



Fairmilehead  
Parish Church

# CHURCH NEWS

## July 2017

### From the Minister:

Summer is here! We have moved to one Sunday service and will continue to meet at 10.30am until 20 August.

The church centre will be a busy place over the summer—the kitchen and Buckstone hall will both be refurbished during July; many groups will continue to meet, although there may be some changes to days, times or hall so please check with your group's leader or the church office. Tea and coffee will be served in Swanston hall after the service on Sunday mornings.

Final arrangements are being made for this year's Holiday Club which takes place 7-11 August. The club is for children in P1 -P7. If you've still to register your child (or know of any children who would like to come along), please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available from the church office or on the website.

*Rev. Bill Irving*

### Vacancy Update

The Nominating Committee were elected on Sunday 18 June with the task of seeking a minister for Fairmilehead Parish Church. They are Ross Annan, Muriel Armstrong, Jana Bentley, Pamela Black, Lara Coyle, Malcolm Cutt, Fiona Dennistoun, Helen Grant, Neil Grant, Jane Hamilton, Stuart Monro, Judith Newcombe and Douglas Thornton.

They, and the Interim Moderator, will meet during the last week of June when they will agree the closing date for the post and when the interviews might take place. The post will be advertised on the Church of Scotland's website under 'Vacant Charges'.

It is intended to keep the congregation up to date with progress, as and when appropriate.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a pleasant summer whether you are staying at home or venturing further afield. Should you, on your travels, come across a minister who you think might suit our congregation, do let one of the Committee know!

Pamela Black, Session Clerk



VineTrust

### Young Church Autumn Charity Appeal

Shed Your Pounds!

This autumn our Young Church will be raising money to support the work of the Vine Trust. We will be collecting old pound coins as they begin to be replaced by the new ones. We would greatly appreciate it if you could try to hold onto a few of these over the summer to donate towards the Vine Trust, when we launch our appeal in August.

### Pentland Walking Group

On Tuesday July 11th we have a circular walk at West Linton and on Tuesday 25th a walk from Cardrona to Innerleithen. Both walks leave the Church Car Park at 6.40pm.

Advance Notice - Leaving at **9.30am** on Saturday 5th August we have a walk in the Clyde Valley followed by High Tea at New Lanark Mill Hotel. The High Tea must be booked by Tues 25th July, booking forms available from me or the Church Office.

Esther Middleton



Enjoying evening sunshine along the River Avon from Linlithgow Bridge

### Assistant Church Officers

Some of our current weekend staff will be leaving us after the summer to start full-time work or university courses. We are looking for reliable and friendly people (you must be over 16) to join our team. Please contact Hugh McCreadie or Carole Park in the church office (0131 445 2374) for more information.

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## New Property Convenor Wanted!

Being convenor is a job which is essential to the work of the Kirk Session. The property, (The Church, Halls, precincts and the Manse), has to be maintained in a proper manner recognising a duty of care to the many users of the facilities. Because the Church is a listed property there are regulations which must be recognised.

A great deal of help comes from the staff, Carole and Hugh, who are diligent in helping, by reporting and dealing with appointed contractors. The Property Committee is also diligent in that there is an acceptance of the responsibilities and the members participate in managing contracts, such as in maintenance of the manse and refurbishment of the Kitchen.



The main duties of the Convenor include holding meetings to discuss maintenance and other property issues and meeting with contractors. The Convenor does not have to do that which some predecessors have done, like climbing across a roof or clearing gutters. Such works can be done by reliable contractors.

Consent from the Presbytery is required for certain matters but such regulation is easily learned. The Property Committee has sought to take an economic and green approach and that will continue since we are an Eco-congregation. Thus we endeavour to use power in an efficient manner. Examples of such is that the heating is controlled via a computer so that heat is delivered where required and lighting has been upgraded. There is a proposal to upgrade the church lighting to a more economical solution.

If you find managing property interesting or challenging, then please do discuss this challenge to become the new Convenor with Pamela Black, the Session Clerk.

## 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.

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## Lost Property

It's time for a clear out again! The number of unclaimed jackets, fleeces, water bottles and other items has grown again. Please check the baskets in the church centre foyer—you may discover something that you didn't even realise was lost! Any items unclaimed by the end of July will be disposed of.

I also have some gloves, keys and glasses in the church office so please ask if you think you may have left anything in the church or halls over the last few months.  
Carole Park



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## Church Register

### Deaths

Mrs Elizabeth McLeod (6/7)  
Died 30 May 2017

### Farewell to

Mrs J Reynolds (7/1) to Gairloch  
Mr W MacGregor (5/2)

## 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

## August 2017

Sat	5	0930	Pentland Walking Group—Clyde Valley walk followed by High Tea at New Lanark
Sun	6	1030	All Together Now! & FunZone
Monday	7-11th	0930	Holiday Club
Sun	13	1030	All Together Now! Holiday Club Service
Tues	15	1840	Pentland Walking Group—East Linton
Wed	19	1930	Business Committee
Sun	20	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
Sun	27	1100	Morning Worship
Sun	27	0945	Worship Now! Quarterly Communion & Young Church
Sun	27	1100	Morning Worship & Quarterly Communion
Mon	28	1930	Finance Committee
Tues	29	1840	Pentland Walking Group—Carlops and Amazondean

## Pop Up Café



The café will take a break over the summer and will re-open on Wednesday 6 September with its usual tempting display of goodies to enjoy along with a cup of tea or coffee.