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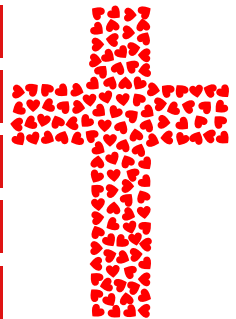
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FROM THE MANSE



Path on the Camino Inglés

Dear Friends,

'What's a 'pilgrimage' walk anyway? How's that any different from going on a wee stroll as a tourist? And you're doing that as 'study leave', you say? Sounds like a bit of a jolly to me....'

As I shared in Sunday worship on my return, I had the pleasure and privilege in early August of walking with a good friend along the 'Camino Ingles', the so called 'English Way', in Galicia in northwestern Spain. It's a journey of five days and 115 km along an ancient pilgrim route that tens of thousands walked between the ninth and sixteenth centuries. The journey ends at the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, where the bones of the apostle James are said to lie. In the Middle Ages, the 'peregrinos' or pilgrims were often walking as a means of paying penance and seeking redemption. Nowadays, hundreds of thousands walk the same routes to Santiago every year, including the 'full Camino' over six weeks from southern France. There are now believers and non-

believers alike, and the vast majority are walking not out of reverence for the relics of a saint, but seeking in the journey some form of meaning or enlightenment or peace or healing in their lives.

It was a surprisingly moving experience to 'walk the Camino' – in the people we met, the experiences and conversations shared, the beauty of the natural world, the moments where a glimpse of God seemed to be revealed and a deeper presence and meaning was within our grasp. As a metaphor of journey, of pathways and signs, a walk of pilgrimage emphasises that there are deep insights in our experiences and conversations that occur in the travelling in life, rather than in the arrival. It is a form of our discernment where God is consciously separated from the boundaries of church and doctrine. Insight and revelation for each of us becomes inductive rather than deductive; in other words thoughts of faith and God emerge from our own senses and emotions and thoughts, and are not presented to us by someone else.

For pilgrimage begins not with the answers, or even the questions. It begins with nothing: by 'taking time out' to lay yourself open in vulnerability to experience, to help, to hospitality, to company, to isolation, to the road, to God.

Walking a pilgrimage combines place, movement, the community of fellow pilgrims, a seeking sensibility, and an open and enquiring heart and soul. It is a departure from routine and daily expectation, and from any notion of 'success' and 'competition'. There is a pilgrim inscription on a wall along the way which says, 'the Camino isn't a speed competition or a race: rather it is a pathway of brotherhood and universality'. The Camino is a rare place of absolute equality – all are engaged in the same task of walking 'from A to B', wealthy or poor, fit or unfit. All are helping each other and receiving generosity; and there are no prizes for being first. And so it becomes a chance to stop and stare, and for easy, open conversation.

These are days of chance conversations walking alongside fellow pilgrims, and over a meal in the evening, just like Christ after his walk along the Emmaus road with Cleopas and his companion. The fleeting nature of the encounter and the sense of community of pilgrim walkers leads to shared thoughts and life-experiences often of great depth and profundity. It is one of the few places where words of faith are common and everyday, and where such talk is open and welcome.

In walking and reflecting on pilgrimage, I am reminded that Christianity is an embodied



Route Sign on the Camino Inglés Pilgrim Way

religion, in which the incarnation of Christ speaks to us deeply of our human physicality and full gamut of emotions – as one writer says, 'the pilgrim is a person who prays with his feet'. The everyday becomes infused with the divine. Throughout the five-day walk on the Camino, in times of physical or emotional strength or tiredness, in encounters and conversations, and through the beauty of nature, I felt a calm and contentment, and within that, came the presence of the divine. I

have been moved towards a new sense of self, a heightened appreciation of humanity and creation, and a broader understanding of faith.

So how was all that 'study leave'? I have also been reminded through those experiences, in Jane Leach's words, that 'the gospel is not so much a set of propositions of which to be convinced but an invitation to join a pilgrimage of unknowing into the living heart of God'.

God meets us in the joys, interruptions and sometime trivialities of life. And we don't necessarily need to travel to Galicia or walk 115km to find that. We could do so sitting in our favourite chair in the living room, chatting with a neighbour, or walking to the corner shop for a loaf of bread. The 'journey of pilgrimage of unknowing into the living heart of God' is for every day and every moment on the pathway of our lives, from our first days to our last and beyond. May God bless you every day as you walk with the divine, the 'ultimate reality' of love, your companion God on the road.

Sandy

PAULINE ROBERTSON DCS

Pauline Robertson is the new Pastoral Assistant at Mayfield Salisbury Church.

Born and brought up in Edinburgh (Leith), I now live in West Fife with husband, Pete and cat, Goose. After studying Art and Design and working in the voluntary sector, in my 20's I felt called to serve and was ordained into the Diaconate of The Church of Scotland nearly 20 years ago. Over those years I've been called to various Diaconal ministries in and around Edinburgh and the Forth Estuary.



First as Community Chaplain, then Parish Deacon, and Port Chaplain, all within parish ministry teams or ecumenical ministry teams. These appointments have enabled me to serve the community I find myself a part of and journey alongside folks, sometimes for long periods of time and others for short, building relationships and offering pastoral support as well as many other tasks.

When I have some down time, I enjoy music, especially live music, too many genres to mention (please just ask). I attempt small art projects and keep the cat entertained (he's very demanding).

Here at Mayfield Salisbury, I look forward to continuing to meet as many folks as I can and if you feel you'd like a chat / visit, please just get in touch.

BETHANY CARE VAN



Request for winter warmers

As the colder weather will begin to bite, we invite you to donate certain items of clothing which are most often requested by folks who use the care van.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please leave items in the foyer at West Mayfield where there is a labelled box. Many thanks.

In particular, we are looking for men's:

- Warm jackets
- Sweatshirts/ hoodies
- Jogging trousers
- New thermal vests
- Ordinary T shirts
- Warm socks
- New briefs or boxer shorts
- Gloves / beanie hats
- Toothpaste, soap, shaving foam, disposable razors and deodorant.
- Sleeping bags

CHILD ACTION LANKA



supported by CAL and also to other CAL projects with the aim of helping the centres to become self-sustainable.

Child Action Lanka works across Sri Lanka to provide a safe haven for street children and street connected children and the dedicated team stationed around the country also works to shed light on the critical issues that these children go through on a daily basis and come up

On Sunday 5 November, Debbie Edirisinghe, the Founder and Director of Child Action Lanka, (CAL) will give a 45 minute talk after the morning service and after coffee/tea at ca.12:15pm in the sanctuary of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, on the work of CAL in Sri Lanka.

There will be an opportunity to purchase items made through the WRAP project in CAL. WRAP is a project focused on promoting substantiality for the communities CAL serve by providing women with the opportunity for employment so they can uplift themselves and the lives of their children. The women employed to create these beautiful items have overcome many challenges such as domestic abuse / economic and financial fallbacks or overcome challenges from losing the bread winner for their families. Being made from repurposed materials, WRAP products also honour CAL's commitment to protecting the environment. The profits from selling these items goes directly to these women

with solutions for them.

In 2006 with eight children, the very 1st CAL centre was set up by renting a basement space in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Today, CAL currently serves nearly 2000 children registered in 11 Child Development Centres (CDC) in 8 major districts around the country with many projects focusing on creating a better future for children in Sri Lanka and providing protection and support for women that have fallen victim to domestic abuse.

- Kandy C (Est. in 2006)
- Nuwara Eliya CDC (Est. in 2009)
- Kelaniya CDC (Est. in 2010)
- Killinochchi CDC (Est. in 2012)
- Batticaloa CDC (Est. in 2012)
- Galle CDC (Est. in 2017)
- Galle Youth Centre (Est. in 2023)
- Colombo (Est. in 2020)
- Akkarayan CDC (Est. in 2012)
- Mullathivu CDC (Est. in 2023)
- Gampola Special Needs Centre (Est. in 2022)



CAL serves children coming from communities struggling with challenges caused due to economic and financial difficulties, civil war,

Tsunami, Covid, mental and physical abuse etc. Each child requires specific care and attention based on their relevant needs, which the team is determined to provide.

CAL is subsequently registered as a Non-Governmental Organization with the clear objective of serving street and underprivileged children by giving them a safe place to spend their weekdays. The CAL Child Development Centres provide services ranging from crèche, playgroup, preschool and afterschool care, meals (breakfast, lunch and a snack), education that supports future employability, school uniforms, shoes and clothing, books and vocational training.

CAL's Vision

A future of well-being, equality and value for every child, everywhere.

CAL's Mission

To protect the most disadvantaged children and provide holistic education, health & nutrition, promoting their basic needs, rights & interests to enable them, their families and communities to be individuals who bring positive change.

CAL's Modus Operandi

Having completed nearly 17 years of its mission, CAL is in a constant process of growth and change in order to serve the communities better. Their focus is mainly to serve and uplift the marginalized street and street-connected children in society and to empower them to a better future by focusing on education, especially early childhood education, life skills and

vocational training, health and nutrition and child protection.

CAL engages with children, young adults and parents in urban, rural, (tea plantation) estate sectors of Sri Lanka to help them understand their individual capacity, their own value, their skills, aptitude and potential for growth. The expectation is that they will become responsible and independent citizens who can in turn foster an equivalent development in the next generation.

CAL Donor Partners

CAL partners with international Donors to receive support for the child development work it undertakes. The majority of UK funding is channelled through the Epiphany Trust. There are many other individual donors who contribute towards the ministry through personal contacts as well. CAL also partners with local charities, corporate bodies, and local individuals to raise funds for children in monetary terms as well as gifts in kind.

Social Enterprising was an initiative taken by CAL as a way of rationalising the sustainability of the organizational work. These entities will maximize social impact as well as generating income to feed back into the organisation itself.

Volunteers are also a great asset for CAL, who consider 'volunteerism' as a powerful means of connecting their work to the wider world. Volunteers are engaged in the ongoing development work using their expertise where relevant.

If you would like to get involved as a donor or as a volunteer or are simply curious to learn more about this organization doing wonderful work for children in Sri Lanka, please come along to Debbie Edirisinghe's talk on Sunday 5th November.

Steve and Valerie HOLEHOUSE

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Tuesday 14
November
at 2.30pm



Anne Sturrock

Please save the date Our Afternoon Service of Remembrance will be on Tuesday 14 NOVEMBER at 2.30 pm and will be led by Pauline Robertson, DCS, Pastoral Assistant, together with Simon Hessett, our Probationary Minister. As usual we will be in the Bill McDonald Hall [via West Mayfield level access]. Proceedings usually finish at 3.45pm at the latest. You might be unable to attend the previous Sunday's Remembrance Service in the Sanctuary and if that is the case please join us on the 14th. If you would like to bring someone with you for company or assistance, please invite them to come with you We hope friends from Craigmillar Park and Priestfield might come this time - everyone always made most welcome. To make things comfortable for all we remain seated around our tables for 4 – 6 people for the Service and enjoy sharing the light refreshments that follow. If you would appreciate further information please speak with Pauline Robertson (0758 704 3191) or your own Pastoral Visitor (PV) - or with Anne Sturrock. This will be the last Afternoon Service in 2023. We thank the small dedicated team who make these services possible and look forward to celebrating the 70th Afternoon Service in 2024.

CRAFT FAIR



It is planned to have a Craft Fair at Mayfield Salisbury on **Saturday 4 November**. All contributions and assistance will be welcome. So, if you bake, sew, sculpt, paint, embroider, upcycle or whatever, do note that date and get making. In addition, there will be a sale/exchange of paperbacks; so do start clearing out those bookcases. More information from Hilary Watkinson hilary.watkinson@btinternet.com or Marjory Grant marjorygrant2001@yahoo.co.uk

MAYFIELD RADIO



Boyd McAdam
boydmcadam@blueyonder.co.uk

We continue to look for a volunteer to chair Mayfield Radio which is looking to reboot and refocus its activities and rebuild its volunteer base. We are looking for someone to lead the Committee in exploring the options for the future of the unit. In the 50+ years since it was founded the volunteers have built up a wealth of music and other recording resources which we should be able to use but we need someone to help develop the unit for the future. Can you help? If you wish to discuss, please get in touch with me. Many thanks.

RUTH CONDIE

Those who remember the long service as secretary at Mayfield Salisbury of Ruth Condie will be saddened to learn of her death in September. Ruth managed the office well for many years undertaking tasks such as the weekly pew sheets and production of this magazine *Grapevine*.

Her daughter, Laura, will be in our thoughts.





The Very Revd Professor David Fergusson will take the next Bill McDonald lecture later this year. It will take place at Mayfield Salisbury on Sunday 3 December at 7.00pm. .

The Very Revd William J. G. McDonald DD (1924–2015) was Minister of Mayfield Church from 1959 to 1992. He was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1989.

THE 2023 BILL MCDONALD LECTURE

We are planning to hold a choir music event to celebrate Advent and Christmas on the evening of **Sunday 10 December**. Details will come later but keep the evening free and watch this space!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Car Pool offers a lift to the 10.45/10.30am Sunday morning services to those who are unable to come and join us without transport. At present demand for lifts outstrips availability. Please would you consider if you could offer a lift one Sunday a month (or less)? Hope to hear from you.

Diana Tudhope - 07831 835879 / dtudhope@btinternet.com

CAR POOL - URGENT REQUEST FOR DRIVERS

As ever, Collections of tinned and dried food (not fresh food) continue. Just because the weather has turned warmer this past week sadly does not mean that the need has diminished. If you would like to donate, there are marked buckets in the Halls entrance under the bench for bags of food to be placed in. Also located there or nearby are containers for Bethany, milk bottle caps and used stamps. Thank you!

FOODBANK DONATIONS

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is here again, and we plan to hold our popular **Christian Aid** jam and chutney sale soon. So if you're getting out the preserving pans, please consider making a little extra for our stall – we'd really appreciate it! Every jar can help to make a difference in the lives of some of the world's most disadvantaged people. Details of the date of the sale, and when to hand in your contributions, will follow shortly. In the meantime, if you need extra jars please contact Kate O'Brien on 667 4362. We have plenty to spare! Thank you for your support.

AUTUMN JAM AND CHUTNEY SALE



First Fridays Friends is a support group for people with memory loss and their carers meets on the First Friday of every month in the Bill McDonald Hall at 2.30pm - sandra.carter@barts.myzen.co.uk

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be holding their annual Coffee Morning fundraiser at Mayfield Salisbury Church on Saturday, 11 November. This is the main fundraiser for the year as well as being a happy, friendly, relaxed and fun community event. Funds from the event are used to provide resources for the Group, as well as to support the many activities which the Group undertakes. Tickets, price £3, provides coffee and scones. They can be purchased from Cubs and Scouts or payment can be made at the door. As well as coffee and chat, come and enjoy the various stalls and games.

SCOUT, CUB AND BEAVER COFFEE MORNING

Headquarters: Mayfield Salisbury Church, Scottish Charity No SC006141

Saturday 11 November
10.30am to 12.00pm

Val Brown, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, writes:

Now that the summer holidays are over and the schools are back, September feels like a month for getting back to normal and the usual routine.

But what happens when your normal, your day-to-day world, is swept away from you overnight? We've been hearing in the news about the conflict that continues to destroy Sudan, but in neighbouring South Sudan 'inter-communal conflicts' between different ethnic groups also continue. It means people are forced to flee to safety, leaving everything behind, except the clothes on their backs.

Christian Aid has been able to respond to the most recent emergency in Upper Nile Region, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund. It's enabled us to provide cash grants to vulnerable households, for them to buy food and essentials, and build latrines to ensure that people's dignity is protected.

When you understand the extent of food insecurity in South Sudan, driven by conflict and climate change, it makes news headlines about oil giants posting record profits even more unpalatable.

As big energy companies continue to make billions, our work to counteract the negative effects of climate change increases across the globe. That's why we're calling on governments to make polluters pay – asking that those who have done the most to cause this damage, pay into a global fund to support the poorest and most vulnerable when they lose everything.

Climate and conflict – two themes that have dominated our work for the last couple of years. Violence leading to poverty and displacement. Climate change leading to poverty and displacement.



The efforts you put in locally to give, act, and pray for our work make all of this life changing work possible – so thank you for journeying with us for justice and peace, for this fragile planet that we all call home.

Please join us in prayer for South Sudan

Lord Jesus, you bless the peacemakers and comfort those who mourn. We pray to you for all people affected by the conflict in Sudan. May there be hope for healing in the region. Console with your presence all who are fearful, exhausted, and grieving. Lord Jesus, you were carried into Egypt in your mother's arms, in search of safety.

We pray to you for those crossing into South Sudan to escape the violence. May they have food, water, support and a secure place to stay. Shelter with your love all who have had to leave their homes and face an uncertain future. Lord Jesus, you challenge us to love our neighbour, to do good, and to seek justice.

We pray that those who have the power and resources to act will turn their attention to this crisis. May the supplies and assistance that are so desperately needed come quickly. Strengthen through your spirit all who are pursuing peace. Amen

MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE



Autumn 2023 at The Eric Liddell Community, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DP.

Wednesdays at 10.30am
All welcome. £3.

www.morningsidejandp.org

Also by Zoom.

Contact b.darcy20@gmail.com

We have topics local, national and international, such as energy and climate change and homelessness in Edinburgh.

Here is our programme up to Christmas, 2023.

Oct. 11 Ken Cameron

MJ&P member and environment activist.
'Air pollution from Coal and Wet wood in Scotland.'

Oct. 18 Dr. Dinah Aitken

Head of Outreach, Salvesen Mindroom Centre, Scotland.
'Neurodiversity in Scotland today.'

Oct. 25 Paul Drury

Chief Operating Officer, The Eric Liddell Community, Edinburgh.
'The Eric Liddell Community – Care. Compassion. Community.'

Nov. 1 Colleen McCulloch

Independent co-ordinator and former Soil Assoc. Scotland farming lead.
'The Soil Association Scotland - How does growing flax for linen relate to the climate & what we eat?'

Nov. 8 Ben Parker,

Green Councillor for Morningside, City of Edinburgh Council. Co-Convener, Green Group and Climate & Environment Spokesperson.

'What are Greens doing in Edinburgh and Scotland?'

Nov 15 Jean-Mathieu Gaunaud

Edinburgh Climate Action Network Coordinator.

'Edinburgh Climate Action Hub - what's that?'

Nov. 22 Dr. Patrick Utz

PhD from Edinburgh University, formerly at Centre on Constitutional Change.

'Cross-border identities in a changing Europe since WW1.'

Nov. 29 Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones

Professor of American history emeritus at the University of Edinburgh and author of A Question of Standing: The History of the CIA (OUP, 2022).

'What has the CIA contributed to peace?'

Dec. 6 Dr Sunny Bains

Scientist/Journalist, University College, London.
'Artificial Intelligence: Promises and Threats.'

Dec. 13 Luke March

Professor of Post-Soviet and Comparative Politics, University of Edinburgh.
'Russia's war for its past and future.'

Barbara Darcy

'Unity Around a Table' Sacrament of Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Luke 14:12-24



They say you never know your hometown till you go around the world. It was something I was reflecting on recently as part of a pilgrimage walk, finding the space and time to re-think and renew your thoughts, your faith, your life, a new perspective for when you return. And if you're far away from where you come from, sometimes you dream of home, literally. I spent a summer working in Los Angeles when I was younger. Every morning I woke up with a searing heat outside, over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, not a cloud in the sky for three months. A bit like here over the past few days! And I went to sleep at night and dreamt of... rain. Not a wishy-washy drip, drip, drip, kind of rain, but real Scottish rain; and wished I could stand in a field, open my arms wide and be drenched by it!

They also say that you are what you eat. Slightly less romantically, the other thing I dreamt of in LA was unhealthy but very tasty Scottish food – the mighty Scotch pie, with baked beans flowing over the casing; the sausage roll, the tattie scone. No-one in

California had a clue what I was on about. But when I returned, a very early visit was paid to the local baker's to satisfy the longing...

Today we gather round a table for a very simple meal. There are no Michelin stars here. The bread is not artisan freshly baked. The wine is not grand cru and vintage. The portions are miniscule, strictly 'nouvelle cuisine' size. But our eating and our drinking speaks of a deep and lasting nourishment, of curing a hunger, slaking a thirst, in a way we might dream of. For our eating and drinking are symbols and signs. Of unity with Christ and with each other. Deeply symbolic acts of remembrance and engagement with a living God, and signs and signifiers, a foretaste of a Kingdom to come. A Kingdom through the Gospel of Jesus Christ that arcs the world towards peace, towards the recognition of the common humanity and dignity of all people made in God's image, whether male or female, Jew or Greek, younger or older, richer or poorer. In its symbols and signs, the common meal that forms the act of



Mural of the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci c.1495

defines who we are as Christians. It marks out to whom we are united. This is our nourishment, but also our commitment, and our manifesto of Christ's goals, no matter what instability or turmoil might lie within our hearts or around us in the world.

The parable of the invitation of a king to a great banquet, in our New Testament passage from Matthew's Gospel, mirrors the invitation of Jesus to everyone to the feast of a life with Him, and to us for our communion meal today. There were those first invited to the feast in the parable who simply got distracted by the distortion of the noise of life, like many folk around us in Edinburgh today. The hubbub and busyness of the world have drowned out any recognition of the possibilities of faith. It's simply of no relevance to them. Jesus tells us that the invited guests in the parable also paid no attention and went about their business: one to view his new land, another to check out his cattle, another because he was on his honeymoon.

In place of those who had made their excuses in the parable, the king flung open the doors, and gathered in everyone for the feast that could be found to fill the hall. First

in the queue were the lowly, the poor and the disabled. Today also the invite is broad, the doors are thrown open to the feast at the Lord's Table. It's what Willie Barclay called, 'the wide-armed, open hearted generous hospitality of the king'.

I don't know if you noticed as you came in that there was an extra member of the welcoming team there. Indeed, He is there most Sundays. For God was standing at the doorway welcoming you. He is drawing you into His house to celebrate, no matter who you are or what your feelings of self-esteem or self-worth might be, however lowly you might feel you are in the eyes of the world. God, the great master of hospitality is simply saying to us, 'come, come to me, join my celebration, let me be the ultimate host, come and receive'.

His invitation is to dine here, in His house, at his table here today. You are invited. You have accepted. You are included. Who else has or has not joined you is not important to God – if they have let the invitation gather dust on the mantelpiece, like those in the parable today. It does not matter where you come from, where you live, how you earn a living. For everyone who accepts the invitation to the feast, there is a place at the table.

We are here amongst brothers and sisters. We are here in the love of God to join in communion with each other and with Him. So what awaits us?.

What a feast it is, the feast of God. The prophet Isaiah in our first passage talks of God as a refuge to the poor and needy, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. And for all peoples we are told in verse 6 that he will 'make a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, a rich food full of marrow'.

The parable of the wedding feast reminds us also that God's invitation to dine with him in communion is not to be part of a wake. It's to a great meal as joyous as any wedding celebration. Not a gloom and doom of denial and restraint, of weeping and mourning at Christ's death. It's not giving up everything which brings laughter and sunshine and fellowship amongst us. Jesus invites us today to join in what is not a Passion play re-enacting his death, or a sombre requiem for a dead God, but a

celebration of the presence, close to us, in this building, of a living God, a resurrected Lord who has set us free.

And so, around this table, we are remembering and sharing, but also celebrating. You are what you eat indeed. Even in those small symbolic amounts that we will share today, there is the depth of the bread of life, warmth of the wine of salvation, feeding and nourishing. By taking communion together, we all draw closer to the presence of Christ and to one another. As we re-engage with Jesus, we open our eyes to the power and the love of God, His meaning in our lives, and our call to being Christ-like in our communities.

May God bless all those who unite together in Him, gathered today around His table. Perhaps in doing so we can later repay together in the world the hospitality we will receive now from Jesus the host – that we too might become living sacraments, symbols and signs of the hope of a world to come. Amen.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

October

8	Jeremiah	9,10	/	John	4
9	Jeremiah	11,12	/	John	5
10	Jeremiah	13,14	/	John	6
11	Jeremiah	15,16	/	Psalm	116
12	Jeremiah	17,18	/	John	7
13	Jeremiah	19,20	/	John	8
14	Jeremiah	21,22	/	Psalms	117,118
15	Jeremiah	23,24	/	John	9
16	Jeremiah	25,26	/	John	10
17	Jeremiah	27,28	/	John	11
18	Jeremiah	29,31	/	Psalm	119: 1-24
19	Jeremiah	32,33	/	John	12
20	Jeremiah	34,35	/	John	13
21	Jeremiah	36,37	/	Psalm	119: 25-48
22	Jeremiah	38,39	/	John	14
23	Jeremiah	40,41	/	John	15
24	Jeremiah	42,43	/	John	16
25	Jeremiah	44,46	/	Psalm	119: 49-72
26	Jeremiah	47,48	/	John	17
27	Jeremiah	49,50	/	John	18
28	Jeremiah	51,52	/	Psalm	119: 73-96
29	Lamentations	1,2	/	John	19
30	Lamentations	3-5	/	John	20
31	Ezekiel	1	/	John	21

4	Ezekiel	8,9	/	Psalm	119: 121-144
5	Ezekiel	10,11	/	James	3
6	Ezekiel	12,13	/	James	4
7	Ezekiel	14,15	/	James	5
8	Ezekiel	16,17	/	Psalms	119: 145-176
9	Ezekiel	18,19	/	Peter	1
10	Ezekiel	20,21	/	Peter	2
11	Ezekiel	22,23	/	Psalms	120-122
12	Ezekiel	24,25	/	Peter	3
13	Ezekiel	26,27	/	Peter	4
14	Ezekiel	28,29	/	Peter	5
15	Ezekiel	30,31	/	Psalms	123-125
16	Ezekiel	32,33	/	Peter	1
17	Ezekiel	34,35	/	Peter	2
18	Ezekiel	36,37	/	Psalms	126-128
19	Ezekiel	38,39	/	Peter	3
20	Ezekiel	40,41	/	John	1
21	Ezekiel	42,43	/	John	2
22	Ezekiel	44,45	/	Psalms	129-131
23	Ezekiel	46,47	/	John	3
24	Ezekiel	48	/	John	4
25	Daniel	1-3	/	Psalms	132-134
26	Daniel	4,5	/	John	5
27	Daniel	6,7	/	John	1
28	Daniel	8,9	/	John	1
29	Daniel	10-12	/	Psalms	135,136
30	Hosea	1,2	/	Jude	1

November

1	Ezekiel	2,3	/	Psalm	119: 97-120
2	Ezekiel	4,5	/	James	1
3	Ezekiel	6,7	/	James	2

December

1	Hosea	3-6	/	Revelation	1
2	Hosea	7,8	/	Psalms	137,138

PEDAL4POVERTY

A huge thanks to everyone who donated to our EMMS Pedal4Poverty Cycle Challenge. We took on the *Mulanje Mission* challenge to cycle 100 miles, which we decided to do over 2 days on Arran and around the Firth of Clyde, one of our favourite haunts. The fantastic scenery made it feel more like fun than challenge. The weather was mixed but better than forecast with a mixture of mists, sunshine and showers



which all added to the drama. There were plenty hills and breezes, which perhaps were more of a challenge for Alastair than Jean who had some battery assistance!

Ferry #1 transported the bikes and us from Ardrossan where we left the car, to Brodick, on Arran. After a night in a B&B overlooking the bay we set off early with Goatfell swathed in mist, heading 'clockwise' round the island, taking in Lamlash and Whiting Bay before reaching Blackwaterfoot for coffee and cake in our favourite 'tee room' looking over a sun-drenched golf course to a sparkling sea. On north to Lochranza for delicious sandwiches from the Sandwich Station before catching ferry #2 across the windy Kilbrannan Sound to Claonaig on Kintyre. Over the hill to Tarbert, our destination for the night, having cycled 55 miles. All the restaurants in Tarbert close on Mondays so it was fish and chips al fresco overlooking the harbour. Next morning we boarded ferry #3 across Loch Fyne to Portavadie and a glorious (if damp) cycle round the remote Cowal peninsula, the long climb from Tighnabruaich rewarded with fabulous views over the Kyles of Bute. Soon we rounded the head

of Loch Ridden, and headed down to Colintraive for the 5 minute journey on ferry #4 across the East Kyle to the Isle of Bute. Then an easy flat cycle south to Rothesay, time for more coffee and cake before catching ferry #5 back to the mainland at Wemyss Bay. The final section down the Ayrshire coast was into the wind and rain with busy traffic, but we consoled ourselves with an ice cream from Nardini's in Largs. We reached the car in Ardrossan rather damp but satisfied having completed our 100 mile challenge.

Many thanks again for all the generous donations from the congregation which make up a very large part of the £4,000! The money raised will be used by EMMS to help create sustainable healthcare infrastructures for those living in extreme poverty, give vulnerable young girls the opportunity for a career in healthcare, provide clean running water at rural health centres, offer palliative care to those in need, fight the effects of healthcare emergencies, tackle the effects of climate change and so much more.

Jean and Alastair MacGilchrist.

FAMILY FEATURES.....



..... (or rather children, young people, students, young adults & families features!) It has been lovely to start getting to know you all these last few months and now that we are into a new school term I am looking forward to what comes next.

It was good to share the services over the summer from our 'encampment' in the south transept; the youngsters had great questions and observations and made some eye catching responses in worship. It was a privilege to share Godly Play in worship last week and for the youngsters to respond to it afterwards too, including enjoying some Challa Bread for the 'feast' section.

We have restarted the Youth Group after the summer break with themes of care for creation and care for others. Our first outing was a reflective adventure up Blackford Hill culminating with pizza. The weather was glorious and the young people fine company.

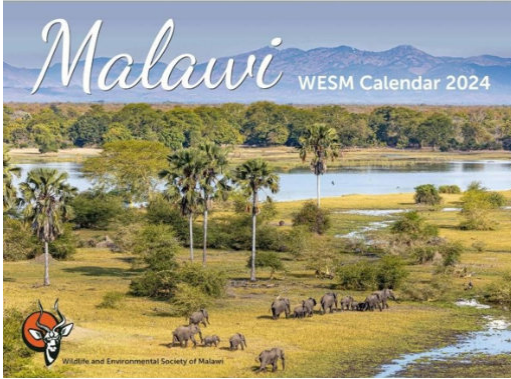
One of the young leaders has some great ideas for how we can find out about and begin to engage with community and justice issues too over the course of the school year. We are starting by helping with the Blythswood boxes. I have plenty of social requests too, so we will be busy in both fellowship and action! For our younger folks we are aiming for a Faith & Fun morning during half term for Primary school ages, so time to bring some friends along for bible themed fun, activities and crafts.

Our students are settling in or back into their college/ university lives and we are always delighted to hear how they are doing. It is also lovely when we see our littler 'new to school'-ers telling us about how they are getting on too.

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement for all of our families and for myself and the volunteer team. Here's looking forward to the next chapter!

Bettina Hather

MALAWI WILDLIFE CALENDAR



Now available in Edinburgh – the 2024 Malawi wildlife calendar, published by WESM, the Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi.

Only £12 (plus p and p), the calendar features 13 months of photos, and you can order yours by emailing lindseywesmbt@gmail.com. You can collect yours from the Scotland Malawi Partnership offices or have it posted anywhere in the world!

WESM also has on offer beautiful A6 note cards, created specifically for WESM by talented Lilongwe wildlife artist Isaac Chodola. See him at www.facebook.com/birdsofmalawi/. They're £2.50 for a pack of 3.

Malawi's oldest charity, WESM has nine branches throughout the country and thousands of members of all ages, all

committed to tackling environmental degradation and climate change. Most of the work is achieved through community, church or school wildlife clubs.

A community meeting in June, organised through WESM, at Michiru Primary School, Blantyre, to discuss the illegal poaching of trees from the local Michiru Mountain Nature Reserve. As well as local chiefs the meeting involved police, Dept of Forestry, Dept of National Parks, local council officials and other NGOs.

Lilongwe WESM's bi-annual Art in the Park, in May, attracted over 800 visitors to its weekend of events. Opened by the Minister of Local Government, Unity and Culture, Hon Richard Chimwendo Banda, the event showcases Malawi's top visual artists and raises much needed funds to support environmental education work.

Hilary Watkinson

SCOUTS UPDATE

Our Summer Camp was held at our usual site near Carrbridge and attended by 18 Scouts. The weather was a bit mixed but the occasional rain did not interfere with our programme.

The highlights of camp were - *A Year in the Life* where a different activity relating to each month was undertaken throughout the day, ending with Christmas Dinner and a visit for Santa - a visit to a Zip Wire Park, Fishing at Rothiemurchus, Patrol Leaders Day, a visit to Inverness, Swimming, our own Highland Games and the Challenge which involves hiking around the locality and facing various challenges that the Patrols come across

The new Session started in August with a trip to Edinburgh Combat Challenge, the laser gun game in a wood near Dobbies Garden Centre. The Scouts arrived on the Friday evening and set up camp in the woods. In the morning, the site was cleared in time for the Challenge to be set up by the operators so it was double the fun.



Troop night activities have included Patrol Challenges, Unihoc and the Entrepreneur Challenge Award. The latter involves learning what makes an entrepreneur, the type of thinking required and how to turn that into a profitable business. Each Patrol will be challenged to use those skills at our upcoming Coffee Morning on 11 November.

Alan Dickson
Scout Leader

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BLYTHSWOOD CARE - SHOEBOXES

BRINGING HOPE AT CHRISTMAS

A reminder about another box appeal. That is the one that Priestfield are organising. Hard copies of the Blythswood leaflets are available on the table in the church hall entrance. They invite people to fill a shoe box with small household items (socks/ toiletries/ stationery/ clothing etc) and bring it to church when full. The 'last day' for submitting the boxes will be Sunday 29 October: William has kindly agreed to take them in when ready. Our friends at Priestfield will collect any boxes from him and transport them to the Southhouse collection centre. Please have a look and if, you can, take part.

www.blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/



LIFE AND WORK



Note: The local Mayfield Salisbury Church contact for Life and Work is Colin McKenzie. Please contact him for further information on how to subscribe.

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Contact Life and Work

One of the magazine's most important elements is reader feedback. Our letters pages are among the liveliest in the magazine business, and are very revealing about general attitudes both within and beyond the Church. We actively encourage letters, but do ask that they are kept succinct (and not without humour), so we can publish as many as possible.

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Article mostly from: www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/life-and-work



SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023

I have been in touch with the Minister and our annual Gift Services will be held on Advent Sunday, 26 November.

Huge appreciation is expressed by our partner organisations. The major cost of living crisis continues, and many families will struggle financially again this year. Buying Christmas gifts may have to be a low priority for them.

What's needed?

Partner organisations are:

Gilmerton Early Years' Project (0-5years): Simpson House Sunflower Garden (CrossReach for the children of service users): Women's Aid (children through teens): Stopover (Teens): Salvation Army (children through teens): HMP Edinburgh (children through teens).

Toys for babies and children; colouring books, art materials, play-doh and plasticine; games for children and teens; books and toiletries as appropriate. Headphones are much sought after in North Edinburgh. Footballs and associated football kit is popular, too. All items should be new and gift tags and wrapping paper

are useful. While working from home was in operation, Women's Aid found Gift tokens for Morrison's and Sainsbury's supermarkets very useful, and they continue to be most acceptable.

With thanks but alcohol and second-hand items cannot be placed.

Cash Donations:

I appreciate that in current circumstances some of you will be reluctant to go shopping. If you would like to make a financial donation, that can be passed on or I shall be happy to do the shopping for you. You can send me a cheque payable to Mayfield Salisbury Church c/o Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ. Or you can make a bank transfer to Mayfield Salisbury Church (details on request). Please put "Gift Service" as the reference in a bank transfer and in a covering note if your cheque is made out to the church.

Updates in Pew Notices will follow in late October and November.

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WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Kevin Chen sent us this interesting report on his experiences at the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, which he attended with the support of a grant from the Shierlaw Fund.

The 25th World Scout Jamboree, held in Saemangeum, Korea, brought together scouts from all over the globe for an amazing gathering. I'm incredibly appreciative of the Shierlaw Fund's assistance in making

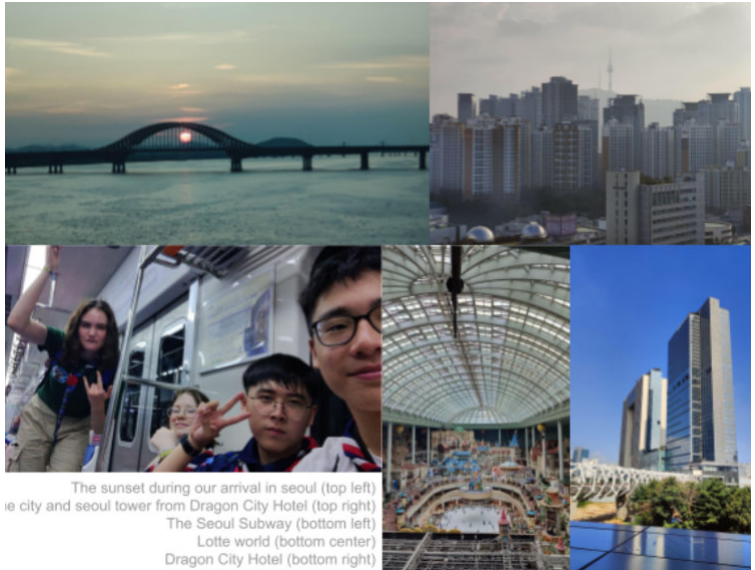
my trip to the jamboree possible. My journey began with the first training event at Bonaly introducing me to the basics of the jamboree and allowing me to meet my unit, who I'd later spend most my time in Korea with. The second training event at Fordell Firs united scouts from Scotland, focusing on building connections and teamwork. The third training event at Giffnock concentrated on forming patrols and enhancing teamwork skills. Our final preparatory event at Meggernie brought scouts from all over Scotland together. As well as enjoying a Cèilidh, we learned about jamboree safety and operational details. Simplicity was the key to efficient packing, so that my main pack only weighed 13kg. This not only made my journey hassle-free, but also allowed me to bring home many meaningful souvenirs from Korea.

Before the jamboree, we had around five days in Seoul, and those days were packed with excitement. We went to Lotte World, an amusement park full of heart-pounding rides and fun attractions, and Seoul Tower treated us to breathtaking views of the city. Korean food was a taste adventure. We got a dose of history at Gyeongbok Palace, and

a Han River cruise let us unwind against the city's sparkling skyline. Seoul's subway was a game-changer – roomy and with much-needed air conditioning.

Due to heavy rain, the jamboree was delayed for a day so when we arrived at camp in the evening we were in a rush to set up our tents. The opening ceremony was a breathtaking display of Korean culture and inspirational speeches from many influential individuals, such as Bear Grylls and Yoon Suk Yeol (the Korean president). From the traditional Hanbok attire to the dynamic beats of K-pop music, the ceremony showcased many popular k-pop groups and songs. Amidst this cultural extravaganza, I had the opportunity to meet many people from different countries. The energy was palpable as we exchanged stories, learned about each other's backgrounds, and discovered our shared passions.

But unfortunately there were some issues. Poor preparation led to a number of problems, which were made worse by unforeseen weather conditions. The absence of adequate infrastructure,



drainage, and sanitary facilities at the event resulted in flooding and power outages. The 43,000 Scouts who attended faced difficulties due to food shortages, hygiene issues, and inadequate facilities. In addition, a heat wave with highs of 35°C exacerbated the problem and led to a large number of hospital visits. On August 4, UK Scouts started leaving the event and stayed in hotels in Seoul instead. Despite this, the essence of the jamboree truly unfolded in those initial moments of connection.



Engaging with scouts from countries I had only read about or seen on maps was a surreal experience. We swapped badges, shared laughs, and even learned simple phrases in each other's languages. These instilled a deeper appreciation for different cultures. After the jamboree, we continued with a whole new set of cool experiences. First up, a football game. Just feeling the energy of the game and cheering with fellow scouts was awesome. Culture day at Yoido Church was a highlight - it's the biggest church in Korea. We visited a cat cafe, where cuddling cats was a lot of fun. And the local food provided us with a taste of Korean delicacies and had an excellent

flavour. The Saemangeum World Scout Jamboree's K-pop Super Live in 2023 was an epic concert that also marked the closing ceremony.

The artists lit up the stage with their performances, giving everyone a grand send-off. Looking back at the Jamboree, I'm reminded of the friendships forged and skills refined. It was a truly exceptional event where scouts from all around the world came together, leaving lasting impressions and new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Kevin Chen

PARISH REGISTER

DEATHS

Hilary Flenley

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club meet every Thursday at 2.00pm in the Bill McDonald Hall

OCTOBER

- 5 SECOND ROW SINGERS
- 12 NEIL MACFARLANE
The History of St Andrews Boat Club
- 19 KEN WILLIAMSON
Trams Now and Then
- 26 DONALD MILLAR
USA Road Trip 2018

NOVEMBER

- 2 HANNAH FERGAGUE
The Thistle Foundation

- 9 JOE WATERFIELD
Touring Scotland with Boswell & Johnson
- 16 BOYD MCADAM
Our Travels In Philly!
- 23 MARY WELSH
Feisty Folk!
- 30 GRAEME CRUIKSHANK
*A Talk for St Andrews Day –
The Battle of Dunnichen*

DECEMBER

- 7 MAUREEN KELLY
Did the Victorians Invent Christmas?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check the weekly news for up-to-date information about any of these events or contact the church office. Additional events take place at both Craigmillar Park Church www.craigmillarpark.org and Priestfield Church www.priestfield.org.uk

OCTOBER

- Thu 5 9.30am Craft Moments in Church House
2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall - Second Row Singers
- Fri 6 2.30pm First Friday Friends
- Sun 8 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- Tue 10 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
- Thu 12 2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Sun 15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
10.30am Joint Service with Priestfield and Craigmillar Park (Sandy Forsyth)
- Tue 17 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
- Thu 19 9.30am Craft Moments in Church House
2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Sun 22 Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- Tue 24 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
- Thu 26 2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Sun 29 Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- Tue 31 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room

NOVEMBER

- Thu 2 9.30am Craft Moments in Church House
2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Fri 3 2.30pm First Friday Friends
- Sat 4 10.00am Craft Fair at Mayfield Salisbury Church
- Sun 5 All Saints' - Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
12.15pm Child Action Lanka talk in the Sanctuary - [see page 5](#)
7.00pm Evening Communion Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- Tue 7 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
- Thu 9 2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Sun 11 10.00am Scout Coffee Morning in both halls
- Sun 12 Remembrance - Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

- Tue 14 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
2.30pm Afternoon Service in the Bill McDonald Hall - Remembrance
- Thu 16 9.30am Craft Moments in Church House
2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Sat 18 10.00am CrossReach Coffee Morning
- Sun 19 Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
10.30am Joint Service with Priestfield and Craigmillar Park
(Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth / Diane McWilliam - Cinnamon Network)
- Tue 21 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
- Thu 23 2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall
- Sun 26 Christ the King - Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- Tue 28 10.00am Morning Prayers in the Newington Room
- Thu 30 9.30am Craft Moments in Church House
2.00pm Thursday Club in the Bill McDonald Hall

DECEMBER

- Fri 1** 2.30pm First Friday Friends
- Sun 3 First Sunday of Advent**
9.30am All-Age Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
7.00pm Bill McDonald Lecture (The Very Revd Professor David Fergusson)



Planned Advent Events



Christmas cards and wrapping paper are not quite in the shops yet, but nevertheless some dates for your diary! The dates and times of services and events for Advent and the Christmas period this year are planned as follows:

Sunday 10 December
9.30am All-Age Service - Communion
10.45am Morning Services - Communion
7.00pm Christmas Music Concert

Sunday 17 December
10.30am Morning Service - Nativity

Saturday 23 December
6.30pm Family Christingle Service

Sunday 24 December
10.30am Joint Morning Service
11.30pm Watchnight Service

Monday 25 December
10.30am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 31 December
10.30am Nine Readings and Carols

There will, in addition, be a Candle in Memory service near the start of Advent to commemorate loved ones, most likely in conjunction with Priestfield Parish Church.

Discussions to follow also with Priestfield and Craigmillar Park churches about the possibility of one or more of the above services being with the three congregations together, hosted at Mayfield Salisbury Church – both to be confirmed soon.

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