



Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

February 2018

From the Session Clerk:

THE INDUCTION OF REV CHERYL McKELLAR-YOUNG to FAIRMILEHEAD PARISH CHURCH

As you will know already, Cheryl's official induction by the Presbytery of Edinburgh will take place on Thursday 15 February 2018 at 7pm in the church. Arrangements are well in hand for this. Although this service is primarily for our own congregation, representatives have been invited to attend from neighbouring congregations, local schools, politicians, uniformed organisations and others. Along with Cheryl's own family and friends and a group from St Michael's Linlithgow, I hope for a full church to welcome Cheryl to Fairmilehead as our minister. There will be refreshments served in Buckstone Hall after the service providing an opportunity for you to meet informally with Cheryl, her family and our visitors. The church will open at 6.15pm so come early, walk to church if you are able or, if you come by car, please park courteously for our neighbours.

I hope, like me, you are looking forward to this new era in the life and work of Fairmilehead Parish Church.

Pamela Black

Pentland Walking Group

The first of our February walks is on Sunday 4th to Dreghorn Woods. On Saturday 17th February we are holding our Annual General Meeting in the Church Hall at 10.00am. Sunday 18th is a walk at East Linton. Both walks leave the Church car park promptly at 1.40pm. If you would like to join us just come along a little before 1.40pm and introduce yourself to the walk leader. Esther Middleton

All are Welcome

We hope that you feel warmly welcomed at Church, but do you find it difficult to attend or join in? If you have a disability or long term health problem that affects your ability to attend Sunday Worship, or to fully connect and participate in the Sunday service or the wider activities on offer we would like to hear from you. Jacquie Mather, Hilary Peppiette and June Ross are looking for feedback and ideas from anyone affected by physical disability, learning difficulties, sensory loss, mental health difficulties, or any other long term health problems, as well as any carers. The aim is to make it easier for everyone to be part of our Church family. In the first instance either speak to one of us, or contact the Church Office to be put in touch.

EcoCongregation Steering Group

Did you know that during 2017 there were several days when 100% of Scotland's electricity generation came from renewable sources (wind-power, hydro-electric, solar power, etc.)? Are you aware that, since June, all of Fairmilehead church's electricity supply has come from green renewable energy generation, with no CO2 emissions? And it costs us less per kilowatt than the previous supply, which was not primarily from green sources. Have you considered changing to renewable electricity for your home supply? There are a number of energy suppliers who can guarantee this.

You may also be interested in the following event:

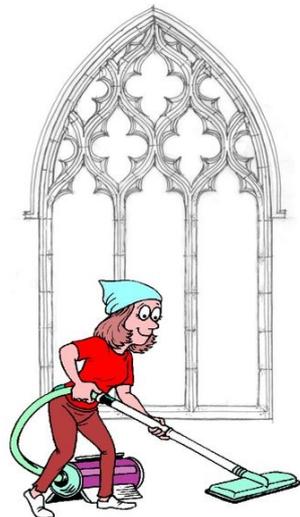
Tuesday 6th February
"The Personal Politics of Climate Change: What Makes us Care?"
University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy
5.30 pm.
Open to the public, but please book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-personal-politics-of-climate-change-what-makes-us-care-tickets-41419144777

FPC Task force!

Whilst we have a contract with a cleaning company who do the bulk of the cleaning of the Church Centre there are always other things that need doing in our premises – cupboard cleaning, waste bin cleaning, cleaning the kitchen, leaf sweeping and much more. Sandra Walton is asking for volunteers to form an FPC TASK FORCE to carry out this work on an occasional basis.

The first date is **Tuesday 13 February**, meeting at **10am** to spend a couple of hours preparing the church and two halls for Cheryl's Induction. The second date is

Saturday 24th March at 10am for the annual spring clean of the Sanctuary. Please contact Sandra or Carole in the church office (445-2374) if you are able to help. Thank you.



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February 2018

Sun	4	0945	Morning Worship & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Dreghorn Woods
Mon	5	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues	6	1730	'The Personal Politics of Climate Change: What makes us care?'
		1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	7	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1430	Guild
		1900	Social Committee
Sun	11	0945	Morning Worship & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Wed	14	1945	Women's Forum
Thurs	15	1900	Induction of Rev Cheryl McKellar-Young
Sat	17	1000	Pentland Walking Group AGM
Sun	18	1030	All Together Now!
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—East Linton
Mon	19	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Mon	19	1930	Finance Committee
Wed	21	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1430	Guild
Sun	25	1030	All Together Now! & Quarterly Communion
Tues	27	1930	Kirk Session
Wed	28	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1945	Women's Forum

Scottish Love in Action Book Café

Save the date now for the Book Café in aid of SLA on Saturday 3rd March 2018 at George Watson's College from 10.30am- 2.30pm.

Come and browse a great selection of books and enjoy a warm bowl of soup. Two books, soup and a roll are all included in the £7.50 ticket price (£5 for children aged 7-15, under 7's come for free). Additional books can be purchased. Coffee will also be available.

We would also like to invite SLA supporters to donate books to the sale. If you are doing a clear out of books, please email slabookcafe@gmail.com or phone **0131 447 4694** or **337 1912** for collection or to drop-off books. We will normally be happy to collect books from you if you live in or around the Edinburgh area, but if you are able to bring them to the Book Cafe Team, that would be helpful.

March 2018

Sat	3	1030	Scottish Love in Action Book Café at George Watson's College
Sun	4	1030	All Together Now! & Young Church
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—Cammo Estate
Mon	5	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues	6	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	7	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1430	Guild
Sun	11	1030	All Together Now! & Young Church
Tues	13	1930	Business Committee
Wed	14	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1945	Women's Forum Charity Evening
Sun	18	0930	Kirk Session
		1030	All Together Now! & Young Church
		1340	Pentland Walking Group—South Queensferry
Mon	19	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Wed	21	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1430	Guild
Sat	24	1000	Annual Spring Clean
Sun	25	1030	Palm Sunday Service, Communion & Young Church
		1200	Stated Annual Meeting
Wed	28	1000	Pop Up Cafe
		1945	Women's Forum
Thurs	29	1900	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri	30	1900	Good Friday Service (at St Fillan's, Buckstone Drive)
Sat	31	1900	Easter Vigil

Guild

The Guild Project this year is Mission International – Haiti Project. Members are reminded that the meeting on **21 February** will include a Speaker from Mission International followed by a fund-raising tea party (cost £3.00).

And finally...

The next issue of Church News will be available from Sunday 25 February. Any items to be included in that issue should be in the church office by Wednesday 16 February. Crossroads magazine will be available towards the end of March.

St Catherine's Mercy Centre

During bitterly cold weather the homeless struggle to survive. Sleeping bags/blankets are always required as well as warm clothing, boots, shoes or trainers. Thanks are expressed to all who contributed gifts over the Christmas period, which were all distributed to those in need. The Mercy Centre always welcomes goods such as tea and sugar, dried goods such as lentils, rice and pasta as well as tinned ham or tuna. Goods can be left in the box provided in the hall foyer. Such are delivered on a weekly basis directly to the Mercy Centre.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has arrived and is now in position in the foyer of the Church Centre. It is easy to use. Once opened, the defibrillator "provides clear and calm guidance through the entire procedure from assessing the patient, opening the airway and applying the defibrillator pads. It will detect the heart rhythm and determine, upon analysis, if the patient requires a shock. The unit then delivers the shock on its own without responder interaction required, yet gives the user a commentary to ensure the emergency responder remains informed". Remember to call 999 and tell the emergency services the post code of the church, EH10 7AA.

Thanks are due to the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership for their generous grant towards the cost of the defibrillator. The balance has come from our Pop Up Café and donations from the Harvest Breakfast last September. The defibrillator has been registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Thanks are also due to St Andrew's First Aid Training and Supplies from whom the Defibrillator was eventually purchased.