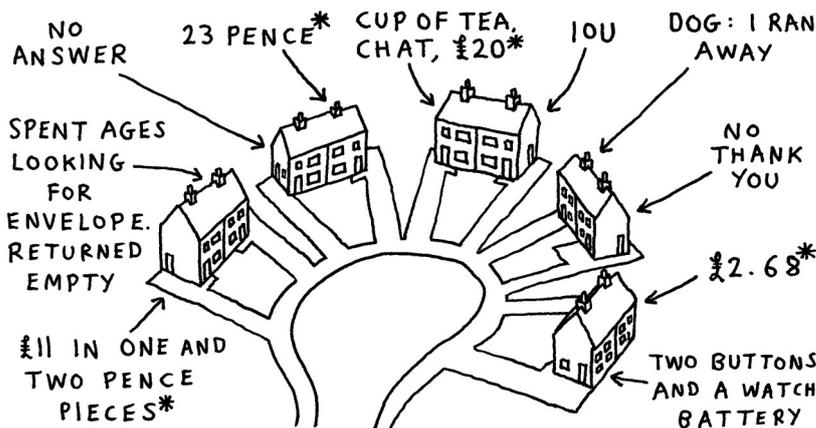


Registration forms are available from the church office & our website for this year's Holiday Club (for children P1-7) The cost is just £10 per child for five mornings of activities.

Christian Aid Week 2017

Many thanks to all those who delivered and collected envelopes this year. A total of £2700.00 was raised in Fairmilehead.

COLLECTING CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES



* ADDED TO EVERYONE ELSE'S: 12.5 MILLION POUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

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June 2017

Thurs 1	1930	Getting Your Kids Through Church
Sun 4	1030	All Together Now! Pentecost Celebration, Communion & Young Church
Tues 6	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
	1930	Business Committee
Wed 7	1000	Pop Up Café
	1000	Play and Praise
Thurs 8	1930	Getting Your Kids Through Church
Sun 11	1030	All Together Now! & Young Church
Mon 12	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues 13	1000	Pentland Walking Group—picnic at Duns Castle
Wed 14	1000	Pop Up Café
Thurs 15	1930	Getting Your Kids Through Church
Sun 18	1030	All Together Now! meeting of the congregation & Young Church
Mon 19	1930	Young Church Leaders
Wed 21	1000	Pop Up Café
Thurs 22	1930	Getting Your Kids Through Church
Sun 25	1030	Young Church Celebration Sunday & Communion
Mon 26	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues 27	1840	Pentland Walking Group—Kirkliston Railway Walk
Wed 28	1000	Pop Up Café
Wed 28	1930	Kirk Session

July 2017

Sun 2	1030	All Together Now! Sacrament of Baptism & FunZone
Mon 3	1930	Worship & Education Committee
Sun 9	1030	All Together Now! Sacrament of Baptism & FunZone
Tues 11	1840	Pentland Walking Group—West Linton
Sun 16	1030	All Together Now! & FunZone
Sun 23	1030	All Together Now! & FunZone
Tues 25	1840	Pentland Walking Group—Cardrona
Sun 30	1030	All Together Now! Communion & FunZone

Church Register Weddings

20 May: Fiona Elder to Darren Rocks

Farewell to

Mrs Ann Evans (0/1) to Wales