



Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

May 2018

Dear Friends,

Christian Aid Brunch 20th May 2018

Have you ever noticed how often Jesus sits down to a meal in the gospels?

Meals play a prominent role as Jesus revealed the Kingdom while sharing meals with others. He ate with Levi the tax collector, He fed the 5000, He had a meal with Zacchaeus, the last supper and then there was the meal that followed His resurrection appearance on the Emmaus Road.

These are just an example of some of Jesus' meals where we have a glimpse of the relational richness of His ministry as He sat around tables.

At Pentecost this year, on Sunday 20th May, we have the opportunity to come together as a church family and share fellowship together around tables and raise funds for Christian Aid.

We will be hosting a Big Brunch after our joint service at 10.30am. What better way to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church and raise funds for such a wonderful charity at the same time. Everyone is welcome!

I'll be bringing sandwiches, a plate and some fruit in a bag, so can you all do the same? In that way there is no washing up or shopping on a large scale for our volunteers. If you'd like to donate some home baking, well that would be lovely. Who doesn't like cake????!! We can even have a birthday cake for the church and get our little children to blow the candles out!

If you haven't been to church for a while, why not come along and join in? It is around a table that we get to know one another and I'm still getting to know you all, so this is a perfect opportunity.

Let's follow Jesus' example of how our tables need to be places of radical welcome, especially for those who feel lonely or on the outside. Maybe you have a neighbour you could bring along?

20th May 2018 Christian Aid Big Brunch. Put it in your diary! I hope you'll join in the Big Brunch with me and be one of the people I chat with around a table.

Until then, may God bless you and keep you, *Cheryl*

Christian Aid Week 13-19 May 2018



Christian Aid is committed to standing together with some of our poorest neighbours across the globe and fighting for dignity, equality and justice for all. In Haiti, Christian Aid is helping to build new houses for people whose homes have been destroyed by earthquake or hurricane.

A key element of our fundraising during Christian Aid Week is the door-to-door collection — and we urgently require more collectors to help with distributing and collecting envelopes house to house. If you can spare a couple of hours we will be very glad to hear from you. If you have helped before we hope that you will be able to get involved again this year.

The amount we raised in Fairmilehead in 2017 was much lower than previous years because we did not have enough collectors — so please do contact the church office, Noreen Bryce, Moyra Droog or Scott Arthur if you can help. Thank you!

EcoCongregationScotland

Eco-Congregation Scotland is a Christian environmental organisation helping local church congregations address environmental issues through their life and mission. There are 416 eco-congregations in Scotland of which 139 have the Eco-Congregation Award for environmental excellence.

The Eco-Congregation Steering Group of Fairmilehead Parish Church has completed the self-assessment and application form for the bronze award, an entry-level award recognising that a congregation is doing all the

basics that we would expect from every eco-congregation across the three broad areas of spiritual living, practical giving and global living. This will be submitted to the Business Committee for approval. The Steering Group hope to build on the work already undertaken to date, and aim to further improve our congregation's approach to environmental and global justice issues. The next level, a silver award, should be achievable in due course and is awarded to "any eco-congregation which is taking its responsibility to care for creation seriously".

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St Catharine's Mercy Centre

During the recent spell of cold snowy weather, St Catharine's was indeed a place of refuge for those who are homeless: not only did it provide hot food but also, a place of warmth, kindness and friendship.

Warmer days are now approaching but the need remains for supplies of non-perishable foodstuff such as tea/sugar, pasta, rice, lentils and tins of tuna or ham.

A willing team of volunteers prepares a hot meal each weekday.

Please place items in the box provided in the Church Hall Foyer or leave them at the Church Office. These are delivered each week by volunteers.

Thank you for supporting St. Catharine's.

Social Committee

A very successful fund-raising Bridge Afternoon was held on 11 April when the magnificent sum of £1250 was achieved. Thanks are due to all who contributed, either by playing, baking or providing prizes.

Our next event will be a tour of the Hidden Gardens of the Royal Mile on Sunday 20 May. The tour starts from John Knox's House and lasts approximately 1hour 45 minutes. It covers up to a mile of mainly pavement walking; some slopes and cobbled surfaces and finishes at the Scottish Parliament. A minimum number of 10 is needed (maximum 20), and the cost is £6 per head. Names and contact details should be given to Graham Davie via the church office.

We will be holding a Golf Afternoon followed by Supper at Mortonhall Golf Club during the summer, the date for which will be notified in the Order of Service and in Church News nearer the time.



There will be one service of worship on Sunday mornings from 24 June — 12 August 2018 inclusive.

CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTORS

We need your help please!

We are so grateful to the volunteers who give their time to distribute our parish magazine 'Crossroads'. We always try to make sure that you are given the correct number of magazines but it would be helpful if you could let us know if you need additional or fewer copies please. Just let either Isabel Ingram or Linda Warman (contact via the church office) know of any changes and they will do their best to ensure you get the right amount for your delivery route.

Thank you once again for your help—we couldn't do it without you!
Publicity Committee

Church Register

Welcome to
Mrs Z Hay (9/4)

Change of Address
Mr S Coyle (4/3) to (1/1)

Farewell to
Mrs C Currie (2/2)

Lost Sheep
Andrew & Pauline Hay,
ex Buckstone Loan
If you know these members please ask them to contact the church office with their new address.

Pentland Walking Group

Our summer evening walks begin on Tuesday 1st May with a walk in Calderwood Country Park. On 15th May we have a picnic walk to St Abb's Head, this is an all day walk and will leave at **10.00am**. On Tuesday evening, 29th May we are going to Venlaw and the Soonhope Burn. The two evening walks will leave the church car park at the usual time of 6.40pm. If you would like to join us just come along a little before departure time and introduce yourself to the leader.

Esther Middleton

May 2018

Tues	1	1840	Pentland Walking Group
		1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	2	1000	Pop Up Café
Sun	6	0945	Worship Now! Baptism & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Mon	7	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Wed	9	1000	Pop Up Café
		1930	Kirk Session Cake, Conversation and Change
Sun	13	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Mon	14	1930	Finance Committee
Tues	15	1000	Pentland Walking Group picnic
		1930	Kirk Session
Wed	16	1000	Pop Up Café
Sun	20	1030	Pentecost Service with communion followed by Christian Aid Big Brunch
		1300	Heart and Soul 2018 in Princes Street Gardens
Mon	21	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Wed	23	1000	Pop Up Café
		1900	Forum Outing
Sun	27	0945	Worship Now! Quarterly communion & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship & Quarterly communion
Tues	29	1840	Pentland Walking Group

June 2018

Sun	3	0945	Worship Now! Baptism & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Mon	4	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Tues	5	1900	Fairmilehead Community Council
Wed	6	1000	Pop Up Café
Sun	10	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Tues	12	1000	Pentland Walking Group picnic
		1930	Business Committee
Wed	13	1000	Pop Up Café
Sun	17	0945	Worship Now! & Young Church
		1100	Morning Worship
Mon	18	1930	Join the Journey House Group
Wed	20	1000	Pop Up Café
Sun	24	1030	Young Church Celebration Sunday followed by BBQ
Tues	26	1840	Pentland Walking Group
Wed	27	1000	Pop Up Café