



Juniper Green  
Parish Church

Church News

Summer 2014



Friends,

What do all of these have in common?

1. *O thou my soul bless God the Lord;  
And all that in me is  
Be stirred up his holy name  
To magnify and bless.*

2. *Praise my soul the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.*

3. *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

These are all hymns based on Psalm 103. The first is the metrical version, published in the Scottish Psalter of 1650 and most commonly sung to an eighteenth century tune, Kilmarnock. The second is a nineteenth century hymn by the prolific hymn-writer Henry Francis Lyte, famous with many as a hymn from their wedding! The third was written in 2011 by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin, winning a 2013 Grammy award for the best contemporary Christian music song.

Here is an example of the way in which the Church has changed and adapted. There was a time when the songs being sung in Scottish churches were metrical psalms, and they would be sung unaccompanied. Hymns and organs were a Victorian innovation, often strongly resisted; many of the traditional hymns that are a staple diet of our singing, and that many of us

love, date from that period. Perhaps there are more new songs now than ever before; how many of them will still be sung in 50 years, time alone will tell.

Music is profoundly a matter of personal taste. Some of you love music of all sorts; some love classical music, or country music and so on. For some of us music is a foreign language and singing is an activity to be avoided at all costs. So when it comes to picking hymns for the morning service, as I do every week, I aim to find words that serve to inspire and a balance of music to reflect different styles and moods.

What we sing is designed to give voice to our worship: we sing to praise God for His goodness, love, faithfulness and power; we also sing to express our sense of need and our dependence on

God. Our singing gives voice to our commitment to love and serve the Lord in the life of the Church and in daily life.

Singing gets inside us in a way that other parts of worship don't; singing expresses who we are and what we're becoming; the songs we sing

nurture our Christian faith; "the practice of singing together... one song, different parts... is a small but significant performance of what we're looking forward to in heaven." (JKA Smith) Going back to our three songs: "Younger Christians will seek to write and perform new music... older Christians will find these songs precious because they love the young Christians and know that the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, will be always changing." (Alan and Eleanor Kreider)

Let's delight God with our singing,

Jim

"Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day."  
(Psalm 96, verse 2)

## **Sid Boyle**

We were saddened by the news that Sid died on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He was 94 and had just come back from holiday with his daughter and son. He had three passions in life: his family, his faith and his wife Edith, for whom he cared tirelessly till she died last year. Sid attended worship faithfully, and when he was fit, regularly took part in our prayer times. He was ordained as an elder in 1961 and admitted to the Juniper Green Kirk Session in April 1990, retiring in November 2002. We honour Sid for his service to Christ and the Church and we remember Alison, Irene and David in our prayers.

**James Dewar**



## **BIBLE READING**

Booklets and a Daily Reading List are available in the vestibule at the front door of the Church to encourage daily reading of God's Word.

The material available is as follows:-

- "Every Day with Jesus" Booklet
- "Our Daily Bread" Booklet
- "Word For Today" Booklet
- "Word 4u2Day" Booklet for Young People.
- 3 Year Bible Reading Plan "Every Word in the Bible" to take you completely through the Bible, reading every word. (Scottish Bible Society)
- "Gideon Bible Helps"

Taking, say, a Booklet, with daily readings supported by a commentary can be a way of opening up your spiritual journey or can be helpful in keeping you on that spiritual journey.

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

## **Nurture Team**

*"...from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth." 2 Thessalonians 2 vs 13*

### **WANT TO GO PAPERLESS?**

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## Fit for a King

Our Summer Holiday club is back! The theme is centred around the Commonwealth Games, prepared by SU Scotland. There will be all kinds of activities, songs, crafts, games, challenges, funny stuff – all to tell some of the stories of Jesus in Matthew's gospel. Encourage your children, your grandchildren to come and be part of what promises to be a fun week! August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am till 12 noon every day in the Church Halls; with a Family Night open to anyone on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**James Dewar**



## MEN'S and WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Nurture Team has decided to arrange a Church Breakfast Meeting for Men and Women on Sunday 8 June, 8.30am prompt to 10.00am in Hall 2. After Breakfast, Martin Elliot will give a short talk focusing on his involvement in the Edinburgh Young Preachers Group under the title "Looking back, to look forward" to be followed by discussion.

### NURTURE TEAM

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**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](http://www.jgpc.org.uk) and follow the link to 'sermons' and you will find it there.

Alternatively, go to the Library area for paper copies. There are also sets of Sermons from the past in folders for read and return.



## FRESH START

Thanks once again to all of you for another year of donations. There will be no monthly collections in July and August, but as usual, the box will be in the right-hand corner of the Church vestibule if you have anything to donate over the summer. Collections will re-start on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September with Dishes & Cutlery. Thanks.

**Marilyn Godon**



## Guild of Friendship

The Guild of Friendship completed its year with our AGM and lunch on 24 April 2014. This was a very friendly and pleasant occasion when members were able to enjoy an excellent lunch, supplied by Irene Shepherd, and review the year's activities as well as plan for next year.

Our Treasurer, Jean Bruce, reported a healthy bank balance, enabling us to make substantial donations to the Church and to other charities nominated by members. During the year we had already made donations to charities represented by speakers at our meetings, such as Riding for the Disabled and Live Music Now!. We also reported on our coffee morning, held on 12 April, when we raised a total of £630.00 from the event and the quiz compiled by Caroline MacKenzie. This was an excellent boost to funds, and thanks are due to all who were involved in the organisation. We have a current membership of 45, but would welcome new members. Our first meeting in the autumn will be on Thursday 4 September, at 2 pm, and we look forward to a large attendance, including some new faces, at that meeting.

**Elaine Wilson,**  
Secretary.



## Halls Cleaning

Cleaning has continued as usual, with six teams being involved, though not all teams are up to full strength. Please consider if you could spare a few hours once every six weeks to help with this essential work, If so, please contact me.

Thank you very much,

**Elaine Wilson.**



## CHOIR NOTES

We welcome our new guitar player, Lindsay McKay, who has joined the choir music section. Any other musicians who would like to be part of the choir would be most welcome.

**Florence Kinnear**

### Autumn Church News

Articles for the Autumn edition of the Church News should be with Alison Robertson by 26<sup>th</sup> August. They can be handed to Alison or sent to [jgchurchnews@gmail.com](mailto:jgchurchnews@gmail.com).

# Getting to know you...

## Ann and Malcolm Brown



### 1. A bit about Ann and Malcolm:

We have lived in Baberton Mains since November 1973, Ann has been a member of Juniper Green Church since 1974 and Malcolm joined in 1997. We have been married for 48 years in October of this year and have a son and a daughter, Jonathan and Marise, who are both married and between them have given us three grandsons and we are looking forward to the birth of a granddaughter in September. We are enjoying retirement but finding looking after grandchildren more tiring than work ever was. Malcolm has been Chairman of the Juniper Green Village Hall Organisation since September 2011.

### 2. How long have you been members of the church?

**Ann:** 53 years.

**Malcolm:** Church of England 39 years and Church of Scotland 17 years.

### 3. Do you have specific roles within JG Church? If so what are they?

**Ann:** I am an Elder, member of the Development Group and organise the Men's Breakfast.

**Malcolm :** I am a member of the property Team and Sound Team.

### 4. What did you work as before retirement?

**Ann:** Before retirement worked as an accounts controller

**Malcolm:** Before retirement a Ship's Captain in the Merchant Navy

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

**Ann:** I am a new creation

**Malcolm:** Eternal Father strong to save

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

**Ann:** The birth of our first Grandchild.

**Malcolm:** After being diagnosed with terminal cancer being told that it was a type which was treatable.

### 7. What are your hobbies?

**Ann:** Reading, Pilates and Ballroom dancing.

**Malcolm:** Golf, Ballroom dancing, swimming and DIY.

## "The Parable Of The Lifeboat Station"

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little lifeboat station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, they went out day or night tirelessly searching for the lost.

Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding areas, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifeboat station grew.

Some of the new members of the lifeboat station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea.

They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building. Now the lifeboat station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they redecorated it beautifully and furnished it as a sort of club.

Less of the members were now interested in going to sea on lifeboat missions, so they hired life boat crews to do this work.

The mission of lifeboat was still given lip-service but most were too busy or

lacked the necessary commitment to take part in the lifeboat activities personally.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people.

They were dirty and sick, some had skin of a different colour, some spoke a strange language, and the beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifeboat activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal pattern of the club.

But some members insisted that lifeboat was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifeboat station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the life of all various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifeboat station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. They evolved into a club and yet another lifeboat station was founded.

If you visit the seacoast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but now most of the people drown!



What an exciting time the Brownies from the two units in Juniper Green had on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We joined with all the other Brownies in Edinburgh, their leaders and adult helpers to have a fun-filled evening at the Royal Museum of Scotland in Chamber St. After journeying there by bus we watched dancers, acrobats and drummers, ate special muffins, hunted for stars, decorated crowns, explored the displays, had a giant campfire sing-song and had a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime experience. There were about 2000 of us there and we had the whole museum to ourselves. There were special buses to take us home and we each got a specially designed badge and a goodie bag.

The Big Brownie Birthday comes to an end for us in Harlaw division when we are going to have a sleepover with a difference – we are spending the night in the tunnel beside the sharks and fishes at Deep Sea World at North Queensferry. There are 80 of us going to be there and we are going to have special crafts and activities. I'm not sure if there is going to be much sleeping but it is a spectacular way to end our celebrations.

The Church Brownies and their parents have been collecting 20p's to send to Tearfund for their toilet twinning programme which will allow girls to go to school, perhaps for the first time. At the moment we now

have enough to twin 5 toilets which far exceeds my expectations and the girls are thrilled to have been part of this enterprise.

**Jean Dewar**  
District Commissioner



## **Annual Church Golf Outing**

The 2014 Alistair McBean Golf Competition will be held at Baberton Golf Course on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The presentation of prizes, followed by a meal, will take place that evening in the new club house, 7 for 7.30 pm. The competition will be a Stableford and is open to golfing church members with the meal being open to all church members. The approximate cost of the meal including wine will be £20 and the entry fee for the golf approximately £5 for Baberton Golf Club members and £10 for non-club members. The total number for the meal is limited to 45 so to avoid disappointment please reserve your place early.

To reserve a place at the meal and/or enter the golf competition contact Malcolm Brown.

Golfers are requested to indicate their present playing handicap.

**Malcolm Brown**



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The third meeting of 2013/14 was a Dinner Meeting on Thursday, 6 March, in the Baberton Golf Club when the Speaker was Sam Orr, member of the UCCF: Christian Union Team at Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt Universities. Sam's talk was entitled "UCCF: 110 years of making Christ known in British Universities". UCCF is a charitable evangelical Christian organisation that looks after, resources, and equips the nations Christian Unions. The mission teams are composed of Christian students in the Universities who go out into their campuses to tell others about Jesus – a huge challenge. Sam trains the Christian students who feel called to this mission encouraging them to exemplify the C.U. motto "Live and speak for Jesus"

The C.U. movement started in Cambridge over 130 years ago and there are now movements in 150 countries taking the message to every tribe, nation and tongue, religion and philosophy (there are C.U. movements in **all** Universities throughout the UK). Each CU movement responds to Jesus' call – "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28)

After Sam's talk and a period of discussion, all present had learned about the role, and challenge, of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to student populations.

The fourth meeting was a Breakfast

Meeting on Sunday 27 April when the speaker was Drew Wightman and his topic was "A Glimpse of South Korea". His talk highlighted the broad history that led to the separation of Korea into the formation of North and South Korea in recent times; the war between North and South Korea with the involvement of UK and USA armed forces and the subsequent Armistice which remains today without a Peace Agreement ; the growth of Christianity in South Korea after the Korean War to become the largest faith group with some 32% of the population and churches capable of having a congregation of 5,000 people and one that can hold 20,000 people; and the rapid economic growth in such a short period of time following the War. As a result of Drew's talk and subsequent discussion all present were given a new vision of South Korea and its development while at the same time bringing out individual memories about South Korea.

Anyone wishing more details about the Fellowship Meetings or have suggestions concerning speakers or format please speak to Ian Aitken or Edward Campbell or Michael Merriman, all members of the Nurture Team.

### **Nurture Team**

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations..."*

*Matthew 28 vs 18*

# Community Activities

## MONDAY

Zumba Fitness Class	9.30am	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
Drama Studio	5.00pm	Julie McDonald
Guides	7.30pm	Susan Gibson

## THURSDAY

Zumba class	10.00am	Lynne Langmead
Guild of Friendship*	2.30pm	Elaine Wilson
A-Star Sports	7.00pm	Alister Ramm
Yoga Group	7.50pm	Maureen Clarke
Pilates		Judith Rintoul

## FRIDAY

Freestyle Fitness Yoga	9.30am	Lynne Langmead
Mini Tennis	1.00pm	Eoin Swan
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



## WEDDINGS

**“Love never fails”**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Neil Hamilton

Mandy Stenhouse to

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Lawson

Alison Evans to David

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Derek Gemmell

Laura Ross to

We have been so grateful for all the prayers, love, cards, messages and practical help from our Church Family over the last 4 months. You have kept us strong and we would ask you to continue to pray for Chas as he starts the hard work of re-hab. Thank you all.

***Chas and Marilyn***



## FUNERALS

**“I am the Resurrection  
and the life”**

March 8<sup>th</sup>

April 24<sup>th</sup>

May 16<sup>th</sup>

May 27<sup>th</sup>

Mrs Margaret Stewart

Mrs Doreen Sparks

Mr Sid Boyle

Mr James Wiley

## *Congratulations to*



***Jim and Jean***

***Dewar, The Manse,***

*on the birth of their*

*second grandson, **Luke James***

***Robert Dewar, on 10th May.***

## DISJUNCTION

***“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you”***

***By Certificate of Transference***

April Mr Richie Adams

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# The Noticeboard



## Communion Services

1st June (morning and afternoon), 6<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup>

August, 7<sup>th</sup> September (all after the morning service)



**Messy Church** will be back in September.

**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> June**

**St Margaret's Court services** – 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Lorimer House services** - 29<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> August

**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. Church Wednesday will return after the summer.

**Summer Holiday Club** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10am – 12 noon; for primary school age children; **Fit for a King!** Family night: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in Hall 1



**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

## Volunteers Wanted Urgently

To help at a small, friendly group for older people with dementia called the Beacon Club.

Wednesday, 10am – 2.30pm in the Juniper Green area

No experience needed as training and support given

Meals provided and expenses paid

**Interested?** Contact Clare Anderson on 455 7731

*Learn new skills, support others, make new friends, and have fun at the same time*

'All successful applicants will be required to apply for a (free) PVG check'