



### From the Minister:

2018 has been designated the 'Year of Young People' by, amongst others, The Scottish Government and the Scottish Youth Parliament and is being seen as an '*opportunity to celebrate the amazing young personalities, talents, and achievers that make up Scotland and to inspire our nation through its young people's ideas, attitudes and ambitions*'. The Church of Scotland has also joined this key initiative and is encouraging congregations to:-

- Explore ways to **engage** with the under 25's
- Increase **participation** of our young people
- **Celebrate** all that they are and bring  
And to **Pray** for children and young people in our church and community

At a recent meeting of our Business Committee it was agreed that Fairmilehead Parish Church would join in the Church's national initiative. Jamie Woods (our Youth and Families Worker) and our Young Church Leaders will be working on this over the coming weeks. This will require, please, the support of our whole congregation as we 'engage/participate/celebrate Children and Young People in our church and community during 2018'.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

In the very near future, Fairmilehead Parish Church will have a defibrillator in place in the foyer. Thanks to a grant from the Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund and donations from our own Pop Up Café and the Harvest Breakfast there is now money available to purchase a Lifepak CR Plus Defibrillator. Many people use our halls and church each week – attending classes for babies, toddlers, young people and adults, the Pop Up Café, the Singing Group, the Uniformed Organisations, birthday parties and much more. The defibrillator will be available for everyone using the Church and Church Centre and will be registered on the Scottish Ambulance Service database.



You do not need training to use this Defibrillator, it is a simple, two-step process.

STEP 1: TURN IT ON.

STEP 2: APPLY THE ELECTRODE PADS

That's all it takes and may make the difference between death from sudden cardiac arrest and a better chance for survival. 'The fully automatic CR Plus then takes over, giving ClearVoice prompts and delivering the shock without anyone pushing a button'. Infant Electrodes are also available.

Thanks are also due to Norman Tinlin, the Secretary of Fairmilehead Community Council for his help and advice with the application.  
Pamela Black, Session Clerk

### Guild

The Guild meets on Wednesdays at 2.30pm and all are welcome to come and listen to our speakers and enjoy a cup of tea. We welcome Oliver Riches on 1st November to talk to us about the Forth Bridges; Eileen McDougal will lead a quiz on 15th November. The Guild Dedication service is on 19th November and marks the start of this year's 'Guild Week'.

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**Facing the Reality of a Changing Climate**  
**19 November 2017**

A unique opportunity to hear Katharine Hayhoe from North America, an evangelical Christian and climate scientist named in TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World 2014 and Fortune's 50 World's Greatest Leaders. She will be in conversation with Alastair McIntosh, Scotland's celebrated author and human ecologist, in a discussion chaired by leading mediator John Sturrock QC, at CCE The King's Hall, Edinburgh November 19th at 7pm.

This important conversation between two of the world's highest profile climate leaders, both Christians, will untangle the issues behind global warming and our awareness, highlighting the key role our faith and values play in shaping our attitudes and actions at this crucial time.

**7pm – 8.30pm Sunday 19 November**

Community Church Edinburgh

The King's Hall

41a South Clerk Street

Newington

Edinburgh

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See the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/362794910842854/>

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**Office Hours:**

**Mon-Fri 9.00am to 12.15pm & 12.45 - 3.00pm**

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**Life and Work**

The Church of Scotland's *Life and Work* magazine offers an insight into the work of the wider church. Subscriptions for 2018 are available—£28.00 for 12 issues. Please hand in your payment (cash or cheque payable to Fairmilehead Parish Church) by 12th November to enable me to submit the bulk order in time.

Carole Park

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**Colinton Literary Society**

The 'Lit' meets in the Loan Hall, Dreghorn Loan and offers a programme of talks on both literary topics and general interest to appeal to the entire community. Membership costs £10 per year. Visitors are always welcome (£3 per meeting).

Tea, coffee & wine served from 7.30pm; talks start at 8pm.

Details of the programme are on the church noticeboard, or [www.colinton-parish.com](http://www.colinton-parish.com).

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**St Catharine's**

The collections for St Catherine's Mercy Centre are well under way with many packed bags being delivered each Sunday. Grateful thanks are expressed to all contributors. Your gifts of food and clothing are gratefully received.

There is always a need for warm clothing, sleeping bags or blankets and of course dried or tinned foods and toiletries.

Sarah Wilson

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**Pentland Walking Group**

Our walks this month are 'Bridges of Almondell' on Sunday 5th, and a Swanston Circular on Sunday 19th. Both walks leave from the church car park at 1.40pm. We organise car sharing; newcomers are always welcome—just come along and introduce yourself. Esther Middleton

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**Next Issue**

The next issue of Church News will be available for distribution around 17 December. Any material to be included should be submitted to the church office by 6 December. Please note the early date! This is to allow distribution to take place before Christmas week.

**Crossroads magazine** will be available from 19th November.

**Church Register**

**Baptisms**  
Jessica Jill Armstrong Laidlaw  
1 October 2017

**Deaths**  
Derek Murray Tough (2/2)  
died 13/10/17

**Welcome to**  
Ivor and Jennifer Yule (3/3) from  
Tyne and Wear

**Pentland Club for the Visually Impaired**

Are you visually impaired? This club meets weekly from October to April on Wednesdays, 1.30-3.30pm in Pentland Community Centre and offers the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a programme of guest speakers or other entertainment.

For more information please contact Liz Steven on 0131 445 1795.

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**Pop Up Café**

The café will be open throughout November on Wednesdays, 10am—1pm. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat!



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**Ready Steady Christmas!  
3 December 2017**

Plans are well underway for a range of different workshops for older children and adults, a Holiday Club for primary-age children and a carol service for everyone. Details of how to get involved and sign up will be available soon. Watch this space!

**November 2017**

Wed	1	1000	Play and Praise
		1430	Guild
Sun	5	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Bridges of Almondell
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
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Swanston Circular
Tues	21	1930	Kirk Session
		1945	Women's Forum
Sun	26	0945	Worship Now! Young Church & Quarterly Communion
		1100	Morning Worship & Quarterly Communion

**December 2017**

Sun	3	1030	All Together Now!
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Musselburgh and River Esk
		1400	Ready Steady Christmas!
Mon	4	1900	Explorer Scouts Christmas Concert
Tues	5	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	6	1000	Play and Praise
		1430	Guild
		1945	Women's Forum
Sun	10	1030	All Together Now!
Wed	13	1945	Women's Forum
Sun	17	1030	All Together Now!
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Torphin
Wed	20	1430	Guild
Sun	24	1030	All Together Now!
		1900	Family Watchnight Service
		2315	Watchnight Service
Mon	25	1030	Christmas Celebration with communion
Sun	31	1030	All Together Now! & Communion

**3 December 2017—7 January 2018**

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