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# FROM THE MANSE

*Dear friends,*

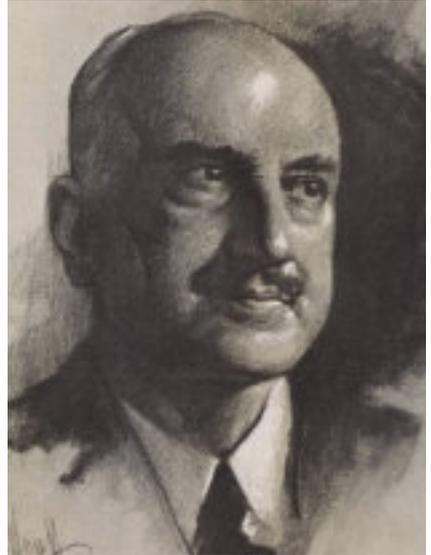
An anniversary can be an opportunity to indulge in some unrestrained nostalgia – and why not?

Every year on our wedding anniversary at the end of April, Joy and I dig out the video of the big day and have a surprised look at the younger faces of our friends; feel the bittersweet pang of seeing once again parents and grandparents who have passed on; and enjoy the outright belly-laugh of watching the moment, preserved forever, when our friend Tim slipped on the dance floor during Strip The Willow did an unintentional back flip and landed spreadeagled on the ground, kilt flying in the air. I think it's £250 for a clip for the TV show *You've Been Framed*, and if money gets too tight, there's always a last gasp there.

A church too has its anniversaries and its memories. Next year will mark 30 years since the union of Mayfield and Salisbury churches. In 2026, it will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of worship at the site of the present church building. There are memories in most churches in Scotland that stretch far back, of what might now seem like golden days - of former ministers, packed pews, services broadcast on Songs of Praise, Youth Fellowships, or Sunday School outings. And we are entitled to look back, with a smile or a sigh, at past achievements and glories, or even disasters like the fire here that destroyed the roof; for their essence can spur us on and give us motivation for the future.

There is no way we can simply set the past aside, either in our personal lives or in our church setting. To an extent, the past is what has made us and continues to define who we are, whether through good experiences or bad. Individually and in community, we all live with the blessings and with the scars of what has been.

The lessons of the past help us also to grow as people, and to seek forgiveness and renewal from God for what has gone wrong. For as the Spanish philosopher George Santayana wrote:



[George Santayana, from Time Magazine](#)

*Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.*

Always aware of what has gone before, we learn from our mistakes and we can vow to change.

Past days then ought to inform our future. At first glance though, the prophet Isaiah seems to rebuke us for doing that (43:18 - 19) – ‘**The Lord says, ‘Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?’**

What's this saying about the past? Well, maybe it's saying that it's not looking back of itself that's a problem; but the way we look back, that God tells us is important. Yes, looking back lets God in, if it inspires us, shapes us and guides us. But looking back forces God out if it prevents us thinking also of the



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present and looking to the future, if it blinds us to where God is leading us now, so that we no longer have a vision or path for what might be. The tied down, concrete, immovable past can shut out the open ended, liberated, future. The past should be a reference, not a residence.

In our churches, there is much in our history and tradition to be celebrated and continued. But too much looking back can mask where God might now be active in a way that is different from what has gone before. There is so much to be learned from what has been, but it does not serve God to try to turn back time to a golden era, or to preserve the church like a museum piece. Even if that were possible, Isaiah tells us that it is not what God wants. In the Church of Scotland today, just as before, we need to keep listening to God when he says, 'Behold I am doing a new thing, can you not perceive it?'

On Saturday 22 January, we had a very positive 'congregational gathering' where we looked to set a vision for the road ahead, and discussed the proposals of Edinburgh Presbytery that Mayfield Salisbury might in due course enter a union with Priestfield and Craigmillar Park churches. A summary of the views from the day will be available soon and further thoughts are very much welcome to me or our Session Clerk, Boyd McAdam. Ultimately, what we are doing in setting a vision and in considering the union is trying to discern where God is leading us, to perceive this 'new thing'.

So what is God going to do, in this 'new thing'? Notice how verse 19 goes on: 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.' Can we keep going through any wilderness or desert that we encounter, and face its challenges and pitfalls? Do we trust God that he will make the way through for us? Where will God lead us? What inspiration and sustenance will He provide on the way? What will turn round the Church of Scotland's sharp numerical decline? What will happen at this place of worship in the next decade or two? What will God do here at Mayfield Salisbury, or in Edinburgh, or in Scotland? The unknowns and uncertainties that we could call the 'wilderness' and the 'desert' create so many questions.

There is so much change and upheaval in our world and in our churches. But the re-assurance is that the character of our God has never wavered. The God who has mapped out the path and the stream for centuries before us, will also see us through the present and guide us into the future. It all begins by believing that God is indeed acting right now, just as he has in former days and will do in all our tomorrows, and that he remains steadfast beside us on the road, no matter what. In every era, God always assures his people that He is in action: 'Behold, I AM doing a new thing: NOW it springs forth: do you not perceive it?'

God bless,

*Sandy*

# PASTORAL CARE

Some of you will know that I have been off convalescing. Initially it was difficult to slow down but I have always appreciated the fact that there is a selection of books in the church hall for my and others perusals.

One book that I picked up recently is 'But I say to you' by Leith Fisher and I have been enjoying weaving in and out of it as and when I felt whilst resting.

There is a chapter on communion and the words of the following hymn from Church Hymnary 4, Hymn 655 verse 3. Written by Leith Fisher.

*Round your table, through your giving,  
Show us how to live and pray.  
Till your kingdom's way of living  
Is the bread we share each day:  
Bread for us and for our neighbour  
Bread for body, mind and soul,  
Bread of heaven and human labour  
Broken bread that makes us whole.*

If you or a friend would benefit from a visit from one of the ministry team or one of our twenty eight pastoral visitors and I would be



delighted to arrange that for you. Please contact me on **07587 043 191** or email [pastoralassistantms@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralassistantms@gmail.com)

Please note there is a new phone number and email address above. Please use these from now on.

Blessings

*Kay*

## 28<sup>th</sup> BRAID SCOUT TROOP

We continued with the World Challenge Award at the year end covering common beliefs, faiths, attitudes and values. A more active night took place at Ryze Trampoline Centre and we completed the year with an inter-patrol unihoc competition and the annual chippy survey, now sadly depleted to just two local chip shops.

The new year began with the annual inter-patrol quiz which was keenly contested and only won by the Curlew Patrol on a tie break. A badge night allowed the scouts to catch up on some of the opportunities lost when we spent so many nights outdoors. A total of 70 badges were achieved, working out at over two badges per scout. We abandoned our plans for a proper

Burns Supper at the end of January but had a series of Burns themed challenges in the dark at Bonaly Scout Centre with a haggis, neeps and tatties taster at the camp fire.

Some of our older scouts moved towards the end of last term and our numbers moved back up to 30 when we welcomed a new scout from the waiting list and three Cubs up from our Pack.

*Alan Dickson*

Scout Leader

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## A GOD OF SMALL THINGS

MICAH 5:2 - 5A

LUKE 1:39 - 55



'Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come.' 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all.' 'Aye that'll be right,' you might say. How can we find hope and joy when we look around us?

You could so easily be swamped by the opposite. In a world teetering on the edge. In the grip still of the pandemic and the new variant, with all the fears of illness, isolation, restrictions and economic hardship that it brings. With rapidly escalating infection numbers and five hour queues for a booster. In the national political turmoil and international friction caused by its handling. Through the throes of a climate crisis and in the wake of the dubious compromises of COP26. Where refugees drown in open boats, acts of terror interrupt the everyday, the Holy Land which saw the greatest birth now sees the

bitterest oppression, the United States remains riven with racial division and protest, Russian troops mass at the Ukrainian border, and the democratic leader of Myanmar languishes under house arrest. It's like the old Simon and Garfunkel recording of 'Silent Night' with the interference of news reports of the Vietnam War drowning out their voices. 'Peace on earth and good will to all?' Sometimes it feels as if we might be carrying the weight of the world, and seeing the whole lot 'going to pot'.

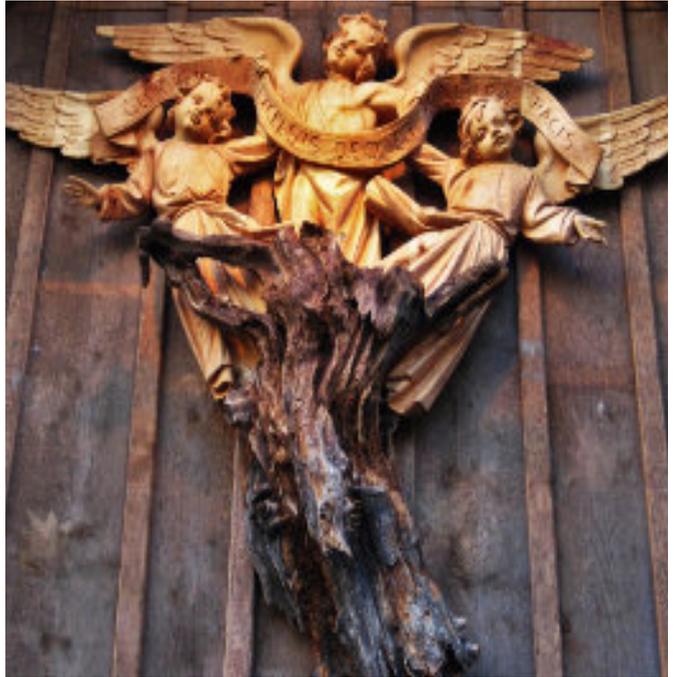
And then there is a faint whisper in the air in Advent. It's definitely still there. For many in our country now it's just out of their hearing, even in the glow of the Christmas lights, but for some it is rising from its small beginnings through a slow and gradual

crescendo; until its ancient words are at first clear and distinct and then almost deafening in their volume. 'So hush the noise, ye men of strife and hear the angels sing, Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' glory in the highest heaven.

Ancient words of promise and hope are being heard again at a time of Advent, out of the mouths of the old Prophets: that the Messiah, the Saviour, the Christ is coming.

These words of tenacious, uncompromising hope grow from a whisper to a scream to kick into touch all of the life-sapping, despair-inducing evidence that we could gather to the contrary. To overcome the gloom, to combat the resignation of the world and fill it with glimmers of light. Words of promise in a world filled with fear and uncertainty. Especially in this season of Advent, we speak as Christians of joy coming to the world. In the midst of darkness, light is about to break in. In the midst of desperation, freedom, justice and peace is about to erupt. The complete fulfillment of God's promises has not yet happened, but it is coming. Such is the Advent faith, and the Advent hope.

But from where can it come? How can we dare to speak whispers of hope to despair in these troubled and troubling times? There was no peace on earth and goodwill to all for the prophet Micah in the land of Judah as he looked towards Jerusalem in the



eighth century BC. The situation was by any standards grim. The land was under siege from an external threat, its leaders had been exposed for their greed and deception, had suffered challenge to their authority and loss of standing at a crucial time, and the people were in disarray, downcast and distressed. No change there then, perhaps!

But yet Micah could be a messenger of great hope where most saw none at all. In our Old Testament passage, Micah asserts boldly that God has issued a promise that God does not accept this stuttering and stultifying state of affairs and that deliverance will now come from the most unlikely of sources. A ruler like no other, verses 4-5, 'he shall be great to the ends of the earth and shall be the one of peace'. Leading the return of the people of Israel from exile, feeding his flock – out of the time of great flux, danger and worry, verse 4 – 'they shall live secure.' A security not built on restraining walls and ever larger weapons, but on melting down the swords into parts for the plough and studying war no more. Into a world then, as now, of disease, terror, war, poverty and injustice, hope whispers to despair in the promises made: of an end to conflict, to hunger, to alienation, to insecurity, through a ruler like no other, and from the unlikely of places.



Mary and Elizabeth from *The Visitation* by Mariotto di Bindo di Biagio Albertinelli (1474 - 1515)

It is only a small, rural town; a harvest centre in Judah. In Scottish terms it would be more Auchtermuchty than Aberdeen, more Denny than Dundee, more Golspie than The Grange. But just as King David had been born there as a nobody, a peasant who had tended sheep and written poetry, so too this King will have the humblest of beginnings. Not from a place where heroes normally start out, or born of their pedigree. While we look every day towards first ministers, prime ministers and Chief Medical Officers for signs of hope, Micah is jumping up and down behind them at the daily briefing waving his arms and pointing our gaze in an entirely different direction. To Nowheresville, Judah. A small out of the way place called Bethlehem, 'the house of bread' in Hebrew and Aramaic. Hope and deliverance will come from this little town of Bethlehem in the birth of a baby. God acting for the redemption of a world in a place that was almost off the map; and from a smelly, draughty, cattle shed of humble simplicity and poverty, comes birth and new life.

Can we see God too in the Bethlehems, the stables and the newborns of our world and our lives? The unlikely small beginnings. I wonder – could Micah's people see God there? Could they believe Micah, that someone from little, out of the way, Bethlehem, would indeed be 'great to the ends of the earth?' Could they believe that the 'one of peace' whose only weapons were forgiveness and love would win them safety and security with so much violence surrounding them? Could they believe that they might once more live in hope and await joy from this smallest of pinpoints of light? And can we?

Hope and help from God comes from the most unexpected places and the most unlikely people. Like the cousins Mary and Elizabeth too in our passage from Luke, the mothers to be of Jesus and John the Baptist. The coming of a Messiah who will change the world is anticipated and proclaimed not by high priests or emperors or angels or even preachers. Rather, two marginalised, pregnant women – one

young, poor and unwed, the other far beyond the expected age to conceive, meet way out in the hill country. Scared perhaps at the challenges of these seemingly miraculous pregnancies, needing support, and love and confirmation in a patriarchal society that might offer only judgment, scorn or even shame.



And it came through the Spirit of God in their moment of encounter. For Elizabeth, as Mary greeted her, by the child leaping inside her. For Mary, by Elizabeth's words, 'blessed are you among women, for you are carrying the saviour.' For these women, perhaps lonely and isolated, a small story of God at work in a deeply personal and embodied way. Of a true incarnation in their moment together of God in love. The personal dimension gives these two women what they lacked: togetherness in community and a depth of connection. They accept each other as they are, maybe in a way that no-one else will accept them.

They encourage and re-assure each other of hope, in joy and in gladness. It is a hope and understanding that once more starts slowly and quietly, in the humility of lowliness of the everyday, and blossoms into Mary's song of the soul, the Magnificat. Perhaps we too in these stressful days, and as we prepare for Christmas, need to sit for a while, in peace, in worship, in moments of encounter and find acceptance and healing. Maybe it's the very human sized stories of small beginnings in our lives that teach us the most about the grand, history-changing birth that is to come.

For as in the title of the famous book by Arundhati Roy, this is *A God of Small Things*. For in the smallest places lies a limitless potential through God, just as we

can see in the wonder and beauty of a little child, in the hope of what might lie ahead. Or we can see that hope in the mustard seed, the acorn, the caterpillar... Or feel it in the chance encounter that reminds us of the human bond. The kind gesture that makes us feel wanted.

Or hear it in the casual conversation that sparks an idea; or the words of a lone whistleblower. Or the campaigner for peace and reconciliation; or the Christian all alone praying for the Gospel to be heard in places in our land where it has fallen silent; or each of us who is stuck now in a cycle of despair or hopelessness in the face of the pandemic: hope of better days.

The voices are crying out in the wilderness. Await now the coming of Jesus with hope and with joy! The prophet Zechariah said, 'do not despise the small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.' Amen

**POST SERVICE COFFEE (and Tea!) will return after the services on 6 February in the Bill McDonald Hall. Single use biodegradable cups will be provide but you are very much encouraged to bring your own cup!**

# AFTERNOON SERVICE

The first Afternoon Service of 2022 will be held on **Tuesday, 8 MARCH 2022 at 2.30pm**. Our Minister, Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth, will lead this short service in the Bill McDonald Hall with Holy Communion served. Access is level throughout the building with entry from West Mayfield. The service will be followed by refreshments and chat until around 3.45pm.

## Everyone is always made most welcome.

Our mid-week services are especially appreciated by the less mobile in our parish community and those for whom Sunday Services are not possible to attend.

We all remain seated at our tables throughout the afternoon. If you haven't joined us in the past and would appreciate further information please contact Pastoral Assistant Kay McIntosh, your own Pastoral Visitor (PV) or Anne Sturrock.

**IMPORTANT:** Those who are planning to come, please let Kay McIntosh know in advance for safe seating arrangements to be set up - on 07587 043 191

*The May Afternoon Service will take place on Tuesday 10 May.*

# CHRISTIAN AID

**A huge thank you** to everyone who contributed to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal, either after the Watchnight and Christmas Morning services, or individually. How will your donation help?

## Christian Aid tells us:

In South Sudan, the focus country of our Christmas appeal, the climate crisis is leaving people hungry, homeless, and without a means to earn a living.

Combined with years of conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a growing humanitarian and hunger crisis. More severe and frequent floods and droughts are significantly disrupting lives, with most communities saying flooding is the biggest and most likely risk they face. The flooding last year left families without adequate food, water or shelter. It killed large numbers of livestock and destroyed crops. What's more, water-borne diseases increased due to contaminated water.

Our partner, Support for Peace and Education Development Program (SPEDP), is taking a comprehensive approach to improve people's wellbeing and resilience. The main activity is the rehabilitation and construction of boreholes which brings clean drinking water to

communities, whatever the weather. Alongside these activities, the project also shares messages to improve hygiene and sanitation practices; provides farming training, tools and seeds to improve food security; shows communities how to build dykes to protect their homes from flooding; and offers opportunities to improve livelihoods through savings and loans groups and training.

*Thank you again for your generous support – it really does make a difference.*

## APPEAL FOR MARMALADE

It's that time of year again so if you're making marmalade, please consider putting a little aside for Christian Aid. We hope to be able to hold our popular sale again sometime soon, and judging by the speed with which the marmalade vanished from our stall in the Autumn, it's in high demand!

Don't worry if you're short of empty jars – we have a plentiful supply to give away. If you would like any please contact Kate O'Brien on 0131 667 4362, or [kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk)

With very best wishes from

*The Christian Aid Committee*

# *Prayer Thoughts*

*Lord our God,  
We turn to you as the Word through whom all things were made  
And as the One who sustains all human life:  
Hear the voices of those who cry out on behalf of a fragile creation.  
Of those who wait in fear for the next extreme weather event,  
And of those who wait for justice.  
Hear the voice of all your people and answer their cry.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

*Lord our God,  
We turn to you as the Word through whom all things were made  
And as the One who sustains all human life.  
As we consider how majestic is your name in all the earth,  
Strengthen our hearts and deepen our resolve to cherish Creation, and  
To address the challenges of our time and so bring glory to your name.  
Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.  
Amen*

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*Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland*

# MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTERS AND SESSION CLERKS OF CRAIGMILLAR PARK, MAYFIELD SALISBURY AND PRIESTFIELD CONGREGATIONS



As you know, Presbytery has issued proposals for consultation on a draft Presbytery Mission Plan based on a focus for mission and the better expression of the Gospel in Edinburgh and recognising the reality of the challenges in resources which the Church of Scotland now faces. The proposals for Edinburgh involve creating new Mission Districts from the merging of parishes into new unions, and the potential formation of team ministries within a reduced number of paid ministry posts, as instructed by the 2021 General Assembly.

As congregations we will have an opportunity to discuss these proposals and consider whether we wish to take them forward as they relate to us, or to propose alternative solutions to the challenges the Church faces, including how to reduce the number of ministries as required. The proposal at a local level is that the congregations of Craigmillar Park, Mayfield Salisbury and Priestfield form a union to support a new wider parish, served by two full-time ministers that are centrally funded.

Our ministers and session clerks met recently for an informal discussion ahead of talks within and across our congregations. Without seeking to influence the direction of these congregational conversations in any

way, we felt it important to meet and share with you our initial thoughts.

Overall, our meeting was friendly, enthusiastic and positive. We recognised the challenges faced by the Church and Edinburgh Presbytery in drawing up the plan for consultation, and the considerable amount of work that has gone into it. Whilst questions were raised about the nature and priorities of the plan as a whole, the suggested union at a local level resonated with previous thinking to a significant extent.

We saw potential for the new union to bring together different social groups, as well as all of our gifts, skills, experiences, age groups, resources and activities, in ways that might enhance God's mission in the community. There are potential opportunities as well to deploy the ministry posts and physical resources in creative and dynamic ways.

There would, of course, need to be many areas for discussion over how the union - and any buildings - might be sustained into the future. There would be issues to address over the structure of the new parish and the role of the two nationally funded ministerial posts. How might we best use the buildings that would be retained?

What might the worship arrangements be? How would the Kirk Session, finances and business aspects be run? How do we knit together the new congregation harmoniously, recognising the different histories and backgrounds we each have?

These are all issues for the coming months. However, our initial meeting agreed that:

- change was required and had to be undertaken.
- any discussions should proceed in a spirit of openness and as equal partners
- a shared vision and future mission was important: indeed, central to how we embed the Church in our local communities.

Over the coming weeks, we will each be reflecting on the proposals and the detailed issues.

We will have discussions within our respective congregations and with the relevant Presbytery committee, and as the proposals firm up, we will look to work across the congregations as appropriate in a collaborative way.

Whatever the final structure of the new Mission Districts and parishes ends up being, we are all agreed that we need to seize the opportunities this restructuring presents and look forward to engaging with each other positively in the weeks and months ahead. May God bless us all as we look forward in love and in hope.

## PRESBYTERY CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE

The Church of Scotland – indeed most churches – have been tested in recent years with the challenges of reducing congregations and resources. This has required thought on the part of church leaders and at the General Assembly. The Presbytery of Edinburgh has published a consultation document on how the geographical presence of the Church of Scotland might be reconfigured in Edinburgh.

Many of you by now may have picked up that by 2025 it is proposed that the congregations of Priestfield, Craigmillar Park and Mayfield Salisbury come together in a new union. Similar scales of union are proposed across not just Edinburgh but Scotland as a whole and the suggestions are set out in the papers.

A single document is now available incorporating Part 1 (Vision and Mission) and Part 2 (structural changes). The paper is on the church website and from the church office. The message that these proposals are for consultation is welcome.



There will be lots to discuss over the coming year and we will need to tease out what the implications might be. The proposals have to be finalised by the end of 2022 so the clock is already ticking but we do have time to reflect and discuss. So please have a read and reflect.

Contact the church office for more information:

[www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/consultation](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/consultation)

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# MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE



The Morningside Justice and Peace Group exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large. Meetings were held every Wednesday during the autumn and spring months from 10.30am to 11.30am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road in Edinburgh.

Talks were suspended due to Covid 19. Since February 2021, the talks have been given by Zoom. This will continue until further notice. Please email Barbara Darcy, co-ordinator at [b.darcy20@gmail.com](mailto:b.darcy20@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

These meetings are open to all and provide a view on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion. To cover costs and support the Open Door charity, a contribution of £2 is requested at each meeting.

## **February 9**

Ewan Aitken, Chief Executive of Cyrenians.  
*'Homelessness in Scotland and Housing First.'*

## **February 16**

Lord John Bird MBE, Founder of the Big Issue.  
*'The Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill – purpose and progress.'*

## **February 23**

Liam McArthur, Scottish Liberal Democrat MSP for Orkney.

*'Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – what is planned?'*

## **March 2**

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*'Should the West bail out Afghanistan?'*

## **March 9**

Dr Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development,  
*Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)*  
*'Loss and Damage due to Climate Change.'*

## **March 16**

Dr Jamie Buchan, Lecturer in Criminology, School of Applied Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University.

*'Restorative Justice: Another Way of Doing Justice in Scotland?'*

## **March 23**

Councillor Lesley Macinnes, Convener, Transport and Environment Committee.

*'Edinburgh's City Mobility Plan 2021 – 2030 and the work of the Transport and Environment Committee.'*



We're delighted to have received generous gifts of art for our sanctuary from two longstanding members.

Jenny McCallum has donated a 16<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch/Flemish stained-glass roundel of John the Baptist and Peter, which belonged to her father. Jenny's father was an avid collector and wrote a definitive textbook on roundels. The roundel will be mounted in a suitable place in the church in due course.

Patricia McDonald has donated a woodcarving of St Peter which was given to her and Bill during their visit to Malawi, as part of Bill's year as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1989. St Peter has taken his place beside the pulpit, where he is giving a never-ending blessing!

Thank you to both Jenny and Patricia for their kindness – the roundel and the carving will be enjoyed by many for years to come.

## OBERAM- MERGAU 2022



Hilary Watkinson  
07855 500 635

A small group of members from Mayfield Salisbury is travelling to Austria and Oberammergau from 25th May to 1st June for the delayed Passion Play. We are being led by Kay McIntosh and joining with a group from St John's Church in Dalkeith. The trip includes five nights at the Austrian resort of Strobl on the Wolfgangsee, followed by two nights in Oberammergau. McCabe Pilgrimages are now expecting this event to happen.

### **THERE ARE ONLY FOUR DOUBLE ROOMS LEFT!**

If you are interested in joining us, do please get in touch with me and I will deliver a brochure and booking form to you. The cost is £1855 per person sharing and a deposit of £600 is required to secure your place.

This promises to be a once in a lifetime experience and we do hope that you will feel able to join us.

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## PASTORAL CARE NEW CONTACT DETAILS

Please note there is a new phone number and email address for Kay McIntosh DCS and Pastoral Care. Please use these from now on.

07587 043 191 or email [pastoralassistantms@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralassistantms@gmail.com)

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## EDINBURGH DIRECT AID

Edinburgh Direct Aid has launched a campaign for funds to buy heating fuel for Syrian refugee families in Aarsal, high in the Lebanese mountains.

Getting through the winter in a flimsy tented shack in deep snow at an altitude around that of Ben Nevis was never easy. But this year, in the collapsed economy of Lebanon, with the removal of government subsidies on fuel, much less support from the UN Refugee Agency, and no employment, the situation is critical. Next week snow is forecast, and temperatures will drop below zero. It is estimated that \$345 will be needed to provide each and every family with enough heating oil to survive this winter's bitter cold.

Edinburgh Direct Aid is working with local charities to provide fuel for as many families as it can, while lobbying much bigger NGOs to help avert this impending disaster. But calls on their resources are many, and time is short.

Donations can be made by phoning 0131 552 1545, or through the EDA website [www.edinburghdirectaid.org](http://www.edinburghdirectaid.org) (where you can read more about this).

We can now continue to collect clean, coloured screw-tops from plastic milk bottles. Unfortunately, only tops with a 2 or a 4 in the RIC triangle code are suitable for this recycling project. There is a container for you to drop your contributions off within the West Mayfield entrance area. Many thanks to all – and please spread the word !

## SCREW TOPS FROM PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES

Most of those who attend worship support our work through standing orders, but before the first lockdown we also had a plate collection during the service for visitors and those who preferred that form of offering. Covid restrictions still prevent us passing a plate during the service.

## COLLECTION

Instead we are now inviting those who would have put offerings in the plate during the service to do so at the close of the service. In the halls entrance and in the vestibule you will find a bowl or plate marked Plate Collection.



Regular and one-off donations, are still possible online through: [www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853) or by contacting our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville, on 0131 466 2446 or [hs.somerville2@gmail.com](mailto:hs.somerville2@gmail.com)

Please note: our safeguarding co-ordinators are Aileen Nimmo and Dougie Robertson. If you have any concerns or questions, they can be contacted on [mayfieldsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldsafeguarding@gmail.com) or through the Church Office on **0131 667 1522**.

## SAFEGUARDING

We would like to invite you to participate in a research study, to plan and produce a new process to help doctors and nurses and therapists, patients and their families to make shared decisions about your care after severe stroke. The process will include discussing what information is most helpful to patients after severe stroke, and how to provide this in a sensitive way.

## DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF REALISTIC MEDICINE FOR SEVERE STROKE

### Why are we doing this study?

Currently making decisions about treatments after severe stroke is very difficult and complex, partly because patients are often too ill to talk about their preferences, families are shocked and upset at the time of a stroke, and some treatments might improve the chances of surviving but leave the patient with severe disability. We want to develop a system to help patients and families make difficult decisions about care, through a process called 'coproduction' whereby people affected by stroke, older people and health care professionals meet together, share experiences and jointly design a new process. All participants will have the same 'say' in the process as the health care professionals.

## THROUGH SHARED DECISION MAKING AT THE ROYAL INFIRMARY OF EDINBURGH

For further detailed information, please contact Professor Gillian Mead (Researcher) [Gillian.e.mead@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Gillian.e.mead@ed.ac.uk) 0131 242 6927

# MAYFIELD MILERS



## UPCOMING WALKS

If you require further information about these walks please contact Jenny McCallum on [0131 667 2888](tel:01316672888) or [0742 252 9520](tel:07422529520) or Jean MacGilchrist [0131 477 6648](tel:01314776648) or [0771 021 3754](tel:07710213754).

## FEBRUARY

- |        |   |               |               |
|--------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Mon 14 | Bush 2-3 mls. Travel by bus   | Morley Sewell | 0131 672 2077 |
| Sat 26 | West Linton & Siller Holes c.6mls<br>Upland tracks. Travel by car. Lifts can be arranged. | Susan Wooding | 0131 667 2754 |

## MARCH

- |        |   |                   |               |
|--------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Mon 7  | AGM & Planning Meeting 7.00pm Church House                              |                   |               |
| Fri 18 | Gorebridge Circular Walk 8mls.<br>Travel by car. Lifts can be arranged. | Jean MacGlichrist | 0131 477 6648 |

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## Death

Miss Margaret Miller



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## FEBRUARY

### Sun 6 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 8 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 13 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Helen Alexander)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Helen Alexander)

Tue 15 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 20 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 22 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 27 Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30am Joint Worship Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth & Hillary Leslie)

## MARCH

Tue 1 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 6 First Sunday in Lent

9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 8 10.00am Morning Prayers  
2.30pm Afternoon Service

The 10.45am services will be broadcast live on the church website at:

[www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/online](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/online)

Please refer to the website or phone the church office on **0131 667 1522** for up-to-date service information including any Covid related news.

# THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

## January

1	Exodus	15,16	/	Psalms	15,16
2	Exodus	17,18	/	Matthew	24
3	Exodus	19,20	/	Matthew	25
4	Exodus	21,22	/	Psalms	17
5	Exodus	23,24	/	Matthew	26
6	Exodus	25,26	/	Matthew	27
7	Exodus	27,28	/	Matthew	28
8	Exodus	29,30	/	Psalms	18
9	Exodus	31,32	/	Acts	1
10	Exodus	33,34	/	Acts	2
11	Exodus	35,36	/	Psalms	19
12	Exodus	37,38	/	Acts	3
13	Exodus	39,40	/	Acts	4
14	Leviticus	1-3	/	Acts	5
15	Leviticus	4,5	/	Psalms	20,21
16	Leviticus	6,7	/	Acts	6
17	Leviticus	8,9	/	Acts	7
18	Leviticus	10-12	/	Psalms	22
19	Leviticus	13,14	/	Acts	8
20	Leviticus	15,16	/	Acts	9
21	Leviticus	17,18	/	Acts	10
22	Leviticus	19,20	/	Psalms	23,24
23	Leviticus	21,22	/	Acts	11
24	Leviticus	23,24	/	Acts	12
25	Leviticus	25,26	/	Psalms	25
26	Leviticus	27	/	Numbers 1 / Acts	13
27	Numbers	2,3	/	Acts	14
28	Numbers	4,5	/	Acts	15



## March

1	Numbers	6,7	/	Psalms	26,27
2	Numbers	8,9	/	Acts	16
3	Numbers	10,11	/	Acts	17
4	Numbers	12-14	/	Psalms	28,29
5	Numbers	15,16	/	Acts	18
6	Numbers	17-19	/	Acts	19
7	Numbers	20,21	/	Acts	20
8	Numbers	22,23	/	Psalms	30
9	Numbers	24,25	/	Acts	21
10	Numbers	26,27	/	Acts	22
11	Numbers	28,29	/	Psalms	31

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# WHO'S WHO IN MAYFIELD SALISBURY

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Scottish Charity Number SC000785

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## Pastoral Care

For Home or Hospital visits, please contact the Pastoral Assistant, Kay McIntosh DCS.

## Online Giving

Secure online offerings: [www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853)

## Staff Days Off

Minister: Fridays  
Pastoral Assistant: Friday & Saturday  
Youth Worker: Friday & Saturday  
Manager: Monday-PM & Fridays

## Social Media

 [www.facebook.com/MayfieldSalisbury](http://www.facebook.com/MayfieldSalisbury)

 [www.youtube.com/user/MayfieldSalisbChurch](http://www.youtube.com/user/MayfieldSalisbChurch)

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