



Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

October 2017

From the Minister:

As we approach the season of Remembrance, I would like to draw your attention to our All Souls' service to be held on Sunday 29 October at 7pm—this is a special service, open to everyone, when we remember those members of our congregation, family and friends who have died. There is a book in the church office in which you are invited to write the names of people you would want to be remembered in worship at this time. I hope you will be able to join us.

Rev. Bill Irving

Vacancy Update

The Interim Moderator, Rev Stewart McPherson, updated the Kirk Session at its meeting on 6 September, 2017 on progress regarding the vacancy. Following the closing date for applications to the post of Minister for Fairmilehead Parish Church (1 September, 2017) the Nominating Committee had met to look at the applications received. They were pleased with the range of applicants and have selected those to interview.

Kirk Session

In addition to hearing about progress regarding the search for a new minister, the Kirk Session were informed that whilst income in general (from offerings and hall lets) remains fairly steady there will be a drop of £3,000 claimed from Gift Aid due to members who have died, left the area or ceased to give. Please do consider increasing your giving to the church to help cover this.

Thanks are due to the members of the Property Committee for managing the refurbishment of the kitchen and redecoration of Buckstone Hall. Other work is planned, in particular the replacement of the shabby carpeting, between Buckstone Hall and the side door to the church.

Our Presbytery Elder, Duncan Wilson, reported on the meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh held on 5 September, 2017. Rev Marjory McPherson has recently been appointed Presbytery Clerk. There is to be a Christmas Workshop at Stockbridge Church on 3 October, 2017 for, amongst others, those who work with children which may be of interest to some of our Young Church Leaders.

The Bethany Christian Trust's Winter Care Shelter provides people who are sleeping rough with a place to go for the night where they can find shelter, a hot meal and warm place to sleep. Please get in touch with them directly if you would like to help with the preparation and serving of these meals. Congregations are also encouraged to promote the work of Safe Families for Children who work alongside local churches to support those in the community who are vulnerable, not coping or going through a crisis. The goal is to provide support to the families before the crisis escalates to dangerous levels by befriending a family, hosting a child for a short time to take the pressure off the parents or by sharing basic items that families might need.

The Kirk Session also agreed that there be one service at 10.30am for the period 3 December 2017-7 January 2018 inclusive. The full minutes of the meetings of the Kirk Session are available to read in the church office.

Pamela Black, Session Clerk

Fairmilehead Women's Forum

The Forum meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7.45pm. A speaker from our chosen charity, Royal National Institute of Blind People) will be at our first meeting on 27 September. New members and visitors are welcome.

Please 'save the date' for our charity afternoon tea on 28 October—tickets will be on sale soon!

Guild

The new session of the Guild starts on 4th October with a talk from Rev Bill Irving, followed by talks on the work of The War Blinded Association on 18th October and the Three Forth Bridges on 1 November, all of which promise to be very interesting. We have a variety of speakers this session so I do hope you will come and join us. Meetings start at 2.30pm on alternate Wednesdays.

Young Church Autumn Charity Appeal

Shed Your Pounds!



Our appeal for the Vine Trust comes to a close on 29th October. We are collecting £1 coins to support the work the Vine Trust does with some of the poorest communities in Peru and Tanzania. Coins can be added to the Shed outside the church office.

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Rotary Club of Braids

Rotary is a group of men and women who raise money and help those less fortunate than ourselves. We try to make a difference.

The Club raises funds and assists in projects for local and international charities e.g. Chas, Marie Curie, End Polio, malaria nets and is at present refurbishing a hospital in Ukerewe. It also reacts to world disasters

We are a sociable group, enjoying speaker lunches, curling, golf, walking, quiz nights, bridge, dinners.

The Club organises competitions for schools and youth groups for example; Primary Schools Quiz, Young Musician of the year, Young Golfer, Young Leadership Awards.

If you think that you would like to be part of this worldwide organisation and join your local Club of Braids which meets weekly on a Wednesday at 12:30 – 2.00pm in the Charwood Restaurant 47 Buckstone Terrace Edinburgh. EH10 6QJ, please contact our Club President, Colin Mackay or come along to a meeting.

Social Committee

Our next event will be a Concert by Penicuik Silver Band. This will take place on Friday 20 October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church. This has proved to be very popular in the past, and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come along to hear these talented musicians this year.

Tickets price £5, including refreshments, are available from the Church Office or at the door.

Looking further ahead, the Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 20 January 2018 at Mortonhall Golf Club. Further information will be available nearer the time.

Pentland Walking Group

On Sunday 8th October we are walking in Polkemmet Country Park. The details for Sunday 22nd October are not yet available so please consult the Church Notice Board or Order of Service for information nearer the time. Both walks leave the Church Car Park promptly at 1.40pm. We are always pleased to welcome new members, just turn up shortly before the departure time and introduce yourself to the leader. Esther Middleton

Next Issue

If you have anything to be included in the next issue of Church News, please hand it in to the church office by Wednesday 15 October.

Church Register

Baptisms

2 July 2017

Grace Alexandra Brannan

9 July 2017

Laurie Louise West

3 September 2017

Samuel Charles Con Lawrence

Deaths

Mrs Edith Armistead
died 15 July 2017

Welcome to

Mrs Rosemary Cowper (8/4)

Farewell to

Rev John Munro, Mrs Lillian Munro &
Miss Emily Munro (0/1)

Mrs Anne McCallum (6/6)

Removed by Resolution of the Kirk Session:

Mrs Janet Bowie
Ms Claire Wilson
Mr David McDonald
Mrs Sarah McDonald

Lost Sheep

It has come to our attention that a number of members have moved house with no forwarding address. If you know of their whereabouts could you please ask them to contact the church office.

Lorraine Small
ex Colinton Mains Grove
Russell & Laura Sanders
ex Musselburgh
Rhodric Nicol
ex Buckstone Court

Maureen Carter, Roll Keeper

Pop Up Café

The café will be open during the school half term on Wednesday 18 October. If you haven't been so far, now is the time to come along and perhaps meet people that you might miss on a Sunday morning!



Ready Steady Christmas!

Save the Date! On **3rd December** we will be celebrating the beginning of Advent with a number of workshops, a Holiday Club and a short Carol Service.

October 2017

Sun	1	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Mon	2	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues	3	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	4	1000	Play & Praise
		1430	Guild
		1900	Social Committee
Sun	8	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
		1340	Pentland Walking Group
Wed	11	1930	Business Committee
		1945	Women's Forum
Sun	15	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Wed	18	1430	Guild
Fri	20	1930	Penicuik Silver Band
		1930	Christian Aid Film Evening (at Greenbank Parish Church)
Sun	22	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
		1340	Pentland Walking Group
Wed	25	1945	Women's Forum
Sun	29	0945	Worship Now! Communion & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship & Communion
		1900	All Souls' Service

November 2017

Wed	1	1000	Play and Praise
		1430	Guild
Sun	5	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Tues	7	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
		1945	Women's Forum
Sun	12	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1050	Remembrance Service
Mon	13	1930	Finance Committee
		1430	Guild
Sun	19	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Tues	21	1930	Kirk Session
		1945	Women's Forum
Sun	26	0945	Worship Now! Young Church & Quarterly Communion
		1100	Morning Worship & Quarterly Communion

3 December 2017—7 January 2018

There will be one service of worship on Sunday mornings at 10.30am.