



## From the Minister's Desk

Dear Friends,

“A Week in the life of the minister?” What does the minister do? You’ve perhaps heard the old joke about the little boy who wanted to be a minister because he would only work for one hour a week! Someone suggested recently that it would be a good idea if I tried to explain what else constitutes my week.

The most obvious part of my work is conducting worship and preaching sermons. There is the morning service in the Church, Sunday@Seven, and occasional services in Lorimer House and St Margaret’s Court. All of these services need time spent on preparation and the twenty-minute sermon in the morning service can take up to six hours in preparation, with other time spent choosing hymns and other readings. The sermon tends to be written on Friday morning.

In no particular order, my working week may include some of these other activities. No week will include all of them, but they find a place in my diary at some stage.

There are activities that involve children. I am chaplain to the Primary School, which mostly means taking assemblies from time to time. I also have a similar responsibility in Currie High School, shared now with the minister of Currie. I lead Rock Solid, our children’s club on a Friday afternoon.

There are funerals to conduct: I spend time with the family beforehand listening to them tell me about the person who has died and then making decisions about the funeral service. Funerals usually mean travelling across the city to one of the crematoria, not always easy given the Edinburgh traffic. I also visit people again after the funeral. Weddings and baptisms are fewer in number but these also require time spent with those involved in order to prepare them for their new responsibility.

As the minister, I am also Moderator of the Kirk Session; it cannot meet without me. The

Session meets seven or eight times a year, together with the Development Group which helps prepare. I also chair the Congregational Board which meets five times in the year. There are meetings for prayer; I write material for *Church News*, contribute to the Prayer Diary and prepare discussion material for various groups that meet within the church.

There is also time spent with individuals who have questions about the Church or Christian faith, or some who are struggling with difficult things in life. I try to visit people who are in need, but the time that is available to me for this is sadly becoming more and more squeezed out; I very rarely visit people in hospital, which is not a statement that fills me with any sense of satisfaction.

Every minister makes a promise to play his part in the affairs of the Church in a wider sense. One of the most demanding aspects of this part of my ministry is the supervision of students; students don’t come to our congregation as ‘an extra pair of hands’; they come to be trained in ministry and that takes at least an hour per week or two weeks, depending on the stage they are at. Within Edinburgh presbytery, I convene the Ministries Committee which supervises candidates in training for the various ministries of the Church and deals with a whole variety of issues that affect ministers. I also serve on the Church’s Nomination Committee (it meets once a year!) and have a place on a Special Commission set up by the General Assembly to look at the Third Declaratory Article (it is all about the way in which the Church sees itself in Scotland!) For the last few years I have been a member of Scripture Union’s Regional Board Committee and of the Chaplaincy Council at Heriot-Watt University.

In all of this, I try to share something of God’s grace with other people. I am not the dispenser of grace or blessing, but merely someone who tries to point you to this grace as we walk together through life. It is a constant surprise that God called me to this ministry; pray for me.

Yours sincerely,

***Yet when I preach  
the gospel, I  
cannot boast, for I  
am compelled to  
preach. Woe to me  
if I do not preach  
the gospel!  
(1 Corinthians  
9:16)***



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Annual Report

The Annual Report has been completed for 2008 and copies are now available in the church vestibule. It takes a bit of time to put all the information together so I hope that all members will take enough time to read their copy carefully and, if they have any questions, to raise these at the Stated Annual Meeting or speak to me at any other time. I will be only too pleased to provide a fuller explanation. It is important that everyone understands the financial aspect of their church as it is only through your generous givings and commitment that we can continue to do all the things that are needed.

Perhaps the most important words I have to say are "thank you". The Stewardship Campaign that we undertook last year was most successful as we increased our offerings in 2008 by 8.3%. In addition, because we held a Stewardship Campaign, the Edinburgh Presbytery gave us a discount in our Ministries and Mission allocation which was enough to pay for the family meals and all the other costs associated with the Campaign.

### Budget for 2009

The budget for 2009 estimates an increase in offerings of just 3% over 2008 which I am confident, with your help, we will achieve. The budget also estimates that we will spend £110,000 in the year, the main costs being Ministries and Mission (£56,640), Fabric (£17,000) and Heat & Light (£5,750). I am afraid the costs of running the church continue to be a significant amount but you can be assured that nothing is spent without due consideration and approval by those involved.

### Gift Aid

I am pleased that the Government changed its mind and that we will continue to receive 28p in every £ that is given by Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue. If you are a taxpayer and do not presently use this method of making your offering, please consider it now. We would not be able to do all the things that we do without the amount that is refunded. The estimate for 2009 is £17,300 which is 23% of our Offerings. Please let me know if you would like a Gift Aid form to complete. The only

information required is your name, address and signature.

### Investments

The last few months will have been a bad time for all who depend on investments for income and for saving for the future. The Church of Scotland manages investments for many congregations and has also suffered from the down turn in portfolios. Our funds invested and managed by the Church of Scotland at the end of 2007 amounted to £40,790 but at the end of December 2008 these investments were only worth £30,100, a fall of £10,690 or 26%. Fortunately, we are able to manage without having to use these funds but for many it will be a different story. Once again we can only be grateful that we are presently able to pay our way through your generosity and careful management of our expenditure.

### Fundraising

Fundraising is a way of increasing our income over and above our regular voluntary givings. In 2007 we raised £1,050 and in 2008 we raised £1,904. You will see elsewhere in the Church News that we are holding an Auction on 21st March to raise funds. If you have any ideas for another fund raising event please get in touch with me. I am sure that there must be people out there who could suggest ways in which we can all work together to raise funds either for a specific purpose or to meet the general ongoing costs of the church.

### Bank Standing Order

Following our Stewardship Campaign last year many more people have now set up bank standing orders to make their offerings on a monthly basis. If you are not already using this method, please consider it. You can still give a little more each Sunday through the WFO envelope system if you do not like the idea of just passing on the offering bag without putting anything into it. And several people have amended their Wills recently to include a legacy to the church. Something else you may wish to consider.

### Last Word

Please give generously: 2 Corinthians Ch 9 v 6: *'Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.'*

**Douglas Buchanan**  
Treasurer

**Congregational Mission  
Statement**

***“Building Christ’s Church in the  
Community”***

**Session Notes**

For some months now the Session has been considering our constitution and whether we should change to a new type of constitution being adopted by many Churches across Scotland. Our present constitution is ‘The Model Constitution’ but there are several other types of constitution due to the Church of Scotland being a union of several churches with diverse histories and practices. Juniper Green’s constitution requires a Kirk Session as well as a Congregational Board. The number of Elders in the Session varies at the will of the Session itself. The Congregational Board’s numbers (and their appointment) are agreed by the congregation at its Stated Annual Meetings. We are required to have a matching number of Elders and Board members on the Congregational Board.

The current Board has 18 members elected by the congregation and 18 Elders appointed by the Session. It has become clear that this arrangement may not be the best way of administering church affairs. Elders are reluctant to serve on the Board in sufficient numbers; elected members of the congregation are not always easy to find. Unless we look at other options we should be asking the next meeting of the congregation to agree to a reduction in the size of the Board but that has drawbacks.

Therefore, at a joint meeting of the Session and Board early in February 2009 the following motion was agreed: *The Session and Board agree to proceed towards adopting a Unitary Constitution subject to information being given to the congregation and any decision on moving to a Unitary Constitution approved by the congregation at a congregational meeting.*

The Development Team is tasked with finding the best way to disseminate information so that you may make a reasoned decision. The information is long and fairly complex but we shall find a way that does not send you all to

sleep. In bringing myself up to date on my own understanding of Quod Omnia, Quod Sacra, Model and Unitary (all types of Constitution) I read the founding documents of our own Congregation and these are most interesting. They are fairly detailed and the papers for St Margaret’s list items such as individual vases for holding flowers. If anyone would like to have sight of these documents please let me know.

**Charles R Godon**  
**Session Clerk**

**FROM ISABELLA RODGERS**

I am settling into Juniper Green Parish Church and I have been greatly encouraged by the warmth and friendliness of everyone there. As I am getting to know everyone gradually, I thought you might like to know a little about me

I live in Currie, and I have two children, both grown up, and three grandchildren, they are aged seven, four and two. I work as a teacher of Religious Education and History at present but I am intending to take some time out from that to concentrate on various other parts of life; my family, my Classics degree and planned PhD and not least my exploration of my call to ministry within the Church of Scotland.

**Isabella Rodgers**



**MAGGIE LANE**

On February 15th Maggie preached as sole nominee for the vacant charge of Kirkliston and was successfully elected as their new minister. Her ordination and induction looks set to take place on April 16th; we wish her well and hope that a good number of people from Juniper Green will attend the service.

**James Dewar**

## HALLS CLEANING REPORT



While we are still able to keep going with our six cleaning teams, it would be helpful to have a few new members, to give greater flexibility in the times we work, and allow cover for anyone ill or away. We have one new recruit, which is great, but can always use more. The time is not very much – about two to three hours every six weeks, the tasks are not too arduous, and individuals can fit it in as and when they are available.

Please get in touch if you can help!

**Elaine Wilson**

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## FRESH START

Collections continue to go well. If you're doing any spring cleaning, do remember the box is always in the Church Vestibule for 'de-cluttered' items – clean and with some useful life left in them, as usual. I can sometimes uplift items, if necessary.

Thanks again,

**Marilyn Godon**



## CD RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Sunday Morning Services are now being recorded on CD's. A CD will be left in the Library Area for uplift and return as per the Library Procedure. Members wishing a regular delivery of a CD please contact **Sandra Paulin**.



## GARDENING

garden

and their secateurs.

The snow has gone, the days are getting longer and the weeds are growing! It will soon be time for anyone who is willing to help in the to look out their old trousers

I hope to have the first tidy-up session on Saturday morning 28th March at 10am, so let's hope for a dry day. There will also be a sheet of paper in the church vestibule on which folk can sign up to the times they are available so that I can phone folk at different times to come and do some work. This way I hope that we can do the gardening on different days of the week and different times of the day to suit anyone who is willing to put in a couple of hours work without committing themselves to doing something every week. The church garden is a source of great joy for folk so let's see if we can have it looking spectacular this year.

**Jean Dewar**



## Unintended gaffes in advertisements :

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

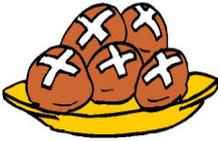
Auto Repair Service. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere else again.

Dog for sale; eats anything, is fond of children.

Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery, we do it carefully by hand.

Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In December, a Breakfast meeting took place and Douglas Buchanan our Church Treasurer led the discussion on the topic "The Treasurer's Journey", and he did not raise the issue of our Church funds! Douglas explained his life of service was well-rooted in his earlier Christian life as a young man in Edinburgh. Again, it was good to hear a member of our congregation sharing his faith journey.

The next Breakfast meeting is planned for March 15th in Hall 3 and the speaker to lead the discussion will be Andy Inglis with the topic "Coping in a Crisis".

The Nurture Team is planning to hold more meetings in 2009 so keep an eye on the intimations.

### **Nurture Team**

*"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God."*  
1 John 4 vs 15



## AUCTION SALE FOR CHURCH FUNDS

There will be an Auction to raise funds for the Church on **Saturday, 21st March**. There are two ways you can help.

Firstly, we require items to sell, so please search your house for anything that is no longer required by you but may be useful to someone else. We would like good quality items, as this is **not** a Jumble Sale. Contact either Bill Blair (449 2493) or Douglas Buchanan (453 4029) if you have anything or just bring it along to the church halls on the evening of Friday, 20th March.

Secondly, we would like you to come along and enjoy the atmosphere of the Auction. Tickets are £1 from any office bearer or just turn up and pay at the door. It would help if you could also bring a friend or two – the

more the merrier. You will also get a free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. The doors will open to allow you to look at the items for sale just after 9.00am and the Auction will start at 10.00am. Remember to bring some money so that you can give yourself a treat. Everything should be sold by midday at the latest.

**Douglas Buchanan**

## STATED ANNUAL MEETING March 11th

There are three very good reasons for attending the congregation's AGM. First of all, we have a meal together and the food provided by Irene Shepherd is always excellent; we sit down to eat at 6.15pm; you can get a free ticket from Sandy Watt or any of the Catering Team; the tickets are merely to know numbers.

Secondly, this year the Kirk Session and Congregational Board are proposing a change to the way in which we govern our affairs. You will see a much fuller explanation of this in the **Session Notes**. This is an important decision; it has taken a fair bit of time and discussion to come to this stage and we hope to give you as much information as you need to come to a reasoned and reasonable decision on this issue.

Thirdly, we have invited the Rev. Elizabeth Henderson to be our guest speaker. Liz is the minister of Richmond Craigmillar Church in Edinburgh and will come to speak about the project that is sponsored and run by the congregation *Richmond's Hope*. How do we care for bereaved children? How do children express their grief? It is an intriguing project and well-worth hearing the story.

Three good reasons for coming to the Stated Annual Meeting on March 11th; we sit down to eat at 6.15pm; the business meeting begins at 7.45pm.



## CHRISTIAN ACTION TEAM

Since the last newsletter the work of the team has gone on quietly in the background. We are still collecting dried food for Bethany and I would encourage folk to think about bringing along a packet or tin to add to the collection of foodstuffs which are taken down for the folks there who need it more than we do.

We are still trying to work out the best date to have a spring event – but at the moment there are just too many other things on in the church to find a free date which is suitable for the highest number of folk. We will let you know when we manage to sort something out.

The team on the Care Van went out in the middle of January and found people where we hadn't seen for a long time and despite the odd bit of challenging behaviour we served about 50 people in various locations around Waverley, the Grassmarket, the Bridges and so on. It is rewarding work and there are some good conversations. Please remember to pray for the safety of the team as we next go out in the middle of April.

In January we also did the catering for the night shelter in Abbeyhill. Chilli and jam roly-poly and custard were served to about 30 folk and the staff from Bethany who were on duty on that evening. This is something we do only once a year but it means that we are part of the church rota who ensure that the homeless people of our city have a hot meal each evening before they bed down for the night at the various church locations.

The next Clothes Collection will take place on the last Sunday in April, so look out those clothes which are still in good condition, but which you no longer require and then bring them along to church on that morning. They will then be taken to the Salvation Army warehouse where they will be sorted and made ready to hand out to those in need.

**Jean Dewar**



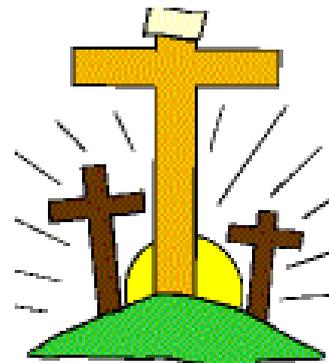
## Your Church Needs Your Skills!

We communicate with you in many ways but realise that we could do better. A small group has recently been looking at all aspects of how we communicate and the group realises it would be good to have more people with skills in communication. What skills are we looking for? Whatever communication skills anyone can offer such as:

- Are you artistic, able to draw, design the occasional poster?
- Are you skilled in web design especially pages attractive to children and young people?
- Do you have marketing skills, familiar with branding and straplines?
- Are you a communications professional?
- Would you be willing to share your expertise in communications even on an odd occasion?
- Are you familiar with MS Office and packages such as Publisher?

To find out more or to offer your services please contact the Minister or the Clerk.

**Charles R Godon,**  
Session Clerk





## CRECHE

Is available from 10.30am every Sunday morning for babies and children up to three years old. Two of our creche 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 or find out more about the crèche, please feel free to come along on a morning, or give me a call anytime.

**Aileen Hardie**

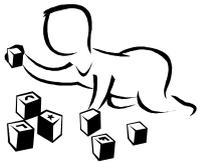
# Kids Church

Are you looking for something interesting to do on a Sunday morning? You could come along and see what we get up to. There's something for everyone - games, stories, craft, drama.

This term we have also been listening to the parables, special stories told by Jesus, that show us the best way to live our lives. If you're between nursery and p7 age we'd be glad to see you.

We meet in the big hall every Sunday morning at 10.30 during term time.

**Gill Hales**



## OPEN DOOR CAFÉ AND TODDLER GROUP

You will find us in hall 1 on Tuesdays (during term time) between 10am and 12 noon. Refreshments and good company are available, and if you have a little person in tow, they will enjoy it too! We have some new members at the moment so now would be a good time to come along.

For more information contact myself or Inez Paisley.

**Karen Berry**



## CHOIR NOTES

Sunday morning, 9.30am and the Church Choir are gathering for their usual weekly practice. Outside the birds have started their morning song and the hum of traffic along the Lanark Road is only faintly in the background. What an early start to your Sunday.....well, so you might think. But spring is in the air and 9.30 is not too early to raise your voices, and to start the day with a bit of music is no bad thing.

The Choir wish to issue an invitation to singers to join them. The invitation is there to come along and try it. We rehearse from 9.30 until 10.15, giving us a few minutes to ourselves before we sing the 'introit', a little before 10.30, when worship begins .

**Florence Kinnear**



Children have an uncanny way of reducing the inexplicable to their own terms. A child explaining how God creates people "He draws us first, then cuts us out."

## GIRLGUIDING JUNIPER GREEN DISTRICT

During the weekend of 5 – 6 September, 2009 Girlguiding UK will be launching the start of their Centenary. During 2009, hopefully, all units from Rainbows to Senior Section will be participating in our project – Changing The World. The girls choose from 19 charities such as Asthma, Save the Children, WaterAid, Help the Hospices and Woodland Trust and can obtain activity packs, etc to help with their projects.

22nd February is our Thinking Day and the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will be attending your Sunday service on 8th March to think of others around the World and renew their Girlguiding promises. We look forward to seeing you all then and sharing our involvement in “Changing The World”.

Unfortunately in Juniper Green and Balerno we are in need of adult helpers in a few of our units.



### Girlguiding

Edinburgh

*girls in the lead*

Volunteer with us!

Help Rainbows, Brownies or Guides have fun and challenge themselves.

Enthusiastic volunteers needed in Juniper Green and Balerno.

E-mail [pr@girlguiding-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:pr@girlguiding-edinburgh.org.uk) if you can help.

Full training and support is provided.  
[www.girlguiding-edinburgh.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding-edinburgh.org.uk)

Any help would be very much appreciated.

**Anne Mack**  
Division Commissioner  
Harlaw Division



172<sup>nd</sup> Pentland  
Scouts

### Brass Monkey Camp

We took part in the annual Brass Monkey camp at Bonaly campsite in January. It was certainly cold - the tents had ice on the outside. Eight scouts took part, for three it was their first camp with scouts.

### District Sports Day

In February we had a district sports day at Dreghorn Barracks. This was a fun day with the scouts taking part in various team games.

### Summer Camp

This year we are going to the Lake District for our summer camp. We have camped in the Lake District a number of times over the years and it is great for water sports and walking.

### Chris Welch

Contact Us

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The minister happened to ‘phone when I was right in the middle of struggling to open a new sauce bottle. Being tied up I asked my four-year old daughter to answer it. “It’s the Minister” she said to me. Then added to the caller “Mummy can’t come to the ‘phone right now. She’s hitting the bottle.”

Grandchildren are God’s reward for not killing your kids.

I love to give homemade gifts. “Which of my kids do you want?”

On his first day at school, a wee boy handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, “The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.”



**JUNIPER GREEN PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**Winter**

Fluffy white snow falling from the dark black sky on to the icy grass below.

**Brown and red robins tweeting and singing songs in the foggy mist all day and all night.**

Big bonfires with flaming and burning stuff that makes it quite warm.

The cold snow that nips and bites you when you walk hurts a lot but I don't mind.

**Russell Cairns**

**Winter**

Children having fun throwing small snowballs in the park.

A clock ticking in the back ground.

Smoke from a chimney it doesn't smell nice.

Ice when I fell on my bottom.

**Chelsea**

**Winter**

Houses on the streets all covered in white snow which has fallen from the sky.

Trees, swaying in the strong wind which is pushing and pulling them.

Bonfire smoke blowing to my nose in the wind, coming from my back garden

The cold wind biting me, not biting but more nipping me.

**Stuart Simms**

***The Horses in the Snow***

When the horses come along

*When they play in the snow*

they have a great time

it starts snowing

they go crazy

because of the weather

My horse Sally is scared

the sun came out

but the snow doesn't melt

we were warm

and had lots of fun.

**Morgan Taylor**

**Snow**

We made a snowman, we knocked it down

We made a snowman, we put on a crown

**We put a carrot for its nose. We put rocks for the eyes. We put sticks for arms but the crows picked them off. We stayed out dusk till dawn and the snowman slowly melted away!!! The End**

**Hope Phillips**

***Snowman***

At the weekend I built a man of snow. I was walking down the road and built a body of snow. The body was done and most of my work was done. So I got a shovel and scooped a pile of snow. I made it into a ball and put it on the body. I got two sticks and stones. The sticks on the side and the stones for the eyes. I also put a hat and scarf on the snowman.

**Jake**

***My Birthday Hamster***

On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February it was my birthday and on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January I got a hamster!

I named him Nibbles which was a good name because he keeps nibbling on my tummy which hurts and stings. But now my dad says to wear a thick jumper when I hold him so I do what he tells me to do.

He's so sweet I love him and I give him treats for rewards and prizes.

I got him lots of toys!!!

**Emma Underwood**

**Snow**

Snow is as soft as cotton as crunchy as a crunchy bar. It comes down so gently into your face I tell myself is it Christmas already?

It is so beautiful when it lands on a tree. It is so fun when you throw a snowball at someone. But not so much fun when it happens to you!

**Jack Gold**

***A small selection of the contributions received from the children of Primaries 4a and 4b.***



## DISCOVERY GROUP

*"In order to recognize who Christ truly is, Christians .... should turn with renewed interest to the Bible"* John Paul II

If you are looking for an opportunity for Bible Study, there are currently, not one, but two chances to do so.

As well as the Baberton Mains House Group, which runs on the fourth Tuesday of every month (see Greg McIntosh for further details), there is also the Discovery Group!

The Discovery Group is a small group which meets in the Church from 7.30 to 9.00 on the fourth Wednesday of every month. We come together to study the Bible and to learn from each other. The meeting is very informal, with most of the time spent studying the chosen section of the Bible, with everyone welcome to contribute their own thoughts on the passage or to ask any questions which they may have. The study is then followed by a short time of prayer.

The Discovery Group, along with the House Group, is currently studying Paul's letters to Timothy and is always happy to welcome new members along – so if you would like to find out more, either come along to our next meeting or speak to **Martin Elliot**.



## LIBRARY

A donation of 33 books has been received from a member and a complete list is available beside the Library.

The complete list of the Library items in Author List order is available on the Church Web Site ([www.jgpc.org.uk](http://www.jgpc.org.uk)). The complete list is also in Subject Reference order and both lists are available at the Library.

Any suggestions or ideas for new items for the Library would be welcome.

If you need any assistance on using the Library or have any suggestions for improvement, please speak to either **Ian Aitken** or **Eleanor Pountain**.

## Nurture Team

*"...He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths...."* Isaiah 2 vs3

## Issues...

What do Christians think about....? Now's your chance to find out!

Have you wondered what the Bible says about the issues in the news? Or what other Christians think about these big issues? Have you struggled to come to terms with views that are different from your own? Now is your chance to find out what others think! So many of these issues have been in the news during the last few months; now is the chance to talk about them together.

**Issues** is a series of discussion evenings led by the Minister to air some of the big issues of the day from a Biblical point of view. Each evening begins at 7.30pm in Hall 4 and will finish by 9pm.

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| April 8th | Marriage and divorce                           |
| May 13th  | The sanctity of life – abortion and euthanasia |
| June 10th | Same-sex partnerships                          |

## READ IT AGAIN!

Do you want to read the Minister's sermon from last Sunday? Did you miss it? 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.



## **The Green Strollers**

No, it has not been the best of weather to be walking but we did go on a walk to Linlithgow and strolled round the Loch which is a beautiful walk. On this one we did invite our umbrellas to go with us and, yes, they were used and how!! Never mind it all added to the excitement and the eleven of us were well prepared and admitted that it was different. Our leader, Mary Russell, had reserved places at a restaurant for us to have lunch, so altogether it was a good day. (Photographs in Hall 2).

Twenty- eight of us were at our annual meal at Al Borgo where the Green Strollers donated £155 (this was the accumulation of the £1 everyone puts in when we go on a walk) to the Guide Dogs for the Blind in memory of Foster. Everyone knew him and he was an Honorary Member of the Green Strollers.

We also held a very successful Coffee Morning on 6th December raising £374 and a big thank you goes to all who supported such a sociable and happy morning. The money was spent on buying a blind for the choir side of the Church so that the congregation was able to read what was shown on the wall without the sun affecting the screen.

***Jeanette and Sheena***

## ***A TRIP TO CAMBODIA?***

This is a tentative piece, to raise the possibility of a group of people from the congregation going to Cambodia in 2010 to visit Poipet and spend some time with Chomno, Kim and the CHO team. We would expect to do some work while we were there, using the skills and gifts that we have to help CHO's work. If you would be interested in considering this idea, speak to Mr Dewar fairly soon.

***James Dewar***

## **BABERTON MAINS HOUSEGROUP**

### ***What are housegroups for?***

It's hard to be a Christian on your own. We're made to live out our faith in community. It's great to be part of the whole church community, but we need a place where we can get to know other Christians well, and share and develop our faith. Housegroups are a great place to do that. Housegroups are places where we can go forward on our journey of faith with others. They are places of fellowship, prayer, care, teaching and a place to invite friends to find out more about God.

### ***What happens at the housegroup?***

Fear of the unknown can be a great hindrance, so let me explain what the friendly folk at the housegroup actually do when we meet.

It's very simple, we worship the Lord singing a few songs of praise and thanksgiving to Him. We seek God's direction and pray for others. We spend time studying His word (the bible) and we enjoy friendship, laughter and a cup of tea together. Nobody is required to say anything, unless they wish to. Nobody is required to pray out loud, it's a matter of personal choice. Nobody is asked any "theological" questions or put on the spot during the bible study. We can all learn from each other. What is said and the extent of participation is entirely up to the individual.

The evening is one of fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Confidentiality and care have developed the mutual trust we enjoy within the group.

The housegroup meet on every fourth Tuesday of each month at the home of Greg and Babs McIntosh. If you think you may be interested contact Greg, or come along, where you will be made very welcome.

*"If any of you lacks wisdom he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" James 1: 5*

***Greg McIntosh***



## GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP

The Guild started the New Year with a fantastic concert from the Edinburgh Telephone Choir, held in the Church on 14th January. The programme of music, choral and instrumental, was very enjoyable, interspersed with entertaining repartee from the Director, Iain Dunn. Mike Grieve, a member of the Choir, and of our own church choir, organised it, and Guild members provided excellent refreshments afterwards. The money raised will be divided, with some going to Church funds and the rest to a charity to be announced later. We are grateful to all those who attended.

Another activity we have been involved in has been the collection of old or broken items of jewellery. These have been sent to Diabetes UK to be mended or used to create new pieces. This is a very successful enterprise for Diabetes UK, and is on-going, so if you have any items which could be used, please give them to a Guild member.

During January and February, we have had four meetings:

Communion Service conducted by the Minister

*Flavours of Peru*, about the work of the Vine Trust among street children in Peru;

*Sounds of Silence: on coping with deafness*, where we learned a lot about what can be done to prevent the exclusion of people who are hard of hearing;

*The Work of Deaf Blind Scotland*

These have all been very successful, and four more meetings are planned for March and April, so please come along. Details of meetings are announced in the Sunday intimations sheet and everyone is welcome.

**Elaine Wilson**



## WORLD MISSION



You will be pleased to hear that we are getting a new Mission Partner, the Rev. George Shand, at present at St Thomas, Junction Road, Leith. He and his wife are going to Israel to St Andrew's Church in Jerusalem and to St Andrew's Church at Tiberias. They will be going mid-March, with a commissioning service just before that. I will keep you informed when I hear more.

We have had a long letter from Geraldine and Justas Mutura in Kenya. They say things are settling down in their country after the troubles but there is still a long way to go. There are also problems with drought and they ask for our prayers for help in both these areas. They are starting a Church School and are using the vestry, both for the Minister and a classroom at present. You will remember that we sent money on a number of occasions to help with the building of the vestry. What was left went towards a keyboard, as they had never before had music for their services. They send greetings "to the Christians at Juniper Green Parish Church from the Christians at Nkubu."

Thank you so much for handing in so many used stamps for the work of World Mission and keep collecting!

**Jean Stewart**  
**Mission Correspondent**



## *Congratulations to*



**Helen Rogers**, Baberton Mains, on the birth of her granddaughter, **Eilidh**

**Jane Turner**, on 3rd January

**Sandy Watt**, Currie, on the birth of her granddaughter, **Bronte Meah** on 10th February.



**Albert Burnap**, Currie, who celebrated his **100th** birthday on 18th January

**Marion Stewart**, Morlich

House, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 28th January

**Mary Simpson**, Balerno, who celebrated her 85th birthday on 13th February

**Fiona Dewar** and **Kirsty Dewar**, Juniper Green, who will celebrate their 21st birthdays on 5th March

**Dot Marshall**, Juniper Green, who will celebrate her **101st** birthday on 6th March.



**Juniper Green Primary School**, in partnership with **Isago Primary School** in South Africa, who have won

the **Global Citizenship Award** (a **Standard Life, Edinburgh, Achievement Award**) in recognition of the difference they are making to their own lives and the lives of others. This award focuses on projects that improve local or global environments, fair trade or sustainable futures and so encourages development of participants' knowledge, life skills, abilities, teamwork and confidence.



**Scott Wightman**, son of **Joan and Drew Wightman**, Kingsknowe, who was awarded the **CMG** in the New Year's Honours List.

*(Many readers will remember the young Scott attending Sunday School and Bible Class in Juniper Green Church before he went off to London and a career in the Diplomatic Corps of the Foreign Office.)*

## **The Rope**

There were 11 people hanging onto a rope that came down from a helicopter – ten men and one woman. They all decided that one person should get off otherwise the rope would break and everyone would die.

No one could decide who should go, so finally, the woman gave a really touching speech saying how she would give up her life to save the others because women were used to giving up things for their husbands and children, giving in to men and not receiving anything in return.

When she finished speaking, all the men started clapping.

**Never under-estimate the power of a woman.**

**The next issue of Church News will be the Summer edition and all articles and/or information, covering the period June-September, should be sent to Alison Robertson by 24th May at ([alison.m.robertson@gmail.com](mailto:alison.m.robertson@gmail.com))**

# FAMILY NEWS

## **FUNERALS**

Jesus said *"I am the Resurrection and the Life"* (John 11:25)

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| January 3rd   | Mrs Doreen Matthews, St Margaret's Court, Juniper Green          |
| January 5th   | Mr Alistair Sherlow, formerly St Margaret's Court, Juniper Green |
| January 10th  | Mr Arthur Barry, Baberton Crescent, Juniper Green                |
| January 6th   | Mr George Gibb, Lanark Road, Juniper Green                       |
| January 9th   | Mrs Doreen Milne, Lorimer House Nursing Home, Juniper Green      |
| January 15th  | Mrs Helen Dewar, St Margaret's Court, Juniper Green              |
| February 13th | Mr James Downie, formerly St Margaret's Court, Juniper Green     |
| February 20th | Mr Allan Manson, Lanark Road, Juniper Green                      |

## **NEW MEMBERS** *"All the saints salute you"* (2 Corinthians 13:13) **BY RESOLUTION OF KIRK SESSION**

Mrs Jill Wallace, Lanark Road, Juniper Green  
Ms Isabella Rodgers, Corslet Place, Currie

## **DISJUNCTIONS**

Mrs Catherine T. Kelty, Roseburn Place, now a member of Murrayfield Parish Church  
Mr William and Mrs Dorothy Forrest, Currie, removed to Burntisland, Fife

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

*Mrs Linda Macdonald, Edinburgh EH10 5BS formerly Juniper Green*



**“Bill Gordon and family** wish to thank the many friends and neighbours who sent over 90 sympathy cards and letters. Over 150 attended Nancy’s funeral service in Church and £760 was finally paid in to Chest, Heart & Stroke, Scotland. The Church Family has been very supportive during this difficult time for us.”

**“Denis Matthews** would like to take this opportunity to thank the Minister, relatives, Church members, and friends who attended the Church for Doreen’s funeral, and for their sympathy, help and understanding. Thank you all. God bless you.”

# What's On

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

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Communion Services at 10.30am and 3.30pm  |
| Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Kirk Session meeting in Hall 2 at 7.30pm  |
| Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Guides' Thinking Day Service at 10.30am   |
| Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation: meal at 6.15pm; 7.45pm business; then Rev Eliz Henderson will speak about <i>Richmond's Hope</i> |
| Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>  | St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am  |
| Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Rock Solid at 1.30pm in the Church Halls  |
| Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>  | MSM, Edinburgh Monopoly, 2pm, meeting at the Scott Monument in Princes Street Gardens   |
| Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Outlook in Hall 3 at 8pm  |
| Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Congregational Board meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2  |
| Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Auction Sale for Church Funds (see article)   |
| Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Housegroup at 8pm in 4 Baberton Mains Green   |
| Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Discovery Group Bible Study in Hall 4 at 7.30pm   |
| Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Rock Solid at 1.30pm in the Church halls<br>MSM Night@theFlat - Merciful?   |
| Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Lorimer House service at 3.30pm   |
| Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Morning Service at 10.30am followed by communion  |
| Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Issues – Marriage and Divorce</i> in Hall 4 at 7.30pm  |
| Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>   | St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am<br><b>Maundy Thursday</b> Communion at 7pm in Hall 2   |
| Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Good Friday</b> service at 7pm in hall 2   |
| Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Easter Communion</b> service at 9.30am in the Church<br>Easter service for all ages at 10.30am in the Church                             |
| Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Outlook in Hall 3 at 8pm  |
| Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Discovery Group Bible Study in Hall 4 at 7.30pm   |
| Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>  | MSM Night@theFlat - Pure in Heart?  |
| Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Christian Action : Clothes Collection<br>Lorimer House Service at 3.30pm  |
| Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Housegroup at 8pm in 4 Baberton Mains Green   |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Morning Service at 10.30am followed by communion  |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Kirk Session meeting in Hall 2 at 7.30pm  |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>Issues – the sanctity of life</i> in Hall 4 at 7.30pm  |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup>  | St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am  |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Outlook in Hall 3 at 8pm  |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Housegroup at 8pm in 4 Baberton Mains Green   |
| May 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Discovery Group Bible Study in Hall 4 at 7.30pm   |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Lorimer House service at 3.30pm   |
| June 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Kirk Session meeting (provisional)  |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Communion Services at 10.30am and 3.30pm  |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Issues – same sex relationships</i> in Hall 4 at 7.30pm  |
| June 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Housegroup at 8pm in 4 Baberton Mains Green   |
| June 24 <sup>th</sup> | Discovery Group Bible Study in hall 4 at 7.30pm   |



**Outlook** – Outlook meets for prayer on the third Tuesday of each month in Hall 3 at 8pm.

**Sunday@Seven** in Hall 2 – A mix of contemporary and traditional songs, interactive Bible teaching and prayer, quiet reflection, relating to Christian faith to the life of the Church and the community. Do come and join us for a more informal style of worship.

# 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.

## MONDAY

|            |        |                |          |
|------------|--------|----------------|----------|
| Jo Jingles | 9.30am | Joanne Goodall | 443 4196 |
| Rainbows   | 5.45pm | Sandra Gibb    | 442 1189 |
| Scouts     | 7.00pm | Neill Sinclair | 442 3828 |

## TUESDAY

|                  |         |                  |          |
|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|
| Open Door Café   | 10.00am | Karen Berry      | 538 1395 |
| Blue Sky Pilates | 1.00pm  | Claire Macdonald | 441 2632 |
| Brownies         | 6.30pm  | Jean Dewar       | 453 3494 |

## 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     | 478 0376 |

## THURSDAY

|                      |        |                |          |
|----------------------|--------|----------------|----------|
| Guild of Friendship* | 2.00pm | Jean Stewart   | 443 1606 |
| Enjoy-A-Ball         | 2.30pm | Alister Ramm   | 551 3101 |
| Yoga Group           | 7.00pm | Maureen Clarke | 449 2660 |

## SUNDAY

|              |         |            |  |
|--------------|---------|------------|--|
| Kids' Church | 10.30am | Gill Hales |  |
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+ 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**

**Minister**  
**Session Clerk**  
**Treasurer**

### **NAME**

**Rev James S Dewar**  
**Charles R Godon**  
**R Douglas Buchanan**

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Beadle                            | George Anderson                     |
| Bereavement Care Team             | Christine McBean                    |
| Catering                          | Sandy Watt                          |
| Child Protection                  | (Inez Paisley<br>(Maureen Heathwood |
| Christian Action Team             | (Jean Dewar<br>(Ann Brown           |
| Christian Aid                     | Vacancy                             |
| Church Halls Cleaning Team        | Elaine Wilson                       |
| Church Secretary                  | Alison Robertson                    |
| Communications Team               | Vacancy                             |
| Congregational Board Clerk        | Linda Gray                          |
| Creche                            | Aileen Hardie                       |
| Fig Tree Orchard                  | Florence Kinnear                    |
| Flower Convener                   | Hilda McNeil                        |
| Freewill Offering Administrator   | Fiona Lackie                        |
| Fresh Start Organiser             | Marilyn Godon                       |
| Garden Team Co-ordinator          | Jean Dewar                          |
| Gift Aid Treasurer                | Andrew Kinnear                      |
| Girlguiding District Commissioner | Lesley Wilson                       |
| Green Strollers Walking Group     | (Sheena Blair<br>(Jeanette Campbell |
| Guild of Friendship               | Sally McFadzean                     |
| Halls Convener                    | Jack Emslie                         |
| House Group : Baberton Mains      | Greg McIntosh                       |
| Kids' Church                      | Gill Hales                          |
| Ladies Badminton Club             | Alison Buchanan                     |
| Leprosy Mission                   | Sally McFadzean                     |
| Magazine Distribution             | Isabel Campbell                     |
| Mission Correspondent             | Jean Stewart                        |
| MSM                               | Martin Elliot                       |
| Nurture Team                      | Cliff Beevers                       |
| Open Door Café & Toddlers' Group  | Karen Berry                         |
| Organist and Choirmaster          | Florence Kinnear                    |
| Prayer Team                       | Chas Godon                          |
| Joint Property Conveners          | (Ian Gilmour<br>(Ross Mackay        |
| Roll Keeper                       | Isabel Campbell                     |
| Social Team                       | Vacancy                             |
| Tapes of Church Service           | Sandra Paulin                       |
| Transport Service                 | Gordon Campbell                     |
| Youth Group                       | John Christy                        |

**Contact can be made either at the Church Office, which is open on Friday afternoons only (1.30pm – 3.30pm), telephone number 453 5147, or through the Church e-mail address [jgpc@supanet.com](mailto:jgpc@supanet.com).**