



Juniper Green
Parish Church

Church News

Autumn 2014



Friends,

What kind of Church does the future have? Read that sentence again, because it may not be the sentence you thought it was! I am convinced that the Church in Scotland has a good future, but a different future. I'm convinced that the Church in Juniper Green has a strong future, but that will be a different future from our past. You will find that either alarming or exciting given your point of view.

In different ways over the last few years, the Kirk Session has been trying to think about the future and what that might hold for us as a congregation. Here's your opportunity to feed into that process. On Saturday 20th Sept, we are running an event called *"Shaping the future?"* and this is your chance to tell us what you think. We're going to do this in a few different ways. We will supply the coffee, tea, juice and the scones; you come to tell us what you think.

First of all, we want you to tell us what you like best about Juniper Green Church; there will be pieces of paper on the tables for you to complete the sentence. You might never have thought about that before, so now is your chance to be glad to be part of this congregation. Tell us why!

Then, the Kirk Session has been thinking about worship, mainly the Sunday morning service. The elders picked out a number of qualities that our Sunday service should reflect; these will be on display and you can tell us what you think. Which of these priorities reflect what you think about

our worship? There will be a supply of sticky dots to allow you reveal your views and opinions.

Thirdly, we have identified as a priority "caring for needy people" and know very well that this covers a range of ages and stages in life, both in the church and in the community. We have not yet discussed how we go about this and what kind of activities we should pursue in order to achieve this goal. Come to tell us what you think the Church should be doing to care for people; it may be something that we're already doing that you wish to endorse;

it may be something that we're not doing, but you think would be such a good idea.

Then there is the graffiti wall. The graffiti wall is for the children; come to tell us what you think about your Church; what do you like best about

Juniper Green Church? There will be a children's play space and the odd puzzle or two for the time when the conversation gets boring!

From 10am till 12 noon and from 2-3pm on Saturday Sept 20th, I will be in Hall 1 to meet anyone who wants to come to share their views and opinions. This is a chance for us to shape the future of the Church in Juniper Green. What kind of church does the future have? I'm not sure I know the answer to that question. Some of the answers will depend on the measure of our ambition. Church is a partnership: God is at work in us and amongst us; we work together to build the Church. Help shape the future of the Church in Juniper Green; come along on Sept 20th; tell us what you think.

Jim

**"I always pray
with joy because
of your
partnership in
the gospel..."**



Treasurer's News

Income: Voluntary income is about 2% down on last year so an improvement to givings would be very welcome. We have been fortunate to receive a legacy of £700, the hall rents are about the same as last year and donations from organisations have been gratefully received, particularly the £800 from the Guild and £500 from the Toddler Group. We will be holding the Christmas Fayre again this year as the main fundraising event of the year, so start putting aside any items you don't need and which you think might be acceptable as a Christmas present for someone else.

Expenditure: Our outgoing expenditure is more or less as expected although we have not spent as much on fabric as has been budgeted so far this year. However, the Property Committee may well put that right in the weeks ahead!

Stewardship: Apart from the money side of things there is not much to report. However, it is still the intention to have a coffee morning in September and an evening meal in October/November. If you know of anyone who would be prepared to provide some musical entertainment after the meal, please get in touch with me. Our theme this year is the giving of your time and talents and that is being well carried out as you will all be aware.

Douglas Buchanan
Treasurer



Fit for a King

The Holiday Club was great fun; all those who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had just over 30 children pass through our doors over the week, most of them with us every day. We visited Aunty Jessie's Fit Club; we watched Mac try to invite people to a Party at the Palace; we learned some of the King's own Stories with some excellent DVD work; we learned a new song about being Fit for the King; we made some crafty things that related to the story of the day; every day the King's Baton was brought into the hall by a star athlete; and we learned a great deal about Jesus, the King with a difference. Go and have a look at the photos on display in Hall 2 – they will give you a flavour of the week.



Thanks for your support, in your giving and in your praying; it was much appreciated and helped us tell the children some important things about Jesus, life and faith.

Jim Dewar



BIBLE READING

Regularly reading the Bible is an essential part of anyone's journey of Faith, reflecting daily on God's Word. We continue to offer 6 Bible Reading options, including one for young people. See all the Bible reading material in the vestibule at the front door of the Church.

There is also the opportunity to join other people sharing a Bible Study at Church Wednesday led by our Minister.

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

Nurture Team

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3 vs 2



**READ IT AGAIN!
READ IT FOR THE
FIRST TIME!
LISTEN TO AN AUDIO
VERSION ON THE WEB
SITE!**

Did you want to read the **Minister's Sermon** from last Sunday? Did you miss it? Were there bits of it you didn't understand?

Go to the Church website at www.jgpc.org.uk and follow the link to 'sermons' and you will find them there. Alternatively, go to the Library area for paper copies. There are also sets of Sermons from back to 2009 in titled folders for read and return.

Vocation

At the last Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday 24 June, I was asked - along with my fellow candidates for ministry heading for Probation in the autumn - to give a brief account of my sense of call.

I mentioned that the first Bible I was given when I became a Christian at St Andrews University in 1982, was inscribed with the words of Proverbs 3:5 and 6:

Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

Don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

He's the one who will keep you on track. (The Message)

At that time, I thought I was called to the mission field abroad with Wycliffe Bible Translators but in the end that path didn't work out. Instead a longer path unfolded. Looking back now, there were key steps and stages that fell into place; key people and experiences that led at last to a place of realising - and accepting - that God's call was to full-time ministry in the Church of Scotland. That was a path I had never thought of initially, but all the while God was giving the prompting and enabling.

The guidance and promise of Proverbs 3:5-6 have been for me a constant foundation, encouragement and assurance on the journey thus far and I look forward to all that will continue to unfold as I start Probation at Mayfield Salisbury Church from September.

Lorna Souter



FRESH START

We started the new session with a collection of Dishes and Cutlery, and will continue on the first Sunday of each month. I'm sure you are all aware that rather than improving, the problems with homelessness have increased, so your continuing support is invaluable.

Thanks for your donations over the summer.

Marilyn Godon



Ladies Badminton

We begin our autumn/winter session on Wednesday 17th September in Hall 1 at 10am until 12.15pm. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us in having fun and keeping fit. Please contact Alison Buchanan for further information if required.

Alison Buchanan



Halls Cleaning

The cleaning teams continue to do an efficient job, though several are below strength, and more volunteers would be very welcome.

The commitment is only 2 or 3 hours every 6 weeks, organised at a time or

times to suit the team members. Please get in touch if you think you could wield a Hoover, mop and duster in a good cause.

Elaine Wilson



Green Strollers

This has been an excellent summer for the Green Strollers, great weather, some excellent walks and good company. Our walks have covered local areas such as Balerno, the Water of Leith and the Forth Road Bridge. We have also walked further afield, taking in Roslin, Penicuik, Niddry Castle and Broxburn, I think everyone would agree that one of the highlights of our walks was to the Kelpies at Falkirk, an amazing feat of engineering. We have almost completed the Fife Coastal Path - just when we thought we had completed it, they added another mile or two! Our walk to Aberlady Bay was challenging, with some scrambling, but enjoyed by all. The Strollers got in touch with their inner child on our walk through Beecraigs Country Park, when the opportunity to play presented itself. Thanks go to Murray for allowing us this opportunity. Murray is always welcome on any future walks.

Happy strolling!

Jeanette Campbell and Beth Walker

Getting to know you...

Kristina Fraser

Kristina is 14 and lives in Baberton Mains with her Mum and Dad. She has two older sisters.

1. How long have you been coming to church at Juniper Green?

I have been going to Juniper Green Parish Church since I was a baby and I got christened there.

2. What is your favourite hymn / song ?

My favourite hymn is: "Light of this World."

3. What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to spend time with my friends and family, go to the gym, read and paint.

4. If you could change anything in the world what would it be?

I would want countries to be at peace and for more no more poverty. I would also want more people to find God by going to church.

5. What is your favourite subject at school and what would you like to do when you leave?

My favourite subjects at school are history and modern studies. When I am older I would like to be a journalist as I enjoy writing.

6. What is the best thing about Church?

The best thing at church for me is listening to stories about Jesus and learning more about his teachings.



Christmas Church News

Articles for the Christmas edition of the Church News should in by 25th November. They can be handed to Alison Robertson or sent to jgchurchnews@gmail.com.



74th A Brownies

In the spring newsletter I told you of some of the things we had done to celebrate Brownies' 100th Birthday and that we were raising money to "Toilet Twin" the church toilets with some in Cambodia. WELL...we managed to raise enough cash to twin 7 toilets - what a brilliant achievement! There are 7 toilet cubicles available to us in the church and we now have pictures of 7 toilets in Cambodia ours are twinned with. It's amazing to learn that investing in sanitation is one of the most cost-effective forms of aid. For every £1 spend on water and sanitation programmes, £8 is returned through saved time, reduced health costs and increased productivity and allows some girls to go to school who would not otherwise get that chance. We also had enough left for a small donation to the ongoing work of Tearfund.

The Brownies also enjoyed a sleepover at Deep Sea World at North Queensferry. We enjoyed lots of activities, a chanced to get our hands wet in the feelie tanks and slept (!) on the walkway once it had stopped for the night. It was a brilliant experience. We rounded off the session with a Garden Party in the manse garden when we said goodbye to 7 girls and handed out lots of badges.

The new session is upon us and who knows what exciting guiding adventures await us.

Jean Dewar

District Commissioner



2014 SHOEBOX APPEAL

Last year Blythwood Care sent 118,000 gift-filled boxes to deprived children and vulnerable adults in orphanages, schools, hospitals, care homes and gypsy villages in Eastern Europe and Pakistan.

Folks in our church were very generous and we were able to fill over 160 boxes. Now it's time to start collecting a few extra bits and pieces whenever we do our weekly shopping. Over the next couple of months please would you consider adding a few of the usual items to your trolley and we will again have the pleasurable task of seeing how many boxes we can fill. If you buy any shoes then please ask for, and keep, the boxes, preferably ones with detachable lids. I will put an insert into the intimation sheet in the next few weeks to remind folks of the items we are looking for. In the meantime, please remember that ordinary size bottles of shampoo, soaps etc are better than tiny ones and that family sizes bottles don't fit in the boxes, that we don't take talc and that supermarket own brands give you more for your money. Ordinary items to us are a precious and unexpected gift to someone in need and 2 or 3 items a week won't add much to your bill, even in these times. Start collecting!

Jean Dewar



Remembering

We all have people we remember; people who have been important in our lives, who have influenced us and helped us.

As a Church we have people who are commemorated within the building about whom we know very little, whose sacrifice was marked but memories of whom have grown dim over the years.

The Kirk Session has agreed that over the next four years we will mark the sacrifice made by those named on our War Memorials, relating to the First World War, on a Sunday as close to the centenary of their date of death as possible. With this as a goal I have been trying to find out as much as I can about these individuals using as many sources as possible. What I have not been able to do so far is establish connections with individuals still living in Juniper Green or others who may have known these men and woman, or known of them but no longer live in the village.

Do you know anything about the people named on the War Memorials? Can you help me build a picture of these brave individuals? Are you related to them? Do you have any photos?

Many of those named appear to have worked in the Paper Mills. I am trying to establish what happened to the records when the Mills closed- do you know?

If you can give me any information, no matter how small, please get in touch.

Thank you in advance.

Linda Gray

Guild of Friendship



During the summer, committee members of the Guild of Friendship have been planning the 2014-15 programme which we hope will have plenty of interest and appeal. Our first meeting will be on Thursday 4 September, at 2pm, followed by meetings on alternate Thursdays until May of next year. Dates and topics appear in the intimations and will be posted on the Hall 2 notice board. The Guild of Friendship is open to all, and we would like to increase our membership by encouraging any member of the congregation, and any interested friends, to join.

Elaine Wilson,
Secretary.

WANT TO GO PAPERLESS?

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MEN'S and WOMEN'S CHURCH BREAKFAST MEETING

The Nurture Team arranged a Church Breakfast Meeting for Men and Women on Sunday 8th June. Ann Brown and Yvonne Hunter organized a Continental style breakfast for 30 members of the congregation. After the breakfast, Martin Elliot gave a short talk focusing on his involvement in the Edinburgh Young Preachers Group under the title **“Looking back, to look forward”**. Although Martin's title was a nod to his profession as an actuary, whose role is to use history to produce the best model of what will happen in the future, it was used as he was speaking about his experience of being a member of the group as well as looking at the future of the group.

The Edinburgh Young Preacher's Group (EYPG) is an ecumenical group of Christians from across Edinburgh who have come together out of a desire to better understand scripture and be able to more effectively communicate it to others. It has 3 main purposes -discipleship, training, and serving – and has been in existence for 4 years with most of the group initially being previous members of Heriot-Watt Christian Union, but this has changed as the group has evolved. Martin said that developing their preaching has become the main focus of the group but in addition discipleship and fellowship remain as an important feature, with the members coming from different churches and denominations and desirous of

sharing their experiences. Martin went on to explain that the group received training, including personal mentoring by the Rev Peter Grainger, previously Senior Pastor of Charlotte Chapel, and now director of the 2Timothy4 Trust offering training to the group. As a result the group realized that God had blessed them with the training opportunity and they should use their new skills to serve God in his church. He then explained the different opportunities taken to preach in Edinburgh and Fife and the group's first series preaching on 2 Timothy. This was a great encouragement to the group as well as an ongoing encouragement to Martin. Martin is a member of our Worship Team and has preached in Juniper Green Church, quite a challenge in front of an audience who know you, and he explained that preaching in such different environments has helped him learn how to adapt what he is preaching to different audiences of various ages, personal backgrounds and Christian journeys

Following his talk there was a good time of discussion and the time of fellowship was encouraging as a result of the shared breakfast and Martin's challenging talk.

NURTURE TEAM

“Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us,”

2 Timothy 1 vs 14

Community Activities

MONDAY

Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	Lynne Langmead
Fitness Pilates	10.40am	Lynne Langmead
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
Guides	7.30pm	Susan Gibson

THURSDAY

Zumba class	10.00am	Lynne Langmead
Guild of Friendship*	2.30pm	Elaine Wilson
A-Star Sports	3.30pm	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	Lorrette Nicol

SATURDAY

Messy Church~	3.30pm	Jim Dewar
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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

Family News



FUNERALS

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

July 5th	Mrs Frances Holton
July 14 th	Mr John Johnstone
July 15th	Mrs Janet Davie
August 15th	Mrs Jennifer Brown

NEW MEMBERS

"All the saints salute you"

By Certificate of Transference

Mr Ian and Mrs Joan Riddell,
Juniper Green.

Congratulations to



**Caroline and Bill
McKenzie, Baberton
Mains, on the birth of
their grandson, Scott Malloy
Hobson McKenzie on 19th July.**



**Isabel and Gordon
Campbell, Currie, who
celebrated their 80th
birthdays on 10th July
and 27th August respectively.**



**Douglas
Buchanan,**
who won the
Church Golf
Outing after 18
years of trying!

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The Noticeboard

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Shaping the Future? Saturday 20th Sept, 10am-12noon, 2-3pm, in Hall 1. Over coffee and a scone, come to tell us what you think; what do you like best about Juniper Green Church? What should the future hold?

St Margaret's Court services –
18th September,
23rd October,
20th November,
18th December

Lorimer House services -
28th September, 26th October,
30th 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.



Communion Services

7th September (after the morning service), 5th October (morning and afternoon), Nov 2nd, Dec 7th (after the morning service)

Messy Church

September 6th,
October 4th,
November 1st,
December 6th –

afternoon tea, crafts and activities; worship. Church for families

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. 14th September, 19th October, 9th November, 14th 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.

Fresh Start Dates:

October 5th – Cleaning things / lightbulbs.
November 2nd – Bedding.

December 7th – Curtains.