



# Church News

## Juniper Green Parish Church

### Autumn 2013

#### It's about Time!

Friends,

"The man who made time made plenty of it!" I heard this saying often as I was growing up. It tells a story of life that is relaxed, slow-moving; there is plenty of time to do everything you need to do; there is no need to hurry. We don't seem to live by that story anymore! For lots of people, life is about rushing from work to the gym, to ferry the children, to make a meal, finally to bed. The next day is much the same.

There is a beautifully lyrical piece of Bible that is all about time. It is in the relatively obscure book of Ecclesiastes and in chapter 3 the preacher writes about time. He describes 28 different activities that make up the rich tapestry of life in our world; some of these are good, some are not; he is simply describing the reality of life. There is a time to plant and uproot, a time to weep and laugh, a time to mourn and dance. Time, he says, is a gift from God; God created time and some of the time is filled with good things and some of the time is filled with things we'd rather forget. It is a profound piece; take time to read it for yourself.

Towards the end of September we will be holding some events under the heading *Time for Giving*. Time is one of

the gifts that we promise to give when we become disciples of Jesus, giving Him and His Church a fitting proportion of our time, to serve Him, to serve others and to serve the Church. Some of us made the promise to give time to Jesus and Church, with great intentions, but we've got lost somewhere along the way; other things have crept in and we'd feel embarrassed to come back. Here is a guilt-free, embarrassment-free chance to re-connect with the active life of the congregation; this is the time that you've been looking for.

A time for what?

- Time for family and friends;
- time for work and for relaxing;
- time to read the Bible and reflect on the big issues of life;
- time to learn to pray, finding grace and peace from God;
- time to care for other people, taking notice of others' needs too;
- time to worship God as part of the congregation on a Sunday;
- time for faith and for making faith stronger and deeper;
- time to stop and ponder important questions.

We will find time for things that we really want to do.

Happy pondering!

*James S. Dewar.*

**Stop and ponder.**

**Have a look at  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-12  
– it's about time!**



# STEWARDSHIP

## Time for Giving

### 3 Events in the Church Hall



1. We will be Giving our Time to provide Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 21st September to selected invitees who we hope will appreciate a cup of tea and some entertainment by 'City Bypass'.
2. We will be providing a Coffee Morning (no cost) on Saturday, 28th September from 10.00 until 12.00 so that everyone can be made aware of certain ways in which you could Give Your Time to the well-being of your Church. Do please come along.
3. An Evening Meal (cost £10.00) will be available on Saturday, 28th September at 7.00pm with entertainment provided by those Giving their Time for your enjoyment. Get your ticket **NOW** from Douglas Buchanan, Ian Gilmour or Yvonne Hunter before they are all sold out.

## FreshStart

working to end homelessness

Thanks for all the summer donations.  
Monthly collections begin again in September.

September 1st Cleaning things/Light bulbs

October 6th Bedding

November 3rd Curtains

December 1st Towels

**Marilyn Godon**

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DAVID DAVID DAVID ... WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH SLINGS AND SUCH? THEY ARE DANGEROUS AND NOTHING GOOD EVER COMES OF THEM



## Session Notes

Fit for purpose? Not the Kirk Session but our buildings! From last year's Local Church Review the Session set a goal, working closely with our excellent Property Team, of reviewing all our properties and considering whether they are right for mission, right for premises' users and right for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our buildings are a mix of Victorian and Georgian with the former Church Officer's house the most modern. Whilst the challenges of maintenance have never failed to be met we are aware that unheated toilets, draughty halls, poor lighting, uncomfortable seats and more all say something about the church.

"It's been fine for my generation" you might say but today's generation looks for more. Evidence of that can be seen in what has been done in Balerno, Colinton, Holy Trinity and many other churches. The Property Team is presently looking at what other churches have done – the Session is considering what we need for the work and witness of this congregation. Do we really need all the accommodation we have; is our property an asset or a liability; how would we raise the monies required to do radical things? Much to be considered and no quick answers. Comments from members would be welcomed.

***Charles R Godon,***

***Session Clerk***



## HALLS CLEANING

Cleaning has continued throughout the summer, still with six teams, **but we do require at least two new volunteers to join**, otherwise we may have to reorganise and reduce to five teams. I am grateful to all who have helped over a long period, and special thanks are due to those who have given up recently.

***Elaine Wilson***



## CHURCH MUSIC LIBRARY

The Music Library continues to be available with a variety of over 50 CDs. It contains a selection of Christian CDs from artists and bands from all over the world - ranging from Hillsong United from Australia to Vineyard from South Africa - offering a great combination of traditional and contemporary praise and worship songs.



## **Pastoral Care Scheme at Juniper Green Parish Church**

*“And the king will say to them in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of these least brothers of  
mine, you did for me.”*

Matthew 25: 40

The members of Juniper Green Parish Church Pastoral Care Scheme can be rightly proud of the excellent work they have done over the years. As some members have retired recently it has been a time of reflection and some re-organisation for the scheme. This followed the completion of questionnaires by some 85% of our church members where everyone was encouraged to tell us what kind of visit they wanted: 3 annual visits, one visit per year or preference for contact at church or via email. All wishes have been noted and we are trying to honour those requests.

With all this information it seemed sensible to reform our district groups and we now have 5 teams as follows:

Team 1 led by Ross MacKay covering Currie and Balerno;

Team 2 led by Ann Brown covering the West end of the older part of the village;

Team 3 led by Nancy Tonner covering the east end of the old part of the village;

Team 4 led by Michael Grieve covering the newer part of the village on Baberton Mains; and

Team 5 led by Douglas Buchanan covering Colinton, Kingsknowe etc.

Each team leader is supported by a number of carers and in all we have 34 pastoral carers. As the teams have settled down their leaders have been checking on the needs of their team members, what training might be helpful, what improvements can be made to keep all the members better informed. In the early months of this autumn it is hoped to bring the team leaders to a meeting to discuss all these points and review what else can be done to improve this most important part of our Church life.

As this process of visiting continues we hope we can improve on what has been a way of making contact, enhancing communication and generally caring. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about the Pastoral Care Scheme please let me know by phone or email.

**Cliff Beevers,**  
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

# Getting to know you...

## George Anderson



### 1. A bit about George:

George is married with 1 son and 2 daughters and lives in Baberton with his wife and younger daughter. He has been coming to Juniper Green Parish Church for 39 years.

### 2. How long have you been a member of the Church?

“I went to church as a child but joined the Cadets as a teenager which had activities on a Sunday so didn’t start going regularly until I was 18. I became an Elder when I was 21 and was a Deacon then Chair of the Deacon’s at North Leith.”

### 3. What is your role within Juniper Green Parish Church and what does it involve?

“I am the Beadle and, what doesn’t it involve?! I arrive at church at about 8.30am on Sunday mornings to set up for the service, opening doors, setting up the readings, putting up the hymn boards etc then at the end I do it all in reverse. I also do the set up for some weddings and funerals.”

### 4. Do you have a favourite Hymn?

“How Great Thou Art – my Dad used to sing it a lot.”

### 5. What is the greatest moment of your life so far?

“Getting married and my 3 children. The most exciting times were when I was in the Cadets.”

### 6. What is the best book you have read recently?

“I enjoy biographies. My favourite is probably Eddie Large’s (from Little and Large).”

### 7. What are your hobbies?

“I keep 10 large goldfish, enjoy gardening and am personal chauffer for my wife!”



## **Alistair McBean Memorial Quaich.**

Many thanks to the golfers and all the church members who attended the annual Alistair McBean Memorial golf outing and evening meal. The weather was kind to the fourteen gentlemen and two lady golfers who battled for the honour of winning The Quaich, it was good to see the ladies back in the competition. Unfortunately Christine was not able to attend the dinner but the McBean clan was well represented by Graeme and Gordon. It was fitting that Gordon, who came all the way from Australia, was the winner having travelled so far. The meal returned to Baberton Golf Club this year, thanks to Andrew Grieve, the Club Steward, who provided an excellent meal which everyone enjoyed.

As already mentioned the winner of The Quaich was Gordon McBean with 38 points with Andy Inglis, hot on his heels, in second place with 37 points with Calum Sharp, the youngest golfer, taking third place with 36 points. A close run contest, with several other golfers being just a couple of points behind. Again thanks to all who took part and also to the staff of Baberton Golf Club for their hospitality and in particular Douglas Buchanan who helped with checking the score cards and with taking the food orders at the dinner.

***Malcolm Brown***



## **The Green Strollers**

The glorious summer continues, with the Strollers making the most of the good weather. Our walks have taken us to Tynninghame Beach, where we enjoyed coffee and cake before negotiating a rope ladder down to the beach and a well earned paddle. We continue our walk along the Fife Coastal Path, having now reached Kingsbarns. Some of the walking has been challenging, especially when the weather was particularly hot around Loch Leven. Our walk from Crail to Kingsbarns was also challenging and involved some scrambling over boulders on the shore.

We always manage to have a good time and arrive back tired but with a feeling of achievement. Keep strolling!

***Jeanette Campbell***



## **Doesn't the Church grass look nice?**

Yes it does – but not all by itself! If you are wondering what you might do for your church perhaps grass cutting is one of your talents. Contact Douglas if you would like to assist.



## GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP

The Guild of Friendship is now preparing for the 2013-14 Session, and we hope we will have a programme which will appeal to all our members as well attract new ones. We meet on alternate Thursdays, our first meeting being on 5 September at 2 pm. The programme will be displayed in Hall 2.

***Elaine Wilson***



## 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.jgpc.org.uk](http://www.jgpc.org.uk) and follow the link to 'sermons' and you will find them there. Alternatively, get a paper copy of recent sermons from beside the Music Library.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The latest meeting was on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June when John Christy spoke on "My Faith Journey". He was brought up in Bangor, Northern Ireland, in the Methodist Church and was Christened by his grandfather, a Church of Scotland minister. In his youth he attended a Teenage Worship Group and there met his future wife Beverley. When studying for a Chemical Engineering degree in Cambridge he worshipped in the Methodist Church, and in Edinburgh joined the Church of Scotland. John enjoyed expository teaching of the Bible from many sources bringing him into relationship with God and Jesus. He emphasized the importance of welcoming fellowships in Christian communities and personal daily prayer and Bible study to build up personal faith. He also expressed the importance of quiet Christian witness.

A programme of meetings is being planned for 2013/14. Anyone wishing more details about the Fellowship Meetings or suggestions concerning speakers or format please speak to Ian Aitken, Michael Merriman or Edward Campbell, all members of the Nurture Team.

### **Nurture Team**

*"Give, and it will be given to you..."*  
Luke 6 vs 38



## Snack Lunches at the Gibson Craig Hall

Every Tuesday lunchtime from 17<sup>th</sup> September to mid-May, snack lunches are provided by volunteers between 12 noon and 1.00 pm in the Gibson Craig Hall. The profit from these lunches is given to charity and at this year's AGM £1500 was divided between four nominated charities.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to come for a bowl of homemade soup on a cold winter's day.

***Viola MacPhail***



***The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'***



## The Shoebox Appeal

Juniper Green at Christmas; Flaviu and Maria in Dej Orphanage in Romania. What brings together these two places hundreds of miles apart? What connects these two cultures? The Shoeboxes! In the last 20 years Blythwood have delivered over 1.6million shoeboxes, with things inside that we take for granted, and people of all ages have been blessed. Flaviu and Maria live in the Dej orphanage; the shoebox may be the only gift they receive this year; their smiles lit up the room. For Flaviu and Maria the greatest gift of all is to know that someone is thinking of them this Christmas. Bring some hope this Christmas; collect for the shoebox appeal; the leaflets will be available soon.

***Jean Dewar***



## WANT TO GO PAPERLESS?

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[jgchurchnews@gmail.com](mailto:jgchurchnews@gmail.com) to opt in to e-Church News!

# Community Activities

## **MONDAY**

Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	Lynne Langmead
Kumon Centre	5.00pm	Anjali Karanjkar
Rainbows	5.45pm	Sandra Gibb
Scouts	7.00pm	Chris Welch
Pentland Pilates (Intermediate)	7.15pm	Sara Wood

## **TUESDAY**

Open Door Café	10.00am	Inez Paisley
Brownies	6.30pm	Jean Dewar
Scottish Slimmers	7.00pm	Susan Shaw
Edinburgh Budgerigar Society^	7.30pm	Bill Miller

## **WEDNESDAY**

Ladies Badminton	10.00am	Alison Buchanan
Pentland Probus Club	10.00am	Leslie Hannaford
Drama Studio	3.30pm	Julie McDonald
Guides	7.30pm	Susan Gibson

## **THURSDAY**

Guild of Friendship*	2.00pm	Elaine Wilson
A-Star Sports	2.30pm	Alister Ramm
Yoga Group	7.00pm	Maureen Clarke
Pilates	7.50pm	Judith Rintoul

## **FRIDAY**

Freestyle Fitness Yoga	9.30am	Lynne Langmead
Cubs & Beavers	6.30pm	Caroline Wood

## **SATURDAY**

Monkey Music	9.45am	Alison Rankin
Kumon Centre	10.00am	Anjali Karanjkar
Messy Church~	3.30pm	Jim Dewar

## **SUNDAY**

Kids' Church	10.30am	Gill Hales
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^ Monthly

+First and third Wednesdays, September to May

\*Alternate

~ First Saturday of the Month



## Changes to the Church News

As you will have noticed the Church News has changed.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the new look and if you have any suggestions about things you would like to see in the Church News, or if you would like to write about something specific then please contact me.

**Alison Robertson**

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## Where is the Prayer Diary?

The Prayer Team has been considering whether the Prayer Diary in its present format should be continued. We have decided against as we do not believe that it serves the purpose originally intended. Also, it is rather hard to make prayer points relevant when setting them three months in advance. Therefore, we have decided to move to a monthly bulletin which will be available with the Intimations probably on the first Sunday of each month and on the web site. Anyone not at church regularly and who would like to receive these prayer bulletins should contact me.

**Charles R Godon, Prayer Team**

# WHO'S WHO

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# Family News



## NEW MEMBER

*"All the saints salute you"*  
By Resolution of  
Kirk Session

May Mr Lindsay McKay, Currie

## DISJUNCTIONS BY REQUEST

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you"*

June Dr John Christy, Mrs  
Beverley Christy and Miss Rosanne  
Christy, Juniper Green



**FUNERALS**  
*"I am the Resurrection  
and the  
life"*

June 5th Mr Leslie Sim  
June 7th Mr James Mitchell,  
June 28th Mrs Catherine Moncrieff,  
June 29th Mrs Annie McPherson,  
July 25th Mr Thomas Tweedie,  
Aug 12th David Walker

## *Congratulations to*



Linda and Hamish  
Gray, Balerno, on  
the birth of their  
third grandchild,  
*Glenn Steven Mitchell* in July.

Alison and Salim Mohamed, on the  
birth of their son, *Euan Thomas  
Mohamed* in July, a little brother for  
Eilidh and Isla. Euan is also the fifth  
grandchild of Margaret and Graham  
Thomas, Juniper Green.



*John Wallace*, who  
celebrated his 99th  
birthday in July.

*Martin Elliot*, our youngest Elder,  
who has qualified as  
a Fellow of the  
Faculty of Actuaries  
(FFA). Well done,  
Martin.



*Thank You*

*Beth Walker* would like to thank her  
Church friends for their prayers, cards  
and support since her recent  
bereavement. God bless you all.

# The Noticeboard

## Communion Services



6<sup>th</sup> October (with another service in the afternoon); 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December.



## 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.



## Messy Church

On the first Saturday of the month, 3.30 – 5pm. Church for families 7<sup>th</sup>

September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Sunday@Seven** is our monthly evening service in Hall 2 at 7pm – a contemporary look at the Bible as it encounters the issues that affect us today. 8<sup>th</sup> September; 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December

**St Margaret's Court Services** – 19<sup>th</sup> September; 17<sup>th</sup> October; 21<sup>st</sup> November; 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Lorimer House Services** - 29<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October; 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Church 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; see the leaflet for details.



## Ladies Badminton

resumes on **Wednesday 25th September at 10.00am** in Hall 1. New members will be made very welcome.

**The Christmas Issue of Church News will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and contributions, or any family news, should be sent (jgchurchnews@gmail.com) or given to Alison Robertson by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**