



## From the Minister's Desk

Dear Friends,

What makes a caring Church? This question is very much at the top of the agenda just now as we think about reshaping our network of pastoral care. Do read Cliff Beevers' article later in this edition; please complete the questionnaire when it gets to you sometime in the new year.

From the very beginning, love for other people has been part of the DNA of the Christian Church. Rich Christians sold their property to help provide for the poor; Paul speaks of a partnership in the gospel with the Christians of Philippi – they sent him some money to help him out when he was in prison. Our Scottish tradition has seen pastoral care carried out by elders as they visited the people of the congregation; we reshaped that in 2005 to broaden the responsibility to others and that has generally worked well.

**“As I have loved  
you, so you  
must love one  
another.”  
(Jesus in John  
13:34)**

For some the “caring Church” is a contradiction in terms. There are people who feel let down by the Church, whose experience of Church has left them battered and bruised emotionally and spiritually. That is a cause for nothing but deep dismay, regardless of the circumstances. Perhaps the most important word in this letter is “should” – it will occur often; we know what we should do, but we also know that, as flawed and imperfect people, what we “should” do is often the last thing we are able to achieve.

“See how these Christians love one another.” These famous words are attributed to Tertullian, a second-century Christian, who sought to show the world the value of Christian faith. In a world where love and care were in short supply, the caring Church stood out. Christian brothers and sisters should care for one another; we should be interested in one another and be concerned for one another's well-being. We should be patient with one another and forgiving, kind and compassionate. This manifests itself in getting to know other people's names, listening to one another and being concerned to pray for one another. Having said all of that, Churches can be notorious for behaviour opposite to all of that: gossip, back-biting, cliques and factions vying for power and control.

Christians should care for their neighbours. We live as part of lots of networks today. We live

beside one group of people; we work beside another group; we take our leisure beside a third group; family forms another network. Jesus told a story in response to the question “Who is my neighbour?” The story featured a man who was beaten up and left beside the road; two people ignored him and the third, a stranger, an enemy, stopped to help because he had compassion. Someone has suggested that the real question we need to answer from this story is “To whom am I a neighbour?” There are people all over the place who are part of our networks, to whom we need to be a neighbour.

We are also part of a global community today.

We can have ‘friends’ who live thousands of miles away, whom we never see, but whose needs we know. Our connection with Cambodia is a bit like that: we receive their newsletters and pray for them, seeing their need, feeling their pain and asking God to bless them. There are all kinds of situations like that, reacting even to pictures that we see on the News. Care for the world has traditionally been seen in giving to help people who are poor and Christians have been among the most generous of people in this. But there is another way in which we need to learn to care for the world in which we live, encapsulated by a quote from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: “Christians shouldn't just be pulling people out of the river. We should be going upstream to find out who's pushing them in.” The caring Church can work to change the world in which we live and take note of the needs of the weak and poor in our global community.

Christmas speaks of the God who cares. God cares for the world so much that He was willing to sacrifice His Son for our sake. So often, the Bible tells us that we should love others because God loves us; or that we should love others in the same way as God has loved us. The challenge is huge; churches can never be complacent; with humility we admit that at times we get it wrong, but we press on to keep building a caring Church.

Our family join us in sending you good wishes at Christmas, so from Jean, Alistair, Sara and Daniel, Fiona and Kirsty, we wish you peace at Christmas and a New Year full of God's richest blessing.

Yours sincerely,

*James S. Dewar.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

As you will be aware, from April this year, the amount that was refunded to us from the Inland Revenue for our Gift Aid givings was reduced by 3p in the £. Appeals were made to all those who give by Gift Aid to increase their givings by approximately 3% to cover this reduction. In effect, 17 of the 78 who give by bank standing order increased their giving and there was a similar increase of those who give by WFO.

I should imagine that most congregations throughout Scotland reacted in the same way for we are not likely to be dissimilar to other churches. As a result, most churches will find that their income will not have increased this year sufficient to meet the ever-increasing rise in expenditure. There is therefore a need to approach giving in a more constructive and adaptable manner. Indeed, as I advised in the Autumn Church News, the Church of Scotland has been aware of the need for increasing Christian Liberality right across the Church and this year the General Assembly agreed that there should be a National Stewardship Campaign in 2012.

As a result, The Presbytery of Edinburgh organised an evening in Palmerston Place Church in November to introduce the 2012 National Stewardship Programme. At this meeting, all congregations were instructed to participate in the programme and provided with information on how best to deliver a plan which best meets the particular needs of each church. Our particular plan has still to be put together but you can be assured that the Kirk Session will be considering how best our congregation can take seriously the traditional aspects of Christian stewardship – time, talent and money. You will be informed of the result in due course.

Again, as I mentioned in the Autumn Church News, next year, in anticipation of our own stewardship programme, we will be sending out to every household, a 'Challenge to the Church' leaflet from the Moderator, the Rt Rev David Arnot. We hope this leaflet will encourage you to consider your current giving, to give more generously and to share the good news of your love in Christ through worship, fellowship, outreach and service of your church. In so doing you will make a real difference not only to the church in your community but also to the world around us.

Finally, we have been fortunate to receive three legacies this year. They were greatly appreciated and have made the difference between operating with a surplus rather than with a deficit over the last twelve months. The Church of Scotland encourages us to consider making a gift to our church in our Wills and information on how to do this is available from your solicitor.

**Fundraising:** Another traditional way of helping to meet the costs of the church is to hold fundraising events. Last year we held a coffee morning and jumble sale which raised the combined figure of £1,037. This year, we have only held one event, the 'Antiques Roadshow', which raised £730. This was a most excellent evening and thanks are due to the antiques expert, Mark Medcalf, and all those who contributed to make this evening such a success. More of this sort of evening would be a good thing socially, as well as financially, so if anyone has a good idea for the next event, please let me know.

**Charities:** As is our tradition, charities will benefit from your generosity this Christmas. 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:**

Located in the Craigmillar, 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, 18th 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

As Convener of Presbyterian Superintendence I am in the privileged position of knowing a lot about what goes on in churches across the Presbytery. It has been obvious to me for some years that pastoral care, traditional elder visiting was struggling in many places. Reasons vary but the common threads are a lack of people to visit and a lack of appreciation of the visits resulting in demotivation of the willing. Therefore, quite a few churches have adopted various ways to offer pastoral care – our own included.

The Convener of Mission Resourcing, the Rev Norman Smith, of Granton was tasked with finding out more on who was doing what. The result was a half day conference called ‘Beyond the Elder’s District’ which was well attended by Juniper folk. There were presentations from Broughton St Mary’s, Colinton and Granton; each has taken very different approaches.

Broughton St Mary’s knew that elder visits were not happening as they might and looked for ways to offer better pastoral care. They set up Pastoral Care visiting teams (covering visiting, magazine and flower distribution) operating across all former elder districts plus a core team with specific skills of Bereavement, Welcome, Children and Prayer. People are now working to their strengths; pastoral care is much better; there is no expectation that those giving pastoral care should be elders but some are.

Colinton, with its large membership and correspondingly large number of elders, in 2003 set up a scheme of 29 contact elders, divided the parish into 12 areas, designated a named contact for each member and set a target of at least one face-to-face contact per annum. Additionally, scheme supportive appointments included specialist elders for sheltered housing, baptismal families, children and youth, and a Pastoral Care Coordinator. The system has been reviewed (and will be again next year) and a clear decision made that there will be no return to traditional elder districts!

Granton went through much of what we have in Juniper Green – discussions about the role of elder, motivation, gifts, the tradition of visiting and then they surveyed all members. The survey results were very interesting.

- One quarter said ‘see me at church’ and don’t visit;
- One quarter wanted contact only by post, email or phone;
- One quarter wanted only one annual visit and a magazine delivery;
- Only one quarter of members now receive regular visits – those who asked and, by default, those who did not respond.

Granton reported that the benefits include: members not receiving visits that most do not want; people released for outreach to the parish; pastoral care opened up to the whole congregation; more focused and better pastoral care is taking place. Lessons learned included the recognition that just because something has been done faithfully for years does not mean that people on the receiving end actually want it; that can be hard to hear but necessary to hear.

Elsewhere in this magazine Cliff Beevers will tell you something of what is happening with pastoral care in our own church. I am pleased that we continue to look at how best to care for people whilst being responsive to what members actually want rather than assuming that “it’s aye been” must be maintained against clear evidence that there are better ways. I look forward with great interest to the results of our member survey.

**Charles R Godon, Session Clerk**



### 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.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The first Men's Fellowship meeting for 2011/12 met on Sunday 11 September 2011. The speaker, after the breakfast, was Gordon McFadzean whose short talk was titled "An Affair of the Heart". The talk was about a personal heart problem which involved a need for medical help in a hospital. It was enlightening to hear of Gordon's experience and thoughts while going through the urgent medical journey and how his personal faith was a support through it all.

The next meeting was on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November when the speaker was Michael Grieve and he gave a short talk titled "My Musical Journey". Plans are also being made for a Men's Dinner to be held in the Baberton Golf Club in February 2012 and our Minister James Dewar has agreed to give the after-dinner talk.

The Fellowship has had some 20 men coming along to the meetings and it would be good to see new faces. Anyone wishing more details please speak to Ian Aitken or Michael Merriman.

Also, any suggestions on format or speakers would be greatly appreciated by the members of the Nurture Team.

### Nurture Team

*"..and that you also may have fellowship with us."* 1 John 1 vs 3



## CHOIR NOTES

*"Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing" (Hymn 282)*

On Thursday evenings the choir has welcomed singers to join them in the preparation of Christmas carols. Early carols were danced as well as sung and although some tunes have a dance like lilt the choir confines itself to singing.

The words of Christmas carols are worthy of consideration as they tell the story of the nativity from the annunciation to the birth of Jesus. Some hymns making us look further on, "view the present through the promise Christ will come again" (Hymn 479 CH4).

**Florence Kinnear**



**CHURCH LIBRARY** is available every week in the Church Sanctuary after the Morning Service. There is a wide selection of

books/tapes/music CDs for all ages including children. "**Children's Books**" and "**Young People Books**" are available through the Kids Church Leaders and the books are held by the Kids' Church Team to be available at Kids' Church. All books are in the Library Catalogue including the "Children's" and "Young People" Books which can be viewed in the Library Area or on the Church Web Site in "Author Name" listing. Following a recent audit there are 737 books, 10 videos, and 7 tapes and some 50 music CDs.

### Nurture Team

*"..will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."* Acts 6 vs 4



## FRESH START

[www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk)

A big thank you to you all for your continuing, amazing support. I hope you found the DVD interesting. Heather and Claire came from FRESH START to speak to the Guild ladies and I know they enjoyed seeing a selection of Starter Packs and being able to ask questions about how it all works. All the repairs and redecoration needed at the warehouse should be complete by now and normal working can resume – it's been rather awkward for them recently. We'll have a break as usual in January and restart collections on February 5<sup>th</sup> with Bedding.

Thanks again

**Marilyn Godon**



## CHRISTIAN ACTION TEAM

The team will be having an afternoon tea party and some recitation for the residents of St Margaret's Court and guests in the new year. This will be the first time we are planning to do a small scale event in St Margaret's Court. We hope it will be something to look forward to on a grey winter's afternoon in the New Year.

We continue to send dry goods and tins down to Bethany House in Jane Street and these are much appreciated.

Ford's Road and Davidson House visits continue every month with conversation and various games taking place with a small group from the church and some of the residents in each home. They are much enjoyed by both the visited and the visitors.

The Care Van team make their last trip of the year on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>. We never know how many folk will turn up at the van but we will be ready to supply some hot sustenance and conversation. I know I wouldn't like to live out on the streets at any time and so the thought of doing so in the depth of winter makes me doubly shiver. We remember these folk who, for whatever reason, rely on the Care Van every evening for some hot food before they settle down for the night.

We have the first of our 2 turns catering at the night shelter on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December. The shelter is organised by Bethany. Accommodation is provided by various churches clustered in and around the city centre and more church teams take turns to do the catering at these venues. We do this on 2 evenings during the winter. A team of 5 turn up at our allocated venue at about 6.30pm and prepare from scratch a 2-course hot meal for about 55 folk. We used to be able to prepare the food at home but Health and Safety regulations mean we now have to do this on site. We serve the food, talk to the clients, have fellowship with the Bethany team, clear up, leave breakfast and depart at about 11.30pm exhausted but knowing that we have contributed some comfort to those who are our neighbours.

I commend the Christian Action Team to your prayers. You may not know who they are but they work tirelessly behind the scenes to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Remember we are all members of the Christian Action Team in our church – do what you can for anyone in need.

*Jean Dewar*

## CURRY NIGHT – PIZZA NIGHT



On two Saturday evenings in November, we went into partnership with local restaurants to provide a new experience – food and a movie. Five kinds of curry; four kinds of pizza and some pasta; lots of ice cream and other desserts – some fantastic food was on offer on each occasion. Afterwards we settled down to watch a film called *KJB – the book that changed the world*, made by Norman Stone to tell the story of the making of the King James Bible. It is an excellent docu-drama, outlining the story of the times as well as the making of the Bible that for centuries has shaped the way people think and what we believe. This was an experiment that we may well repeat; the 60 people who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## HALLS CLEANING



Cleaning has gone on as usual, but some changes are being made as three team members have retired and a further two have left. I wish to thank all five for their hard work over the years since we started providing a voluntary cleaning service for the halls. Although we now have two new members, we need three more to bring us up to strength. This work is very necessary as so many groups use the halls, which must be kept in good order with regular cleaning. Please get in touch if you can help.

Meanwhile, I wish a Happy and Blessed Christmas to all the teams,

*Elaine Wilson*

## SAFEGUARDING

The second stage of PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) is due to start at the end of February 2012.

There are two things that we will have to do to ensure compliance in respect of PVG.

The first is that everyone at present working with children and young people are given, and take up, the opportunity to become a member of the scheme.

The second is that there may be a few people visiting vulnerable adults on behalf of the congregation who should also join the scheme. As yet we have no clear guide lines for this, the Safeguarding Office will advise us at a later date.

All who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults should be members of the scheme by February 2015.

There is no cause for concern regarding this process, it is just a way of bringing things up to date. Everything in the meantime will run as normal.

**Maureen Heathwood**



### Bereavement Support Group

For a number of years a small team of Church members has offered support to those suffering loss or bereavement. The role of the team is not to give advice but to offer support and encouragement to those who wish it.

Referrals are received from Mr Dewar.

On Sunday, December 11th there will be a Service of Remembering at 3 pm in the Church. 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**



## A date for your diary!

The Nurture Team would like to invite the ladies of the church to our Valentine's event on the 16th February 2012, Cup Cakes and Chocolate are guaranteed! We hope that you can come.

More details will follow later.

**Yvonne Hunter**



## 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**



## Bible Reading

See all the Bible reading material in the vestibule at the front door of the Church. The material includes a booklet for younger people "Word 4u2 Today". We hope these choices will encourage members to a pattern of daily reading of God's Word.

Also, the Minister continues to lead Bible Study under the banner "Church Wednesday". See the leaflet and give it a try.

If you wish more information about Bible Reading material or you have alternative Bible Reading material or you wish to know more about "Church Wednesday" please speak to Ian Aitken or Yvonne Hunter.

## Nurture Team

*"..that you may live a life worthy of the Lord... growing in the knowledge of God...."*  
Colossians 1 v 1

## The Talents of Juniper Green Parish

Juniper Green Parish Church is about to review the structure of its pastoral care scheme through the completion of a survey form of all its members. In doing so, we would like your help in shaping the new structure to address your needs and work within the church's resources. In addition, the proposed survey form will ask you to tell us about your skills and involvement so that we can better understand how Juniper Green Parish Church can be more relevant in our parish. This parish has many talented members and as you read this article please remember that you are one of them!

Ann Morisey, a modern freelance community theologian and lecturer, said that "The Church needs to be a caring place if it is to communicate the gospel." As you know Juniper Green Parish Church (and the earlier congregations in this area) have always tried to be a caring church in this community.

In 2005, the Kirk Session gave this caring work a new structure in which 11 teams of people were established. The job of the teams was to visit all the members in the name of Christ and Juniper Green Parish Church. In setting up that scheme the Kirk Session had three aims in mind: to keep contact with you; to communicate with you; and to care for you when you need someone to walk with you through life. These three aims remain important to us as a congregation.

We want to find out too how life is treating you and to seek your assistance in the ongoing work of the parish. It is a few years since we last surveyed your opinions to find out what kind of contact you prefer, what talents you have to offer and how your Church can become more involved in the community. So, the Kirk Session, through the pastoral care visitors, will be asking you to complete a short questionnaire telling us your preferences for contact, communication and pastoral care in the future.

We hope every church member will take the time to complete and return the survey form in the New Year: it seeks to check information already held and to collect new data such as an up to date email address if you have one. The form also asks for your help in bringing Christianity to the wider community of Juniper Green through your

hobbies and skills. Your pastoral care visitor will be in touch in the New Year with a form and if necessary help you complete it. If you wish more details please give me a call on the number below.

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



## Introductory Note

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding.  
In all your ways, acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight."  
Proverbs 3: 5-6*

These verses were written in the front of the Bible give to me when I first became a Christian at St Andrews University and they have remained a constant challenge and encouragement on life's journey, as I have sought to discern and pursue God's purpose for my life. There have been many wonderful paths along the way, most notably a number of years serving as Assistant Warden at the Church of Scotland's Badenoch Christian Centre at Kinraig, which then led to a time as an outdoor pursuits instructor at the Abernethy Trust Centre at Nethybridge. It was during that time that I first sensed a call to full-time ministry in the Church of Scotland and, following further valuable training and experience, it has seemed the right time now this year to follow up that sense of call with a period of Enquiry and Assessment.

Thank you very much indeed for the warmth of your welcome at Juniper Green over the initial Enquiry time in recent weeks and, as the Field Assessment begins, I very much look forward to being further involved in the life of the church over the next six months.

**Lorna Souter**





## SHOEBOXES

This year **154** boxes have been sent to Blythswood to be part of various consignments which go all over Eastern Europe, India and so on.



**THANK YOU:** to the 10 folk who came to the Manse on a Thursday evening at the end of October and squeezed themselves round the dining table to wrap the boxes. How we managed to finish the task in such a short time without sticking the tape to each other and to the

wrong bits of wrapping paper I'll never know!; to the 12 folk the following week who packed all the boxes, ticked the contents sheet and put rubber bands round the boxes. It's great fun trying to decide what to put in each box for a 12 year old boy, an elderly woman, a six year old girl etc; to Sheena for supplying delicious home baking for break time – a real treat that kept us going; to Babs who went above and beyond the call of duty to help me out and to all the loving and generous folk in the congregation who donated goods and money for both the contents and the transporting of the boxes.

I realise that a lot of the goods were more expensive this year than last – I found that out when I was buying goods with the donated money and so it is to your credit that we managed to fill so many boxes. At a time when we could easily say "I'm not giving anything this year- I need it for myself" I commend your faithfulness in supporting this project.



We pray for the volunteers at the Blythswood warehouses who add a calendar to the adult

boxes and a Christian story book to the children's boxes and for the safety of the drivers of those giant lorries who transport the boxes all over the place in the coming weeks.

We will never know who receives our boxes but I urge you to say a prayer for them on Christmas Day as you open your own gifts. Think of those who in this day and age still rely on Blythswood for some good cheer and the basic necessities of the boxes. We have watched the DVD in church and seen the tears and smiles of the recipients. God knows them by name.

It's amazing what can be done with some team work – Thank you one and all.

*Jean Dewar*



## GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP

The Guild of Friendship resumed its meetings on 8 September and has met twice in September, twice in October and once in November. We have a full programme arranged through till May next year, which we try to make as varied as possible to suit all tastes.

At our opening meeting we had a presentation by Bright Care, an organisation providing care for elderly people in their own homes, and we collected in the backpacks we had made up for Mary's Meals. We had an excellent response to this challenge, from both Guild members and others in the congregation, and sent off 44 packs, which was wonderful. Thanks are due to all who contributed.

Since then we have had interesting talks from representatives of the Scottish Storytelling Centre, the Mission in Sialkot in Pakistan, Fresh Start, the National Autistic Society and the Leprosy Mission. About thirty members have attended each meeting, but we would love to see more, and all members of the congregation are welcome to attend and join.

*Elaine Wilson, Secretary*

## **CHRISTMAS IN CAMBODIA**

Jeff Henneforth is an American working in Poipet with CHO. We met him when we visited last Summer. I asked him some questions about his experience of Christmas in Cambodia last year and his answers describe Christmas in Cambodia.



### ***Would you describe Christmas Day last year in Poipet, please?***

Christmas day was quiet and rather uneventful last year. Nothing special was going on that day. I went to Thailand on December 26th because CHO is closed the week between Christmas and New Year. I probably would have been better off using Christmas Day instead. I had a little cardboard Christmas tree painted green with some lights for Christmas decorations that were left at my place by some previous missionaries. I went to a Japanese restaurant for dinner since it's the nicest place around. Sushi isn't what I'd usually think of as normal Christmas Day fare, but it still tasted great.

### ***How is Christmas in Cambodia different from Christmas in the United States?***

Many holidays are celebrated in Cambodia, and while they are aware of Christmas, the Cambodians don't seem to understand it much. Most holidays here are based in Buddhism and steeped in tradition. Christmas here has neither. Very few decorations go up in Poipet though in other parts of the country a few more can be seen. In the US, decorations can be seen everywhere. Christmas songs both old and new can be constantly heard everywhere; and of course, the shoppers go wild! Don't forget the big holiday meal. None of that happens in Cambodia.

CHO had a little party a day or two before Christmas for staff and their families. The Christmas party was held during the middle of the day under a sideless tent and on a mat on the grass field at Safe Haven. There was a Christmas tree and about 8 presents that were given out by lottery. There were several songs sung and some dancing but it was all

Khmer and didn't feel like Christmas to me, but there were lots and lots of smiles so I was happy.

### ***What is there about Christmas in Cambodia that we would recognise?***

Because most of the usual trappings associated with Christmas in the West are missing, the most recognisable and perhaps only recognisable element of Christmas is perhaps the most important one: the Christmas story, the Birth of the Saviour. However, it is mainly in the Christian community, but does provide an excellent opportunity to share the Gospel with curious onlookers.

### ***How will you celebrate Christmas this year?***

This year, my parents have bought me a plane ticket home for a couple of weeks in December, so I'll be in the States with family for Christmas.

***James Dewar***



## **QUIZ OF THE YEAR 2011**

It has become a part of January in Juniper Green; the quiz that looks back over the past year. Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7pm in Hall 1 – the

time and place for the pub quiz that takes place in a Church hall. There will be tea, coffee and tray bakes; there may even be sweets on the table to help you concentrate. One thing is guaranteed, the competition will be fierce. So dust off your back copies of *The Scotsman* or *Private Eye*; read the BBC News website till you go cross-eyed; it might not help you much, but you'll feel better about losing! Come along with your friends; come along to make up a team! Tickets available from Mr Dewar, price £3.

***James Dewar***

# FAMILY NEWS

## **BAPTISM "Let the children come to me"**

October 30th Emily Katherine Rhynas,  
daughter of Sarah and Neil  
Rhynas, Colinton

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

September 24th Mrs Barbara Cramb,  
Juniper Green  
October 5th Mrs Mary Steven, Colinton  
Care Home  
October 14th Mrs Marion Stewart, Morlich  
House

## **NEW MEMBER "All the saints salute you" BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFERENCE**

November Mr Gordon Laing, Currie

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

September Mrs Kareen Dallas, Edinburgh  
October Mr Allan and Mrs Isobel Laing,  
Currie  
Ms Isabella Rodgers, Currie  
November Mrs Susan Park, Colinton

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

November Mrs Moira Stewart,  
Edinburgh, EH15  
formerly Balerno.

## ***Congratulations to***

**Cliff Beevers**, who has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree by Heriot Watt University for services to Mathematical Education for E-assessment and as an Ambassador for Heriot Watt University. Cliff's full title is Emeritus Professor Cliff Beevers, B.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc., OBE. Phew!

## ***Congratulations to***



**Helen Rogers**, Baberton Mains, on the birth of her granddaughter, Rose Diana Turner on 7th October

**Sandra and Eric Paulin**, Baberton Mains, on the birth of their first granddaughter, Erin Christina MacKenzie on 7th November

**Liz and Cliff Beevers**, Juniper Green, on the birth of their first grandchild, Nina Amelie Carter on 12th November.

## **Juniper Green SWRI**

Juniper Green SWRI meets on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Village Hall. Our aim is to encourage homecrafts of all kinds and to promote friendship and good company. We have a demonstration or talk and a cup of tea at the meetings **and** an annual outing and dinner. Women of all ages are welcome.

For information please contact me.

**Diane Johnston**  
President



**The Church News Team** takes this opportunity to wish all readers, contributors and deliverers "A Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year".

A special "Thank You" to all those who have helped deliver Christmas Cards to every home and business in our Parish.

The Spring Issue of Church News will be available on 4th March 2012 and contributions, or any family news, should be sent or given to Alison Robertson by 19th February. email address: [junipergreenparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:junipergreenparishchurch@gmail.com)

# What's On

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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2.
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service at 10.30am – Gift Service in partnership with the Salvation Army <b>Service for Remembering</b> at 3pm in the Church.
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret's Court service in the lounge at 10.30am
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Communion service at 9.30am Morning Service for all ages at 10.30am, including Kids' Church Nativity; followed by Prayers for Healing Carol Singing at Lorimer House at 3pm.
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Service of Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm in the Church <b>Open Church – a Quiet Place at Christmas</b> 2-3pm, 7-8pm the Church will be open for prayer and quiet reflection
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Family Carol Service</b> at 6.30pm <b>The Late Service</b> at 11.30pm
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service at 10.30am
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning Service for New Year's Day at 10.30am, including an informal communion service.
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open House at the Manse from 2-5pm
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz of the Year 2011 in Hall 1 at 7pm
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service at 10.30am followed by Prayers for Healing
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Wednesday resumes at 7pm for Prayer, 7.30pm for Bible Study
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret's Court Service in the lounge at 10.30am.
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Communication Forum (details tbc)
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Valley Service in Juniper Green Church at 10.30am Lorimer House Service at 3pm
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kirk Session meets in Hall 2 at 7.30pm
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church in Hall 1 at 3.30-5pm
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service at 10.30am followed by an informal communion service Fresh Start Collection of bedding.
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret's Court service in the lounge at 10.30am
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service at 10.30am followed by Prayers for Healing
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Messy Church in Hall 1, 3.30-5pm
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Service at 10.30am in the Church Communion Service in Hall 2 at 3.30pm Fresh Start Collection of Curtains.
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kirk Session meets in Hall 2 at 7.30pm

**Open Door Café and Toddler Group** meets Tuesday mornings in Hall 1 between 10am and 12 noon. All welcome.

**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, except in the months of July and August.

**Sunday@Seven** is our evening service in Hall 2 at 7pm from September till June. It is a 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	9.45am	Sara Wood Laura Quinn
Kumon Centre	5.00pm	Ravi Karanjkar
Rainbows	5.45pm	Sandra Gibb
Scouts	7.00pm	Chris Welch
Pentland Pilates (Intermediate)	7.15pm	Sara Wood

## TUESDAY

Monkey Music	10.00am	Alison Rankin
Open Door Café	10.00am	Inez Paisley
Mini Kickers	4.00	Dean Gibson
Brownies	6.30pm	Jean Dewar
Scottish Slimmers	7.00pm	Susan Shaw
Edinburgh Budgerigar Society^	7.30pm	Bill Miller

## WEDNESDAY

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

## THURSDAY

Guild of Friendship*	2.00pm	Elaine Wilson
Enjoy-a-Ball	2.30pm	Alister Ramm
Yoga Group	7.00pm	Maureen Clarke
Choir Practice in December	7.30pm	Florence Kinnear

## FRIDAY

Zumba Fitness Class	10.45am	Sara Wood Laura Quinn
Cubs & Beavers	6.30pm	Caroline Wood

## SATURDAY

Kumon Centre (Children Self-Learning Group)	10.00am	Ravi Karanjkar
Fencing Fun	12.30pm	Sean Walton
Messy Church~	3.30pm	Jim Dewar

## SUNDAY

Kids' Church	10.30am	Gill Hales
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^ Monthly

+First and third Wednesdays, September to May

\*Alternate weeks

~ First Saturday of the Month

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

<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>Minister</b>	<b>Rev James S Dewar</b>
<b>Session Clerk</b>	<b>Charles R Godon</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>R Douglas Buchanan</b>
Beadle	George Anderson
Bereavement Care Team	Christine McBean
Catering	Sandy Watt
Christian Action Team	Jean Dewar
Church Halls Cleaning Team	Elaine Wilson
Church News Editor	Alison Robertson
Church Secretary	Alison Robertson
Communications Team	Shona Cook
Creche	Aileen Hardie
Flower Convener	Hilda McNeil
Freewill Offering Administrator	Lesley Grieve
Fresh Start Organiser	Marilyn Godon
Garden Team Co-ordinator	Jean Dewar
Gift Aid Treasurer	Douglas Buchanan
Girlguiding Division Commissioner	Jean Dewar
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	Gill Hales
Ladies Badminton Club	Alison Buchanan
Leprosy Mission	Sheena Blair
Life and Work Co-ordinator	Riona McNaughton
Magazine Distribution	Isabel Campbell
MSM	Martin Elliot
Nurture Team	Cliff Beevers
Open Door Café & Toddlers' Group	Karen Berry
Organist and Choirmaster	Florence Kinnear
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator	Cliff Beevers
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	Fiona Dewar

**N.B. Church Office is open on Friday mornings only (9.30am – 11.30am)**

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