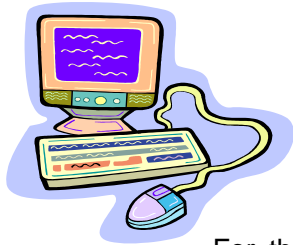


# CHURCH NEWS CHRISTMAS 2010



**JUNIPER GREEN PARISH CHURCH**



# From the Minister's Desk

Dear Friends,

For the last year or so, the Kirk Session has been working on a set of discussion material called *Growing Leaders*. It is designed to help us “to be led more by Jesus, to lead more like Jesus, to lead more to Jesus”, in other words be better equipped to be leaders in the congregation. A few weeks ago we were looking at the kind of life we live, wondering in which parts of our life God is interested.

Some of this material is designed for people to do on their own. One of these tasks in the latest part of that material is: **Identify the three or four things that most matter to you.** We are asked to take stock of our lives and identify the things that are most important to us; then the question: **Are these things really receiving the care, time and attention you want to give them?**

There is a notion that, for Christians, the answer to the first part of that exercise must always be “Church, religion, faith, spiritual things” because we think “these are the bits that God is really interested in”, indeed we venture that “these are the **only** bits that God is interested in.” But that is not true. If you take any time to read the Bible you will quickly discover that God is interested in every part of our life.

Here's a quote from *Growing Leaders*: “We are called as people to faith, as friends to relationship, as co-workers to churches, as parents to families, as praying people to communities, as partners to marriages, as leaders to ministries and as servants to all. These things cross our neat boundaries of ‘church’ and ‘real life’...”

Let's have a look at some of the segments of our diagram:

**Physical:** “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you... You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.” (1 Corinthians 6: 19,20) God is interested in the way we treat our bodies and what we do with them.

**Emotional:** read some of the Psalms and you will see there the whole gamut of human emotion – joy, anger, hope, disappointment,

pain, fear; people of faith feel free to express any and every human emotion in their worship and their prayers. God listens and answers.

**Work:** in the Bible's world the workplace saw slaves and masters go about their business; those who work are to do so wholeheartedly, as if serving Christ; bosses are to remember that Christ is also their master and so are to treat those in their charge well.

**Family:** there are clear principles given all through the Bible for good family relationships; parents are to treat their children well and children are to respect their parents.

**Marriage:** a mutual relationship of love that reflects Christ's love is the model for marriage in the Bible.

**Relationships:** “love your neighbour as yourself” said Jesus, famously, though the words are much older. How can we make sure that all of our relationships are shaped by these words?

**Money and possessions:** Jesus spent more time teaching about money than anything else, perhaps because he knew just how

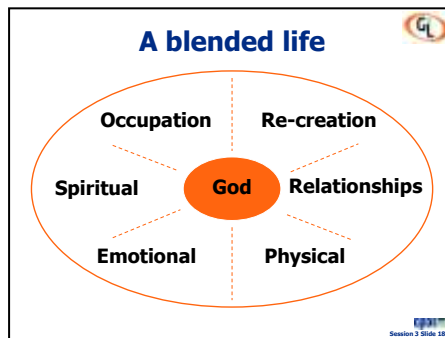
much of a distraction it could be when the desire for it gets under our skin.

**Faith, Church, the Spiritual life:** we are to love the Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love and to live life by faith in Him.

Whatever our priorities are, God is interested. God is interested in us being good parents, good marriage partners, good workers, good bosses, good members of the community, as well as good contributors to the life of the Church and faithful in prayer. There is no boundary between ‘Church’ and ‘real life’; Church is one part of the whole of the life we live; we are challenged to get all of it right! The blended life – all of these things with God at the centre – now there's a challenge for a New Year's resolution!

Jean, Alistair, Sara and Daniel, Fiona and Kirsty join me in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2011.

Yours sincerely,





## TREASURER'S REPORT

As we approach the end of another year, I am beginning to get ready for the preparation of the Annual Accounts. A couple of years ago, when we had to change the format of our accounts to meet the regulations set by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), the drawing up of the Accounts was very time consuming. However, as the format has not changed much in the last two years, much of the work required is merely using the formulae set up for last year's accounts and everything should fall into place. This is one of the great advantages of computers. Another benefit is being able to access the church bank account on-line any day of the week and therefore I can balance the Accounts to the bank balance on a daily basis. This also makes life easier when it comes to the year-end because the most important aspect of the work has already been completed (i.e. making sure the income less the expenditure equals the bank balance).

Preparing in advance is good for all of us, very much so when it comes to financial transactions. The budget that we set at the beginning of the year has been very useful in knowing where we stand with our income and expenditure. The situation is not too different from last year. Our Givings and other income are slightly more than last year but less than our budget. Our expenditure, apart from Fabric, is also not much different from last year and budget. Our Fabric expenditure is over budget because we had an expensive bill to pay for boiler maintenance and also because we have installed a new electronic system to lower the church lights from the ceiling so that maintenance and bulb changing will be so much easier. The new system cost £4,322 but this amount will be paid for out of the funds held on our behalf by the Church of Scotland General Trustees.

The work on the bell tower stonework is also ongoing and that cost will also be met out of the funds held by the General Trustees. These funds are credited each year with the rent we receive from the church house and also with investment income. Once again it is good that we have managed to maintain this fund over the years as it is a most useful source for paying out-of-normal fabric expenditure. However, if anyone would like to make a special donation to assist with paying the cost of this work, it would be very much appreciated.

As I mentioned in the last Church News, the amount we receive from the Inland Revenue will reduce our income next year by around £2,000 unless those who give by Gift Aid increase their giving by about 2.4%. I do hope that we see an increase of at least 3% in all our income next year to pay for increases to our Ministries and Mission Allocation, heat and light and other general costs.

### **WFO Convener:**

At the end of this year, Fiona Lackie will relinquish her duties as Gift Aid Convener as she prepares to move house to Fortrose, on the Black Isle. I would like to take this opportunity on your behalf to thank her for all her work of recording and balancing the Sunday offerings over many years. It is a task that has been carried out with diligence, confidentiality and accuracy and we are grateful for all her time spent on this important work for our church. We also wish her and her husband John all good wishes and future happiness for their move north. We trust we will not lose touch.

At the time of writing, the Kirk Session has not yet had the opportunity to approve the nomination of Fiona's successor, but I am very grateful to the person who has agreed to take on this important role. It is so good when people willingly come forward and volunteer to fill a vacant position.

### **Christmas Eve / Day Retiring Offerings**

The three charities we have chosen for the Retiring Offerings after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services are:

#### **CLIC Sargent (Scotland):**

Founded to ease the burden of childhood cancer on children, young people and their families.

#### **Cystic Fibrosis Trust (Scotland):**

Dedicated to all aspects the UK's most common life threatening inherited disease.

#### **Richmond's Hope:**

Support is given to children and young people after the death of someone they loved.

Do not also forget that **Birthday Boxes** will be used to collect funds on Sunday, 19th December for children's charities.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends.

**Douglas Buchanan, Treasurer**

## Congregational Mission Statement

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

### Session Notes

The Session discussed recently a document called ‘Towards a Presbytery Plan.’ Presbytery must produce a plan for ministries and buildings by March 2012 and that will shape much of what happens for a decade. The overall number of ministers, deacons and parish workers is being reduced. There is ongoing debate between Presbytery and ‘121’ about how many posts will be lost as the figure for Edinburgh is affected by which census and demographic figures are used – Presbytery want the best interpretation for the city and its environs.

Discussions with Kirk Sessions will continue and information gathered from visits to all churches in the Presbytery (our visit is past) will feed into the final plan. Hard decisions will have to be made: money is tight and central church reserves are being used up at an alarming rate to pay for ministries across the land. Many churches, despite having what look like good incomes, are actually kept going by churches with larger incomes. Our church is one of those that meets its own costs and helps to fund others.

In a city like Edinburgh we are arguably over-churched with some congregations literally a stone’s throw away from another – and neither necessarily in good health. But when logic is applied people, very understandably, do not necessarily agree that the closure of a cherished building and a move to another congregation is a good idea.

The future of our own church and its near neighbours appears secure but concerning times lie ahead for many. So often we do not appreciate something till it has gone. I wonder how many people across our city will feel that about their local church?

**Charles R Godon,  
Session Clerk**



### GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP

The new session is now well under way, and we have had two meetings each month since starting on 9 September.

These have included talks on the mission to Cambodia, Mary’s Meals, The Lifeboats and the work of the Church of Scotland Guild, as well as a delightful musical afternoon organised by Junia Willson.

We continue to run a sales table each week which increases our funds so that we can donate to causes represented by the speakers, and we put coppers in a jar which mount up amazingly for the Leprosy Mission.

We also contributed to the installation of a hearing loop in Hall 2, which can be set up for the benefit of hard of hearing members of groups meeting there.

Membership this year is 54. Sadly three members died during 2010, including our Secretary, Jean Stewart, who served the Guild well over a good number of years, and one member moved away. However, two new members have joined, and we would welcome anyone else who would like to join, male or female! The programme for January to May 2011 will appear on the notice board in Hall 2, so do come along.

**Elaine Wilson  
Secretary**



### BIBLE READING

See all the Bible reading material in the vestibule at the front door of the Church. We hope the choices will encourage members to a pattern of daily reading of God’s Word.

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

**Nurture Team**

*“..continue in what you have learned..”  
2 Timothy 3 vs 14*

## SAFEGUARDING

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act, 2007 brings the responsibility of vulnerable adults as well as children under the wing of Safeguarding.

The introduction of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme has been postponed by three months until February 2011. This delay is to ensure that the IT system which supports the scheme will be in good order to deliver the necessary improvements.

In the meantime we will continue with Enhanced Disclosure checks on all new volunteers.

The Church of Scotland has planned for this changeover and we will be following the guidelines set out by them. There is to be a phased implementation of the PVG scheme which should be completed within four years. We will notice no difference in the way things are done by volunteers in our Congregation. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about PVG or Safeguarding within our Congregation.

**Maureen Heathwood**



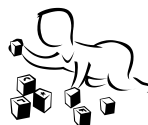
The pastor was looking over the nativity the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus.

He walked up to the boy and said, "Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?"

The boy answered honestly, "In the church."

"Why did you take him?" the pastor asked.

"Well," said the boy, "I prayed to the Lord Jesus and asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I'd take Him for a ride in it."



## Open Door Cafe and Toddler Group

We would welcome anyone from the church (whatever age) who would like to come along occasionally to help or chat over a cup of tea or coffee. It would be a good opportunity to meet with some of the Mums/carers from our area. At the moment there are about 10 to 12 who attend fairly regularly with babies and or young children. The group is in hall 1 on Tuesday mornings from 10am until about 12 noon, during school term time.

## CRECHE



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

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

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

**Aileen Hardie**



## CATERING

A warm welcome goes to four new ladies, namely Sheena Simpson, Linda Grigor, Beth Walker and Linda Parsons as they have recently come on to the Tea Committee.

Unfortunately Isobel Steel, who has helped with the teas for many years, has retired due to a family commitment. My thanks go to her, and everyone who is currently on the Catering and Tea Committees, because without your help the Sunday teas would not run as smoothly as they do.

Hope you all have a good Christmas.

**Sandy Watt.**

## HALLS CLEANING REPORT



Cleaning has continued in an efficient manner in spite of a need for new volunteers, and the teams have worked hard to keep the halls clean tidy and welcoming. It was decided that advertising was necessary, and this has yielded a very satisfactory result, with volunteers coming forward to bring all the teams up to strength. A big thank you is due to our new recruits, as well as to everyone involved.

Reserves are always useful, however, and we would be pleased if anyone else would like to join, as there are always likely to be members who have to give up for one reason or another. If you are interested in helping for a few hours once every six weeks, please phone contact me. Thank you.

**Elaine Wilson**

### District Camp – September

We once again took part in the Pentland District Camp. There is a video of the mountain biking on our web site.

### Swimmers Badge

The scouts recently completed the swimmers staged activity badge. There are 5 levels based on individual ability. At stage 5 they have to swim 1000 metres non stop using 4 strokes (that's 40 lengths!). Well done to those who completed the badge.

### Night Hike

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November the Scouts took part in a night hike from Harlaw reservoir Balerno to Bonaly camp site. This will go towards the Hikes away badge.

### Bag Pack

We were recently bag packing in Sainsbury's Murrayfield to raise funds. A total of £980.16 was raised. This will help us do many activities throughout the year.

### Christmas

We are going to Laserquest for our Christmas night out.

**We wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Contact Us

Web – <http://www.172scouts.com>

## Leprosy Mission

When we have a Guild of Friendship meeting and everyone looks at the Leprosy Jar being filled with one and two pence coins I am really thrilled when I see how much is banked.

A huge "Thank You" must go to the Guild ladies, members of the congregation who fill the blue phials from the front of the Church and others who hand me donations in a bank bag or envelope. All this money goes to make many people, both young and old, achieve a better way of life, build their confidence, give them pride in themselves and learn a new talent by employing people and medicine to cure them from of this crippling and unsightly disease. From 17<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> November this year we have collected the magnificent sum of £309.71. I can assure you that this is a lot of money for those unfortunate people and we can feel confident that this money is well used and appreciated.

Thank you again.

**Sheena Blair**

## REVEREND FUN [WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM](http://WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM)



WHAT'S THE MOST AWESOME GIFT YOU HAVE?



## FRESH START

The AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> November was well-attended and we were shown a short DVD, letting us see a house make-over, using the Hit Squad, all areas of Starter Packs, Cooker for Christmas, Bethany and Edinburgh Furniture Initiative. What a transformation! Everything necessary to make the house a home had been provided by folks all over Edinburgh. Hopefully, copies of the DVD may be made available to be shown in church, as I'm sure you would be very pleased to see how good a house can look using things you have so generously donated. Keep up the good work! There is a copy of the Annual Review on the Hall 2 notice board, and there are copies available in the Library area if you would like one.

Here is a brief outline from the Annual Review.

8,961 Starter Packs were distributed to 1,800 tenants

80 volunteers worked in the warehouse

24 cookers, 40 washing machines and 25 fridges were distributed from the 'Cooker for Christmas' appeal money.

The electric appliance testing service has now expanded into a full-blown business, bringing in a good amount of money, and offering 5 training places to out-of-work folk.

Funding is now received through a contract with the Council's 'Gateway' project.

There are 6 new faces on the staff, 1 in management and 5 volunteers. 1 volunteer has now become a staff member. All members of staff and volunteers do sterling work.

I hope you'll be encouraged by this, and do read the Report in full – it's amazing how much has been achieved and will be in the future, by lots of people each doing a little to help.

We don't have a collection in January, but we will start again on 6<sup>th</sup> February with curtains. (Toiletries are now also accepted).

Thanks again,

**Marilyn Godon**



## EMAIL PRAYER GROUP

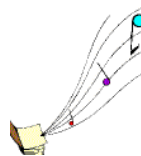
The church Email Prayer Group is greatly appreciated by many. The system allows a prayer request to be sent very quickly to a large number of people who have expressed a willingness to pray when asked. The commitment of those praying is what they wish to make it and no-one checks up on who has done what. Someone receiving a prayer request may pray about the concern once and that is the end of their involvement. Others may wish to pray more frequently over a period. That choice is private and personal to the individual. Also, prayer emails are initiated only at the request of an individual or their family and any information given is pre-agreed with those involved.

I have changed my home PC and tried out various email systems before settling on my current one. If you have not had any emails from me in recent weeks it may be that I have lost your email address despite my best efforts not to! If so, please email me at [chasg@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:chasg@blueyonder.co.uk) and I shall be happy to add you once more to my email address book.

Similarly, if you have an email address and are not already a member of the Email Prayer Group please contact me and I shall be happy to add your name. Apart from prayer requests, having email addresses for members is most helpful as it allows either the minster or me to send occasional news updates more or less instantaneously.

**Charles Godon,  
Prayer Team Leader**

(Prayer Team members are Richie Adams; Greg McIntosh; Sandra Paulin; Eleanor Pountain.)



## CHOIR NOTES

.The Choir meets every Sunday before the service to practise and new members are always welcome. Musicians are also always welcome.

**Florence Kinnear**



## Global Church Co-ordinator

I am really pleased and excited to be taking on the role of global church co-ordinator. Within this role I hope to help raise awareness of the issues that face Christian minorities throughout the world and to offer prayer support to them for *“There is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share in its happiness. All of you are Christ’s body, and each one is a part of it.”* (1 Corinthians 12: 25-27)

I also hope to continue keep the church up to date with the work of the Cambodian Hope Organisation and maintain the church’s close relationship with them. So often the response to stories of struggle is ‘but what can we do?’ We as a congregation can be informed through various mission organisations, websites and magazines, we can pray, for both the oppressed and oppressors and we can offer support through organisations such as Tearfund and Christian Aid.

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”* Matthew 5:10

**Fiona Dewar**

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



On Sunday 12th December there will be a Service of Remembering at 3 p.m. in the Church organised by the Bereavement Support Group. The Service will be very short, consisting of readings, poems, prayers and periods of quiet reflection. It is for anyone who wishes to attend whatever their loss - a job or career, health, a loved one or friend - a change in life's circumstances which is difficult to deal with. It is aimed to bring comfort and peace of mind to anyone who finds themselves in a new and difficult situation.

**Christine McBean**



## MSM

**Mirror, Signal, Manoeuvre**

October saw the MSM group doing something a little bit different, when a small group of members travelled to Comrie Croft, just outside Crieff, for the weekend. Although shortened to one night from the original two, it was a great opportunity for the group to spend time, away from the business of everyday life, to study the weekend's theme, which was God the Father, as well as enjoy some time together building up existing friendships and making new ones (particularly with baby Daniel Dewar who quickly became the centre of attention!)

Unfortunately, my busy work and exam schedule has made it difficult to organise MSM events this term but we will be finishing the term with the group's now traditional Christmas dinner and we hope to return with a full programme next year.

If you want further information about MSM or any of our events please see the flyers in the church vestibule, contact Martin Elliot or visit the MSM Facebook page.



## MINISTER’S SERMONS

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





### **MESSY CHURCH – AFTERNOON TEA**

This is new to Juniper Green, but has been well tried and tested in other parts of the Church. On the afternoon of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 37 people sat down to afternoon tea in the Church Hall; the youngest was 6 weeks old and wisdom prevents me from even speculating about the age of the oldest! *Messy Church* is for families to do together, so we had invited parents and their children to come to afternoon tea together.

Then we provided some ideas and materials for crafts connected to the story of Joseph: fingerprint people being made into families; a life-size coat for Joseph that is hanging in the Church; picture frames and door hangings to decorate as gifts for a special person.



Finally, we worshipped God together, singing a few songs, reflecting a little on the truth that God was with Joseph and his family in the messy lives they lived, and praying together.

We have some more dates for more *Messy Church – Afternoon Tea*: it will have a regular slot on the first Saturday of the month: February 5<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3.30 – 5pm in the Church Hall: families together are welcome.

**James Dewar**



### **Girlguiding Centenary Celebrations**

This year the Girlguiding Association celebrated its Centenary with a huge number of events for girls and leaders across the country. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Juniper Green, Currie and Balerno thoroughly enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities in the city; they took over Edinburgh Castle for a day and Rainbows had a chance to become princesses at a special party. Kirsty Smith, a Juniper Green Guide, had really good fun with lots of other guides at Ratho climbing centre where there were tonnes of things to do like climbing, mountain biking and pampering. This was really good fun and all the guides in Edinburgh were there and it was another great celebration.

The year began with a launch party at Balerno High School and rounded off with a huge celebration at the Corn Exchange where there were lots of great activities like a photo booth, Bollywood dancing, a chill-out zone, food stalls with music performances from bands and a chance to get their autographs. Everyone had a really good time at this and Kirsty said that it was a great thing to be a part of and that it was a great centenary year.

Guiders had a great time too with evening events at the City Chambers and the National Galleries and many of them felt proud and privileged to be remaking their promise alongside Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at the Corn Exchange at 20:10 on 20/10/2010 to mark the end of the centenary.

**Fiona Dewar and Kirsty Smith**



Husband: A man who buys his football tickets four months in advance and waits until December 24<sup>th</sup> to do his Christmas shopping.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In October, a Breakfast meeting took place and Eric Paulin and Martin Elliot of our Church led the discussion on the topic "Cambodia Re-visited". Eric and Martin shared their experiences including the kindnesses from the people they met and the wonderful bright and cheery responses from the children to games and learning. They indicated that their time in Cambodia with the Cambodia Hope Organization had influenced their faith journey including being thankful for what they have been given in life. They would like to go again after such a rewarding time.

The Breakfast meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the snow.

The Nurture Team is planning to hold a Dinner in February followed by 2 further Breakfast Meetings before the Summer Break.

All men are welcome to any of our meetings. Just speak to Cliff Beevers or Ian Aitken who will be delighted to explain the format of the meetings.

### Nurture Team

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others,..."* Hebrews 13 vs 16



While carol singing in the local hospital, one of my members asked me why each Christmas I insulted the congregation! Assuring the person that it was certainly not deliberate, I asked her to explain. "Well" she said "each Christmas you intimate that the children will sing the first verse of Away in a Manager and that then the congregation will join them for the second verse "The cattle are lowing".



## Carol Singing

There will be a gathering for carol singing outside Iceland from 10.30 on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please do feel welcome to join with us raising the Christmas spirit among Farmer's Market goers and chipolata picker uppers. Carol sheets will be provided and we can enjoy raising funds for CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland). Just bring yourself, your scarf (Santa hat not compulsory though nice!) your voice and your lovely smile. Look forward to singing with you.

### Gill Hales

## WHEN I SAY I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I'm not shouting, "I am saved!"  
I'm whispering, "I get lost; that is why I chose this way."

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble and need  
Someone to be my Guide.

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I'm not bragging I am strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak, and pray for  
strength to carry on.

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed and cannot ever  
pay the debt.

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are all too visible, but God believes  
I'm worth it.

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches, which is why I  
cry his name.

When I say, "*I am a Christian,*"  
I do not wish to judge.  
I have no authority; I only know I'm Loved.

# FAMILY NEWS

**BAPTISMS** *Jesus said "Let the children come to me" (Matthew 19:14)*

September 5th Fergus Donnelly, son of Julian and Lisa Donnelly, Juniper Green.

November 28th Ben James Anstruther, son of Emma and Paul Anstruther, Baberton Mains

**FUNERALS** *"I am the Resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)*

September 10th Mr Douglas Hanson, Baberton Mains

September 23rd Mr Thomas Hutchison, Juniper Green

November 29th Mr John Taylor, Currie

November 30th Mr Ronald Nimmo, Liberton.

**NEW MEMBERS** *"All the saints salute you" (2 Corinthians 13:13)*

**BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFERENCE**  
October 6th Mrs Marjorie Rae, Juniper Green

**BY RESOLUTION OF KIRK SESSION**  
October 6th Miss Caroline Hamilton, Balerno

November 3rd Mrs Rita Brownlie, Baberton Mains

## DISJUNCTIONS

October Mrs Lorna Cooper, previously Juniper Green

October Mrs Linda Fisher, previously Baberton Mains

October Mrs Susan Ireland, Juniper Green

The Spring issue of Church News will be available on 6th March and contributions, or any family news, should be sent or given to Alison Robertson by 20th February.

(email : [alison.m.robertson@gmail.com](mailto:alison.m.robertson@gmail.com))

## *Congratulations to*



now 1 year old.

**Kath Barron**, Fairmilehead, on the successful adoption of her first grandson, **Jack Alexander Barron** who is

**Emma and Paul Anstruther**, Baberton Mains, on the birth of their second son, **Ben James** on 26th August. Ben is also the second great grandson of **Betty and Bernard Povey**, Juniper Green.

**Edna Fraser**, Kingsknowe, on the birth of her great granddaughter, **Sophie Mae Richards** on 21st October

**Ann and Malcolm Brown**, Baberton Mains, on the birth of their third grandson, **Charlie Murray Bucukoglu** on 18th November



**Nan Mungall**, Kingsknowe, who celebrated her 85th birthday on 27th November.



6th October

**Peggy and George Turnbull**, Juniper Green, who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on

**Isabel and Gordon Campbell**, Currie, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5th November

**Edith and Sid Boyle**, Juniper Green, who will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on 14th December.



The Church News Team wishes all readers a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy 2011. Thank you to all those who have delivered magazines and/or Easter and Christmas Cards during 2010.

# What's On

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Gift Service in partnership with the Salvation Army, at 10.30am  
Service for Remembering at 3pm in the Church
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> St Margaret's Court Service at 10.30am in the lounge
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing outside Iceland in Juniper Green, 10.30am.
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Communion Service at 9.30am in the Church  
Christmas Service for all ages at 10.30am in the Church, followed by prayers for healing.  
Service of Lessons and carols at 6.30pm in the Church.
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> *The Quiet Place to Pray* – the Church open 2-3pm; 7-8pm
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> The Family Carol Service at 6.30pm  
The Late Service at 11.30pm
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> The Christmas Day Service at 10.30am
- Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Seasonal worship at 10.30am
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship for the New Year at 10.30am, followed by an informal communion service.
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Open House at the Manse 2-5pm
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Guild Communion service in Hall 2 at 2pm
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> **Quiz of the Year 2010** - in Hall 1 at 7.30pm
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am in the lounge
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Joint Valley Service in Juniper Green Church at 10.30am, the speaker will be David Strang, Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders Police.  
Lorimer House Service at 3.30pm
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirk Session meeting in Hall 2 at 7.30pm
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> *Messy Church afternoon tea* in Hall 1 3.30 – 5pm
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Morning service at 10.30am followed by an informal communion service
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am in the lounge
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Morning Service at 10.30am followed by prayers for healing
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Lorimer House Service at 3.30pm
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirk Session meeting in Hall 2 at 7.30pm
- March 5<sup>th</sup> *Messy Church afternoon tea* in Hall 1, 3.30-5pm
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Communion services at 10.30am in the Church and 3.30pm in Hall 2

**Church Wednesday** meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Hall 3 for The Prayer Time and thereafter a mixture of Bible Study and other discussion events in Hall 2 at 7.30pm. See the flyer inside *Church News* for fuller details; if you want extra copies they can be found in the vestibule of the Church building.

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

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

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our Church Halls are used by various groups during the week and, if anyone is interested in joining a group, do telephone the contact noted below. If anyone is interested in booking a Hall for any purpose, please contact Ian Marshall, 453 4253.

## MONDAY

Zumba Fitness Class (Started 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	10.45am	Sara Wood
Kumon Centre	5.00pm	Ravi Karajkar
Rainbows	5.45pm	Sandra Gibb
Scouts	7.00pm	Neill Sinclair
Pentland Pilates	7.15pm	Sara Wood

## TUESDAY

Open Door Café	10.00am	Inez Paisley
Blue Sky Pilates	1.00pm	Claire Macdonald
Brownies	6.30pm	Jean Dewar
Scottish Slimmers	7.00pm	Susan Shaw
Edinburgh Budgerigar Society^	7.30pm	Bill Miller

## WEDNESDAY

Ladies Badminton	10.00am	Alison Buchanan
Pentland Probus Club+	10.00am	Leslie Hannaford
Drama Studio	3.30pm	Julie McDonald
Guides	7.30pm	Lesley Wilson

## THURSDAY

Monkey Music	10.00am	Alison Rankin
Guild of Friendship*	2.00pm	Elaine Wilson
Enjoy-a-Ball	2.30pm	Alister Ramm
Yoga Group	7.00pm	Maureen Clarke

## FRIDAY

Zumba Fitness Class (Started 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	9.45am	Sara Wood
Cubs & Beavers	6.30pm	Caroline Wood

## SATURDAY

Monkey Music	10.00am	Alison Rankin
Kumon Centre (Children Self-Learning Group)	10.00am	Ravi Karajkar
Fencing Fun	12.30pm	Sean Walton

## SUNDAY

Kids' Church	10.30am	Beverley Christy
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^ Monthly

+First and third Wednesdays, September to May

\*Alternate weeks

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

**Children's Birthday Party bookings are also popular.**



# WHO'S WHO

## **CONTACT**

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

**N.B. Church Office is open on Friday afternoons only (1.30pm-3.30pm)**

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