

From the Minister's Desk

Dear Friends,

Who belongs? How do we belong? These are huge questions for our society today, questions of citizenship and taking a responsible part in the community. Juniper Green Primary School has a mix of children with 26 different native languages – perhaps creating a sense of belonging in the school is relatively easy to do, with a badge and a uniform. The gang culture, so much in the news recently, is all about belonging to a territory and fighting for that territory. We need a sense of belonging; it is part of our being human.

The deepest sense of belonging that we can have as people is a notion that we belong to God. The Bible fosters that idea from the very beginning and in different ways, shows people who understand and believe that they belong to God as His people. The root of this belonging is not in something we take for ourselves, but is to be found in knowing that we are people whom God loves. His love for us fosters and engenders in us the sense that we are loved and, that our spiritual home is to be found with God. Jesus opened the way for this to be possible for us when He died and was raised.

Baptism is the process by which the Church introduces the idea that 'we belong'. When I baptise someone there are two belongings of which the service speaks: first of all, that we belong to Christ because He loves us; and secondly that we belong to the Church. Later in life, we confirm that baptism by making promises to live a Christian life as members of the Church, but it is baptism that tells us "we belong."

The Church has not always been very good at creating and fostering that sense of belonging; the bigger the Church, the harder that is! I had a conversation a few years ago with someone who was finding their way back to Church after a long time away. She told me that she had been a member of a Church a long while before, but then her life had become difficult and she had been divorced. She told me that she felt that Church was not for people like her at that time. These were not her words, but she felt "too broken to belong!" At precisely the time when she most needed the support of her Christian friends, she felt that she didn't belong any more.

A mosaic is a picture made up of lots of little bits and pieces of pottery or glass. The small, individual pieces are fitted together to make a much larger picture or design. I recently came across a network of churches in California that calls itself the Mosaic Network; here's the explanation: "The name of our community comes from the diversity of our members and from the symbolism of a broken and fragmented humanity which can become a work of beauty under the artful hands of God. We welcome people from all walks of life, regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey. Come to Mosaic, and discover how all the pieces can fit together!" No longer are people "too broken to belong!"

"The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous...But it was because the Lord loved you..." (Deuteronomy 7:7,8)

There are obviously people in our congregation for whom that sense of belonging has waned over time. Maybe "too broken to belong" strikes a loud chord with you; maybe you would even love to resurrect your belonging, but are either too embarrassed to ask, or don't know how. I'd gladly help you; give me a call!

How do we keep that sense of belonging? The key is in the way Paul, the apostle, understands himself. In his first letter to the Church in Corinth, he writes "*By the grace of God, I am what I am.*" (15:10) Grace is "God's love to people who don't deserve it"; Paul was a Christian because God loved him and for no other reason. Paul understood himself in these terms, as someone who had been "graced by God". God's grace shaped, not only his attitude to himself, but also his attitudes to other people wherever he met them.

Our belonging to God begins with us being people loved by God; we have no need to prove ourselves to God because He loves us anyway! We are loved by God in the good days and in the difficult days, even in the days when we make mistakes. The Church is the community of people who have been "graced" by God; so we need to learn to accept one another as we are, all people in whom Jesus has done the same thing. So there is no place for pride and any judgemental attitudes; rather the qualities of humility and acceptance are key. The Church has not always made it easy in the past, but "too broken to belong" should never, ever be true!

Yours sincerely,

James S. Dewar.



TREASURER'S REPORT

In August, we received a letter from the Rev. Gordon Jamieson, who is Head of Stewardship of the Church of Scotland. A summary of the main topic of his letter is as follows:

National Stewardship Programme:

The General Assembly has instructed Presbyteries to advise their congregations to participate in this programme, believing that there is potential for more generous giving throughout the Church. To this end, a Stewardship Conference will be held in each Presbytery to launch the programme and we will be invited to send up to four representatives. There will be several options included in the programme and a flexible timescale for involvement. The options will be designed to help us keep stewardship in the forefront, ensuring that it is not just an occasional activity. It will also be promoted that time and talent are also most important in the life and work of our church and they should be earnestly encouraged.

However, it must be stressed that stewardship programmes are no more than tools to help congregations and are only successful when everyone is enthusiastic about what they are doing. A stewardship programme should be linked to our vision for our church – where we believe God is calling us to be.

Finally, we will receive leaflets entitled *Challenge to the Church* to be distributed to every home in the congregation.

Gift Aid:

Once again I bring to your attention the benefit of giving through the Gift Aid Scheme. This is available to anyone who pays Income Tax and will add 25 per cent to your offerings. Many thanks are due to those in the congregation who have increased their Gift Aid offering recently so that the decrease in the amount being refunded by the Inland Revenue will be recovered by the increase in giving.

Financial Situation:

Having summarised the letter received from the Head of Stewardship, I think I can confidently say that we have always taken our stewardship commitment very seriously and can be reasonably satisfied that we do continually revise our offerings. We also have

many members who give of their time and talent for all types of activity in the life of the church. However, maybe we can always try harder.

This year our offerings are about where we thought they would be according to our budget. However, in addition, we have had legacies donated to our church and also our income from the rent of the church halls has increased significantly. These are most welcome increases to our income but are one off and therefore, unless we make plans for replacement, we will have a reduced income next year.

Expenditure has also been kept in line with our budget although we have had two unexpected reductions. We have had our Ministry and Mission reduced by £1,788 and Presbytery Dues by £574 due to the ways in which Presbytery has reorganised allocations for this year. However, this is another one off saving so we will have to budget for the higher figure again next year. At the time of writing, we have spent over £14,000 on fabric this year so you can understand the need to be prudent in everything that we do.

Finally some words from 2 Corinthians: 9 v 7 'Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

Douglas Buchanan
Treasurer



MINISTER'S SERMONS

Did you miss the Minister's Sermon? Did you want to read the sermons from previous Sundays? Were there bits of it that you didn't understand? Go to the Church website at www.igpc.org.uk and follow the link to 'sermons' and you will find them there. Alternatively, get a paper copy of recent sermons from the Church Library.

HOW IS OUR NEW CONSTITUTION PERFORMING?

Two years have passed since the Session and congregation voted to adopt the Unitary Constitution. So has it been a success; was the change worthwhile; why did we change from the previous (Model) constitution? There were three main reasons:

1. Members were reluctant to serve on the Congregational Board – we struggled to fill Board vacancies and by 2009 there were several vacancies and a dearth of volunteers or nominations;
2. The old constitution required a matching number of elders to Congregational Board members and elders were extremely reluctant to serve on the Board;
3. The Model Constitution is not fully in accord with Charity Law as overseen by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Following a detailed process of education, consultation with others already on the Unitary Constitution, and discussion over several meetings the Session agreed to recommend the new constitution to the congregation who agreed to its adoption by a very substantial majority at the 2009 Stated Annual Meeting – a decision later approved by Presbytery and a Delegation of Assembly. We were by no means the first Edinburgh congregation to make the change and almost every Presbytery meeting since approves more churches adopting the new constitution. Interestingly, in its format it is very similar to the Quod Omnia Constitution long used by many churches (pre-1929 members of the Church of Scotland) including Colinton to this very day.

One concern about the change was that we might become less democratic with elders controlling everything and the congregation having no voice. What we now have engages with the congregation better than before! Twenty-seven teams/groups have been set up to manage various aspects of church life; each team has a remit detailing purpose, leadership, reporting, budget, etc; almost every team/group has non-elder members. Competent people have been empowered to carry out tasks without constantly asking approval for matters within their remit. Major decisions beyond a team's remit are taken to the Session. On some issues the Session might consult with the

congregation but normally decision-making lies with the Session who, under OSCR, are legally responsible Trustees irrespective of the constitution being operated.

Nine of the 27 teams are very ably led by non-elders. We now have more members rather than elders in positions of responsibility than previously. For instance, soon after we agreed the change of constitution a member asked me who was going to staff the church doors and uplift and count the offering; look around any Sunday and you will see that a large proportion of the door duty team members are not elders – a far bigger proportion than previously.

The new constitution requires greater openness on decision making. Session meetings have been open to observers for years. However, team/group meetings are now open to observers. Details of the congregation's right to observe Session and team/group meetings have been described several times in previous issues of the magazine, displayed on the Hall 2 notice board for the last two years and intimated every few months.

A concern expressed by some was that Session business would be swamped by issues previously dealt with by the Board. That is not the case – because of the efficient way team/group reports are presented (in writing a week before each Session meeting) Session business runs very smoothly indeed. Elders have read reports before they meet and discussion is confined to opportunities, challenges and matters that rightly lie with the Session.

So is everything perfect; is every team/group working as intended; could we be doing better? Broadly, the new constitution is working extremely well indeed. However the Session, assisted by the Development Group, is open to discussion and review of any aspect of anything for which it is responsible. We welcome comments or suggestions for improvement from any member.

Charles R Godon, Session Clerk

Congregational Mission Statement
“Building Christ’s Church in the Community”

AN EVENING ON THE CARE VAN

On Friday 19th August a team from Juniper Green Church went out on the Care Van run. The care van runs every night of the year and follows a set route to allow clients to be in the right place at the right time.

There are 5 folk on the team – usually 2 men and 3 ladies. One of the men is the driver who stays in or beside the van at all times. The ladies are in the van and serve the clients. We take our own supplies with us – a gallon of home-made soup, packets of cup-a-soup, giant flasks of ready-made tea and coffee, 8 dozen buttered rolls and some biscuits. Along with those supplies we take any clothes we have gathered for distribution to those who might request them, along with cleaning supplies and anything else which might be appropriate.

The van is based at Bethany in Jane Street so the team met there at 8.15pm ready to check on supplies of poly cups and to fill up flasks with boiling water. After a prayer committing the team to God for safe keeping and for good chat with the clients, we set off on our route. First stop is Waverley Bridge at 9pm. A steady stream of folk come to the van for their hot soup or teas and coffees and the men on the team distribute the clothes and chat with the folk there. We stay there for an hour. Some of the clients stayed the whole hour and came back time and again for a top up. 99% of the folk are polite and thankful for the service which is provided. There are quite a lot of foreign folk – did they come to find work? Could they not find a home? Where is their family? Sometimes we get chat from them but usually they keep to their own language groups and move off when they are satisfied.

The route then took us to Kings Stables Road where we stopped just at the graveyard and then into the Grassmarket. On Friday we had served quite a few clients and had just packed away our supplies ready to move off when there was a knock at the window and we had to get it all out again! Since the festival was still on there were lots of cars parked in Victoria Street so it was a tight squeeze for the van to make its way to the top of the road. The normal route down Chambers Street was closed off so we had to negotiate other streets to then make it to North Bridge to speak to folk there, all the

while looking out for homeless people in various doorways along the way.

The last stop is round about the Playhouse and then it's back to Jane Street to park the van, clean down the surfaces, wash windows, empty the bin and plug in the battery to charge the van ready for the next evening. It had been a long evening (we were home about 12.30am) and had served about 50 clients. All the home-made soup was eaten, as well as many chicken cup-a-soups and the usual beverages.

Some of the folk we spoke to had stories to tell us which were horrifying, others didn't want to blether. We never judge – who knows the circumstances of the folk who use the service but we do try to provide a service – satisfy a need. The team works well together and we would value your prayers not only for ourselves but also for those nameless folk who use the services of the van day after day after day...

Jean Dewar



BIBLEFRESH EXTRA!

Three threads to *Biblefresh* are still happening:

- Favourite bible passages will make a welcome return to the morning service in September; it has been fascinating to hear the passages that people have chosen and their reasons for choosing them!
- The E-100 challenge: it is not too late to begin to read the essential 100 bible passages; there are still some leaflets left and the first three Church Wednesday bible studies will deal with the kinds of writing we find in the New Testament.
- The Gideons: the second of two groups to visit the morning service to tell us about the ways in which the Bible is being made available to people in our culture and across the world; the Gideons will visit on October 16th.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



The annual golf outing was held on Friday, 19th August at Baberton Golf Club. There were 9 golfers playing in the afternoon and a total of 38 people attended the supper in the clubhouse for a most enjoyable evening.

The scoring was not too good, no doubt due to the strong westerly wind and one blustery shower midway through the round. However, Malcolm Brown played really well over the back nine to come in first place and was presented with the Alastair McBean Quaich by Christine McBean. Jim Walker was second, beating Robin Veitch into third place for the second consecutive year. Special awards were presented to others and very many thanks are due to Ian McBean, Christine McBean, and Chas Godon, who donated the prizes. Thanks are also due to Baberton Golf Club for once again providing an exceptionally good supper.

We will hold the outing again next year, although the meal afterwards may have to be in a different venue due to the construction of a new golf clubhouse.

Douglas Buchanan

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GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP



Our new session starts on 8th September, and we are looking forward to welcoming existing members as well as new ones. We have organised an interesting and varied programme which will be posted on our notice board in Hall 2. Please look at this and consider joining. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings.

During the summer members have been collecting items to fill backpacks for the Mary's Meals Backpack Challenge, and we hope to collect in a good number of backpacks at our first meeting.

Elaine Wilson
Secretary



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

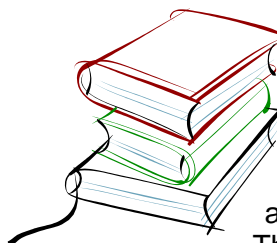
The first Men's Fellowship meeting for 2011/12 after the summer break has now been arranged. It will take place on Sunday 11th September 2011 from 08.30am to 10.00am in Hall 3. The speaker after the breakfast will be Gordon McFadzean and his short talk is titled "An Affair of the Heart" to be followed by discussion.

The Fellowship has had some 20 men coming along to the meetings and it would be good to see new faces. Anyone wishing more details please speak to Ian Aitken or Michael Merriman.

Also, any suggestions on format or speakers would be greatly appreciated by the members of the Nurture Team.

Nurture Team

"..we have fellowship with one another..."
1 John 1 vs 7



CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library is available every week in the Church Sanctuary after the Morning Service. There are books for all ages including children. By kind donation we have recently **added another 5 books** to the Library. They are

"The Big Book of All-Time Favourite Bible Stories" by V Gilbert Beers & Ronald Beers
"Promised Land" by Michelle Guinness
"50 Easy Outreach Ideas" by Paul Mogford
"Discipleship" by David Watson.
"I'm Not Supposed to Feel Like This" by Chris Williams, Paul Richards, Ingrid Whitton

and the new books are available on the Library table along with the all books to view and select.

Nurture Team

"For the word of God is living and active."
Hebrews 5 vs 12

LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

Thanks once again to everyone who has donated to this worthwhile project by way of the phials at the front of the Church or by giving me donations personally. I have sent £27.10 to the Mission over the Summer break which of course does not include the Guild of Friendship members. Every donation is always appreciated and a letter of acknowledgement is always sent and can be seen in Hall 2 in the Guild of Friendship space.

I mentioned in the last magazine that a speaker from the Leprosy Mission would be coming to the Guild. The date is 7th November and all who are interested in coming will be most welcome.

Sheena Blair.



FRESH START

(www.freshstartweb.org.uk)

Our new collecting session began on Sunday 4 September with curtains, and we will continue on first Sundays till December. I've had an e-mail to say Starter Packs are low on glass tumblers, single duvet covers, pillows, table knives and teaspoons. The collection box is, as always, available in the right hand corner of the Church vestibule, so please feel free to leave anything, any Sunday. As ever, items must be clean, ready for immediate re-use. Thanks to all who contributed over the summer.

Marilyn Godon



HALLS CLEANING REPORT

Following an SOS for new volunteers a few weeks ago, we had an excellent response, and are now up to strength again. Thanks are due to the people who have had to give up, and to our new members just starting. Despite the hiccup, cleaning has gone on as efficiently as usual, but new volunteers are always welcome, so get in touch if you feel you can spare an hour or two every six weeks. Phone 441 3490, or email ek.wilson@btinternet.com

Elaine Wilson



Girlguiding Juniper Green

Here in Juniper Green we have a Rainbow unit which meets on a Monday evening in the Church hall; 2 Brownie units, one which meets on a Tuesday evening in the Church and the other also on Tuesday evening in the School and a Guide unit which meets on Wednesday evenings in the Church hall.

Although we are a small district the units all have wonderfully enthusiastic leaders and we take part in many local, district and division events. There is the chance to have sleepovers, go on camps, make many and varied crafts, earn badges, make friends, learn life-long skills and contribute to society today.

We cater for girls from the age of 5 upwards right through to becoming unit guiders! Girls who join Rainbows become Brownies at 7 years old, then Guides at 10 and on to becoming Young Leaders/ unit helpers/ senior section and then, if they wish, to taking up posts as unit guiders. Isn't it fantastic that we are a safe girl-centred organisation which can nurture the talents of girls from aged 5 and look after them and guide and train them to become confident individuals who are capable of helping or running their own unit.

If you know of any girls who would like to join in the fun of Girlguiding then please give me a call. I can then give names to the appropriate section guider for an immediate place in a unit or a place on a waiting list.

You never know...the next time a 5 year old joins Brownies, in years to come she may be leading her own unit somewhere – carrying on in Girlguiding.

Jean Dewar

District Commissioner for Juniper Green
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REVEREND FUN WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

Property Matters

Jim shared with us the parable of the Life Savers. They started out to save people from the sea and had a simple rudimentary hut to keep basic equipment. As time went on more people became involved and, with it, the extent of back up facilities. Eventually the core aim, saving lives, became subsumed to the life of the organisation and its ever-improving infrastructure.

What has this to do with us? How much of our time, efforts and money goes into keeping the 'club' going at the expense of the main task - saving lives?

Over recent months you will see below how much effort, time and money goes on our properties.

- White lines at edge of pews
- Re-varnish front door of church
- Renovate notice board outside church
- Paint over vandalism to external doors to church
- Repair and paint wood rot of windows of hall
- Remove vegetation to west of Hall 1 - £88.16
- Protective wire mesh on radiators in Hall 3 £179.26
- Remove and dispose of 'jumble' £10.00
- Replace electric water heater in toilet £46.39
- Redecorate passageway behind Hall 1 £78.96
- Radio controlled clocks - obtained and fitted in Halls 1 & 2 £29.98
- Bell rope realigned - did not last more than two weeks.
- First Aid kit, put in kitchen behind Hall 1. There are now three such kits, one in each of the kitchens and also one in the church cloakroom. No need to disturb others when there is a need!
- Curtains in Hall 1 re-hung. A pole will be supplied for opening/closing curtains. **PLEASE** use it!

At no cost to the church, other than the cost of materials, members have carried out all of the above. However, there is plenty of scope for others to get involved in the future!

- Plumber for leak in toilet off Hall 1 - £ 70.00
- Clearing blocked drain in vestry toilet £436.00
- Electrician tested all equipment - £149.75
- Fire extinguishers checked £792.00
- Signage upgraded
- New projector lamps £796.04
- Snow damage to roof & rones (covered by insurance) £840.00
- Boiler check & recommission £354.00
- Repairs to bell tower (Trustees from our own funds) £6,403.75
- Repairs to front steps & stonework £450.00

FUTURE WORK:

- Upgrade flooring in back hallway to Hall 1 & room there off £324.80 +£455.40
- Cushion flooring for back toilets £255.60
- Three mats for entrance from Woodhall Avenue £165.00
- Redecorate Hall 1 to roof level- ? self help possible
- Repair rones to west of Hall. replace at least 2 lengths. - Quote pending.
- Sand and seal floor of Hall 1 - professional quotes to be obtained.
- Refurbish exterior of windows of halls- ? self help here
- Clean and decorate porch at west door - ? self help again
- Obtain by donation curtains / blinds for back room off Hall 1?
- New gas meter to be installed, one of three on the premises at no cost: to happen on 5/09/11

MANSE:

- Security system annual check £240.00
- Landlord checks £177.00
- Roof repairs £105.00
- Water problem in toilet £105.00
- Supply and fit new taps £147.00
- Boiler breakdown cover £199.96
- Tree & Hedge cutting £420.00

FUTURE WORK (Manse):

- Downstairs toilet/shower room to treat water entry, outside work/damp proof/seal floor and reinstate - estimates pending
- Rones to be made good.

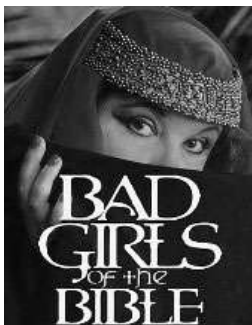
You can now appreciate the time and effort spent on all matters not directly carrying out our core aims!

Sorry if the detail is thought to be excessive, but how else can you see the full extent of the expenditure? The committee, on your behalf, is not trying to find new ways to spend your money: quite the reverse. However, in many ways we can cut costs by getting 'volunteers' to help with DIY tasks.

If you would like to help, please contact; Ross Mackay 453 4601 or, Ian Gilmour 477 3823

The committee is composed of the two above plus Alan Bridges, Malcolm Brown, Alan Laing, Andrew Watson and Robin Winney

Ian Gilmour
Joint Property Convener



"BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE"- LADIES NIGHT

In June the nurture team hosted a very successful evening of fun and laughter with Liz Curtis Higgs DVD "Bad Girls of the Bible."

Around 40 of us enjoyed tea, coffee and scones before settling down to watch the author and speaker bring her funny best selling book to life. In this fast paced hour we laughed as she talked about ten of the Bible's best known femmes fatales.... Eve had food issues, Potipher's wife and Delilah had man trouble. Lot's wife and Michal couldn't let go of the past. Sapphire couldn't let go of money and Jezebel couldn't let go of anything. We also saw how, the woman at the well quenched her thirst for the truth while Rehab and the sinful woman left their sordid histories behind proving Bad Girls can have a gloriously good future.

An enjoyable evening!

We are hoping to host another "ladies night" soon.

Yvonne Hunter

Bible Reading



See all the Bible reading material in the vestibule at the front door of the Church.

The material includes a booklet for younger people "Word 4u2 Today". We hope these choices will encourage members to a pattern of daily reading of God's Word.

The E100 "Essential 100" Booklet, which has been used in recent Church Wednesday Meetings can also be made available by contacting Ian Aitken.

If you wish more information about Bible Reading material please speak to Ian Aitken or Yvonne Hunter.

Nurture Team

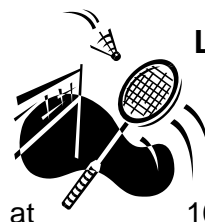
"..my words will never pass away."
Matthew 24 vs 35



BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM

The Bereavement Care Team offers support to those living in the Parish who are suffering loss or bereavement. The role of the team is to offer support and encouragement to those who wish it. Referrals are received from Mr Dewar.

Christine McBean



LADIES BADMINTON

We resume after our summer break on Wednesday, 21st September at 10.00 am until 12.15 in Hall 1.

We would welcome anyone who would like to join us, even if it is just to have a coffee and a chat. Unfortunately, two of our members have been ill during the summer break but hopefully they will have fully recovered in time to join us quite soon. For further information call me.

Alison Buchanan
453 4029



MISSION RESCUE The Story of a Holiday Club!

The team meetings each morning were the calm before the storm of 34 'secret agents' arriving at 'Mission Rescue' in



the church hall.

The children – or secret agents as they became known – spent the week playing games, doing crafts, watching a drama and learning about the story of Moses! When we asked the children what their favourite part of the week was several said 'singing new songs', whilst others enjoyed "learning to make cool spy tools in Q's workshop." Each morning the children would make a craft which would relate to the story of Moses. Their favourite was making a burning bush with tissue paper which helped them learn of God's rescue plan. At the end of the week the children worked as a team to decorate a picture of a spy showing off their amazing imaginations. It was a great pleasure to watch them get creative, have fun and learn of the greatness of God.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

Claire Fraser
Rebekah Smith

(Claire and Rebekah were part of the team of more than 20 people from the congregation who ran the Holiday Club; thanks to them all!)



Claire's team with their 'spy' and his gadgets!



Kids' Church

Summer holidays are gone for another year 😞, but the good thing is that means Kids' Church is on again! 😊 Yeah!! This term we're going to think about the story of David. One day a shepherd boy, the next day a king - you couldn't make this stuff up! How exciting must that have been for young David, and his story teaches us loads about how to live our lives today.

Some of the time we are all in it together and some of the time we split off into our own age groups. We use crafts and drama, chat and paint, play games, watch DVDs and generally have an excellent time. Every Sunday 10.30 we'll be here. Why not drop by, there's always room for you.

Gill Hales



Interview with Euan Murray the Holiday Club - Mission Rescue

Gill So, Euan, were you looking forward to the Holiday Club this year?

Euan *I didn't know I was going! I've been before, last year was Rocky's Plaice and it was great fun, but Mum just said to me and Fraser that we weren't going to Treehouse (after school club). Then she parked at the church, but I still didn't know. I thought we were going to have to sit quietly while she went to a committee meeting!*

Gill When did you realise that you were going to Holiday Club?

Euan *Well, only when we went into the big hall! Mum said she had a surprise for us – it was a great surprise. I was really happy when we went in and saw all the pictures on the wall, and people all around. Actually, my mum and her friend Angela helped paint the pictures.*

Gill And what did you like best about the week?

Euan *Loads of stuff. I really liked going to HQ and making the crafts. I made a book like the one you're writing in now! I covered mine with tiger print. The club was called Mission Rescue and we made spying stuff for our missions. I liked the juice and biscuits too. I liked telling the mole (the baddy in the drama) what I would do to her!*

Gill Yes, send her scuba diving without any air!! (I was that baddy!!) What else was good?

Euan *Oh loads of stuff. Jim looked pretty funny in his shorts and he's still got really bad jokes! Family night was great fun. It was good doing the car challenge with my Dad. He beat*

me with 11 seconds but I was fastest out of the kids. And it was really funny seeing other adults doing stuff like dressing up. I liked seeing Dad's picture on the screen on Sunday and the spies and their stuff where Jim usually is.

Gill Would you recommend Holiday club to anyone?

Euan *Oh yeah, there were loads of people from school there so there's always someone you know. Anyway the leaders are great at helping you and they help you to feel good about yourself.*

Gill What would you say to a friend about Holiday Club?

Euan *It's good fun to go to, it's surprising, you don't know what might happen!*

Footnote: Euan assures me he wouldn't send me scuba diving without air, just that baddy Agent Z! Whew!!



CRECHE

The crèche is available from 10.30am every Sunday morning for babies and children up to three years old. Two of our crèche team members will be there to meet you and welcome your little ones. We are in Hall 3. A range of toys is set out for the children to play with in a safe, warm and comfortable environment.

If you have young children and would like to meet our helpers, and find out more about creche, please feel free to pop in on a Sunday morning.

If you would like to be a member of the creche team, it would be great to hear from you.

Aileen Hardie

Update from the Cambodian Hope Organisation

This is an excerpt from a much larger update, the printed version of which can be found on the notice board in Hall 2.



Project Information:

During the past three months, the Anti-Trafficking Project has held many activities such as providing education and the message of awareness to build knowledge and prevent domestic violence, child trafficking and child sexual abuse through showing a presentation to them.

Activities included:

- Provided vitamins and de-worming medication to over 57 children from 5 villages such as Prey Korp, Toum Norp Kor5, Km4, Bra Chea Thom and Palilay.
- Conducted workshop training to children at school through a presentation 6 times. Over 578 children attended, including 298 girls.
- Trained women working at a club – over 87 attended.
- Taught to children in the communities through the use of flip charts. 68 children, including 38 girls attended from 3 villages: Km4, Bra Chea Thom and Safe Haven Center.
- Provided counselling to children and parents of over 27 families in O'Neang villages and Prey Prech.
- Conducted training to parents on domestic violence in families at the Parent Peace Center. Over 35 parents attended.
- Met with BIG-C about how to protect children – over 29 participants.
- Trained parents and students about children's rights – over 60 parent and 30 children in Prey Korp
- Taught children about child sexual abuse - over 555 children attended from 12 schools.
- Attended a meeting with BVST about how to protect children – over 29 participants
- Visited students that receive school materials - 20 families.

Fiona Dewar

Friends of Edinburgh Prison

Friends of Edinburgh Prison is an independent charity run solely by volunteers who provide a tea bar service of light refreshments in the visits room during prisoner visits. The service, well supported by volunteers from our church provides a more relaxed and `normal` atmosphere to what can be a stressful time for families. Our profits are given to charities and in the past number of years have been divided between the Edinburgh Clothing Store which distributes clothing to needy families and to the Prison Fellowship which provides support and help to prisoners whilst in prison and following release. This year we were able to give £2,000 to the Clothing Store, £2,000 to Scripture Union which funded 13 prisoners` children to attend a summer camp and £2,000 to the Prison Fellowship which allows them to continue their good work. According to reports the young people had a wonderful time at camp and we hope to be able to fund more holidays in the autumn.

The tea bar opens for daily sessions of 2 to 3 hours, has a comfortable well laid out working area from which to serve customers and is always manned by two volunteers. Working in a prison is different, enjoyable, as we all feel it is a worthwhile service we provide which is appreciated and also a way of making new friends. Should anyone have a few hours to spare on a fortnightly or monthly basis or wish to know more please `phone Judy Hill on 453 3109

Helen Emslie



CHOIR NOTES

“Come let us praise the Lord
With joy our Lord acclaim
His greatness tell abroad
And bless his saving name”

Hymn 60 is not a well known hymn but its words proclaim what we all do on a Sunday morning, that is we come to worship, hear the word and praise the Lord. The choir welcomes anyone who would like to join – come along on Sunday morning and sing!

As Christmas is not too far away practices for the Carol Services will start in November on Thursday evenings. All are welcome.

Florence Kinnear

SHOEBOX APPEAL CHRISTMAS 2011



Over the last good number of years we have supported the Blythwood Christmas shoebox appeal and this year we will do so again. I know that many of you have supported the Guild of Friendship as they gather backpacks and supplies but I hope that you will continue in your generosity and help with this appeal.

As usual all the items can be cheaply bought at the supermarket when you do your weekly shop – it's not the finest range of goods which needs to be purchased but the own brand goods are just grand. Please do not feel you have to buy everything on the list – just buy what you can and a squad of folk will fill and wrap the boxes. If you cannot get out to do shopping then let me know and I can do that for you.

If you have any spare shoeboxes then these can also be used. They have to be average sized ones – approximately 18cm x 13cm x 30cm! Anyone who would rather contribute to the cost of transporting the boxes from Glasgow to Eastern Europe can also do so.

Here is the list – buy what you can and it will be greatly appreciated. Last year 118,000 boxes went to Eastern Europe, to those young and old who might not have otherwise had any Christmas cheer.

Soap/shampoo (max 250ml), face cloth/moist wipes, deodorant
Comb/brush, sanitary products, shaving foam/razors
Toothpaste/toothbrush,
Underwear/socks/tights, hat/scarf/gloves
New make-up, sewing equipment, household candles
Screwdrivers/pliers, kitchen utensils,
pens/pencils/sharpener
Colouring book, ruler/rubber, small toy eg car, doll, soft toy
Sweets (best before 3/2012) t-shirt/pyjamas

The goods have to be for aged 3 upwards – no baby goods – there are supplies of these held elsewhere.

A printed leaflet will be available with the intimations in the next couple of weeks but in the meantime, I urge you to start buying a few extras – you won't notice a couple of extra items and if you need any more information, then just phone me. Juniper Green Parish Church is indeed a caring, loving and faithful people and I commend the shoebox appeal to everyone.

Jean Dewar

453 3494



The Green Strollers

The Strollers have enjoyed a fairly busy year so far. Our walks have taken us along the Water of Leith (always a firm favourite), along the Union Canal; the River Almond; over the Forth Road Bridge and further afield to Beecraigs Country Park, to name but a few.

In July, one Sunday after church, we headed to Cramond Island, where we enjoyed a picnic and a walk round the island. We then headed back to the mainland before we had to swim for our supper!

Our most recent walk took us even further afield to Ceres in Fife. On leaving Ceres, we headed up Tarvit Hill, where we all had a great sense of achievement having made the climb. The views were glorious but the weather was a little cold so it was back down the hill to Mansionhouse Gardens for a well earned picnic lunch. After the walk we all enjoyed a cool drink and a few members of the group enjoyed a 'fish and chip' supper in Anstruther. Calories!!!

A big thank you to all our leaders and to all the people who take part in the walks. You all make it happen. Walking is a great way of keeping fit and, from the many comments we receive, it is also great fun.

Check the notice board in the church hall for dates of future walks. Do come and join us.

Happy walking!

Jeanette Campbell and Beth Dickson



In the year of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, the Bible Society's aim is to reconnect the British public with the Bible. The Bible Society invited hundreds of guests to a reception at Edinburgh Castle on 19th June 2011 to the launch of the People's Bible project. This was the anniversary of the birth of King James VI/I at the castle in 1566.



King James was there to welcome everyone and introduce a number of guest speakers. This was followed by a reading from the King James Bible and the cutting of the Bible cake. After the formalities a Ceilidh band played in crown square as guests had the chance to write their bible verses or look around the Great Hall and the Crown Jewels display.



This was a great opportunity to 'Make your mark in history' and handwrite verses of the Bible. Using a digital pen, once written the verses are uploaded to the internet and are immediately available online. (www.thepeoplesbible.org). The project will end at Westminster Abbey on 16th November 2011.

Here are a few verses written by members of the Juniper Green congregation:-

Genesis 2.2 (KJV)

Written by:
Jean Dewar
Juniper Green
20/06/2011

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2.24 (KJV)

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Written by:
Jim Dewar
Juniper Green
20/06/2011

Genesis 5.3 (KJV)

Written by:
Fiona Dewar
Juniper Green
20/06/2011

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

John 4.31 (KJV)

Written by:
Shona Cook
Edinburgh
19/06/2011

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

ANTIQUES EVENING

We intend to hold an informal evening in the church hall on Friday 21st October that will take the form of an "Antiques Roadshow". It will require your participation, so please look out some item or items that you might like to have valued and arrange to bring them along. A professional valuer has offered his services to give his opinion on your antiques – this can be an article or a photograph of something too big to bring. Should you wish to sell any item arrangements can be made to have it entered at an auction sale.

Details of how the evening will be organised have still to be finalised but put this date in your diary now. It is hoped that it will be an interesting and fun evening for everyone. Further details will be available from Bill Blair and Douglas Buchanan.

What's On

Sunday Services: Morning Worship 10:30 am, Sunday@Seven in Hall 2

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sept 3 rd	<i>Messy Church Afternoon Tea</i> in Hall 1, 3.30 – 5pm
Sept 4 th	Morning Service at 10.30am followed by informal communion service
Sept 7 th	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2
Sept 8 th	Guild of Friendship resumes
Sept 11 th	Men's Breakfast at 8.30am in Hall 1.
Sept 15 th	St Margaret's Court Service at 10.30am in the lounge
Sept 21 st	Ladies Badminton resumes at 10am in Hall 1
Sept 25 th	Harvest Thanksgiving Service for all ages at 10.30am Lorimer House service at 3pm
Oct 1 st	<i>Messy Church Afternoon Tea</i> in Hall 1, 3.30 – 5pm
Oct 2 nd	Communion Services at 10.30am and 3.30pm
Oct 5 th	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2
Oct 16 th	Morning service conducted by the Gideons at 10.30am
Oct 20 th	St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am in the lounge
Oct 21 st	Antiques Evening at 7.30pm in Hall 1
Oct 30 th	Lorimer House service at 3pm
Nov 2 nd	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2
Nov 5 th	<i>Messy Church Afternoon Tea</i> in Hall 1, 3.30 – 5pm
Nov 6 th	Morning Service followed by informal communion service
Nov 13 th	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 17 th	St Margaret's Court Service at 10.30am in the lounge
Nov 27 th	Lorimer House service at 3pm
Dec 3 rd	<i>Messy Church Afternoon Tea</i> in Hall 1, 3.30 – 5pm
Dec 4 th	Morning Service followed by informal communion service
Dec 7 th	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2.

Church Wednesday meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Hall 3 for The Prayer Time and thereafter a mixture of Bible Study and other discussion events in Hall 2 at 7.30pm, except in the months of July and August.

Sunday@Seven is our evening service in Hall 2 at 7pm from September till June. It is a mix of contemporary and traditional songs, interactive Bible teaching and prayer, quiet reflection, relating Christian faith to the life of the Church and the community. Do come and join us for a more informal style of worship.

Prayers for Healing take place after the morning service on the third Sunday of each month; we have a list of names of people who are ill and have asked for prayer, there is then a short Bible reading and a prayer in which we include the list of names. It is quite a simple 'service' but many have found this prayer time to be significant.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our Church Halls are used by various groups during the week and, if anyone is interested in joining a group, do telephone the contact noted below. If anyone is interested in booking a Hall for any purpose, please contact Ian Marshall.

MONDAY

Zumba Fitness Class	9.45am	Sara Wood	07723589280
		Laura Quinn	07976 694077
Kumon Centre	5.00pm	Ravi Karanjkar	07825 041245
Rainbows	5.45pm	Sandra Gibb	442 1189
Scouts	7.00pm	Chris Welch	07990 575727
Pentland Pilates (Intermediate)	7.15pm	Sara Wood	07723589280

TUESDAY

Monkey Music	10.00am	Alison Rankin	669 6004
Open Door Café	10.00am	Inez Paisley	453 3100
Blue Sky Pilates	1.00pm	Claire Macdonald	441 2632
Brownies	6.30pm	Jean Dewar	453 3494
Scottish Slimmers	7.00pm	Susan Shaw	672 3405
Edinburgh Budgerigar Society^	7.30pm	Bill Miller	453 3484

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Badminton	10.00am	Alison Buchanan	453 4029
Pentland Probus Club+	10.00am	Leslie Hannaford	453 3012
Drama Studio	3.30pm	Julie McDonald	453 3284
Guides	7.30pm	Susan Gibson	07913 142829

THURSDAY

Guild of Friendship*	2.00pm	Elaine Wilson	441 3490
Enjoy-a-Ball	2.30pm	Alister Ramm	551 3101
Yoga Group	7.00pm	Maureen Clarke	449 2660

FRIDAY

Zumba Fitness Class	10.45am	Sara Wood	07723589280
		Laura Quinn	07976 694077
Cubs & Beavers	6.30pm	Caroline Wood	caroline.wood@live.co.uk

SATURDAY

Kumon Centre (Children Self-Learning Group)	10.00am	Ravi Karanjkar	07825 041245
Fencing Fun	12.30pm	Sean Walton	672 3359

SUNDAY

Kids' Church	10.30am	Beverley Christy	453 3450
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^ Monthly

+First and third Wednesdays, September to May

*Alternate weeks

Juniper Green Primary School PTA uses the Church Halls for various functions throughout the school session such as discos, family ceilidhs, etc.

Children's Birthday Party bookings are also popular.



WHO'S WHO

CONTACT

NAME

Minister
Session Clerk
Treasurer

Rev James S Dewar
Charles R Godon
R Douglas Buchanan

Beadle	George Anderson
Bereavement Care Team	Christine McBean
Catering	Sandy Watt
Christian Action Team	Jean Dewar
Church Halls Cleaning Team	Elaine Wilson
Church News Editor	Alison Robertson
Church Secretary	Alison Robertson
Communications Team	Shona Cook
Creche	Aileen Hardie
Flower Convener	Hilda McNeil
Freewill Offering Administrator	Lesley Grieve
Fresh Start Organiser	Marilyn Godon
Garden Team Co-ordinator	Jean Dewar
Gift Aid Treasurer	Douglas Buchanan
Girlguiding Division Commissioner	Jean Dewar
Green Strollers Walking Group	(Jeanette Campbell (Beth Walker Fiona Dewar
Global Church Co-ordinator	Fiona Dewar
Guild of Friendship	Elaine Wilson
Halls Convener	Ian Marshall
House Group : Baberton Mains	Greg McIntosh
Kids' Church	Gill Hales
Ladies Badminton Club	Alison Buchanan
Leprosy Mission	Sheena Blair
Magazine Distribution	Isabel Campbell
MSM	Martin Elliot
Nurture Team	Cliff Beevers
Open Door Café & Toddlers' Group	Karen Berry
Organist and Choirmaster	Florence Kinnear
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator	Cliff Beevers
Prayer Team	Chas Godon
Joint Property Conveners	(Ian Gilmour (Ross MacKay
Roll Keeper	Isabel Campbell
Safeguarding	Maureen Heathwood
Social Team	Vacancy
Tapes of Church Service	Sandra Paulin
Youth Group	John Christy

N.B. Church Office is open on Friday mornings only (9.30am – 11.30am)

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