

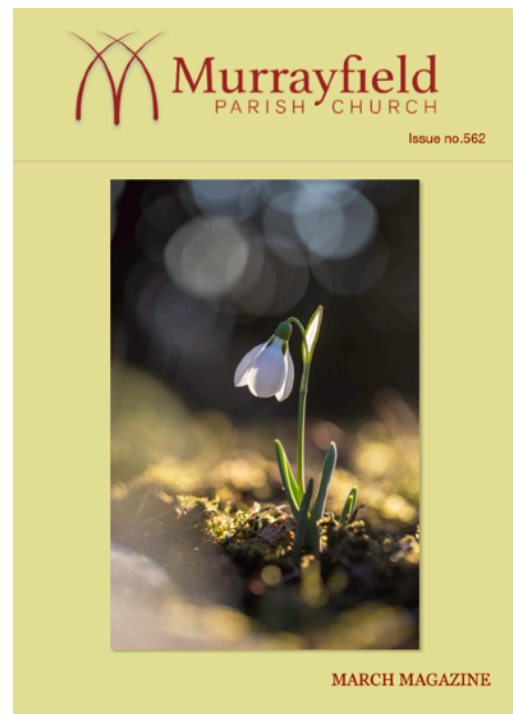
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Welcome to the
March edition of the magazine



Look out for details of Easter Services

Minister's letter

Rev Keith Graham

“The signs of Spring are already well underway in the natural world around us”.

Meteorological spring (the simple quarterly division of the calendar into four seasons used by weather scientists) began just over a week ago on 1st March. I grasp hold of 1st March as the beginning of spring as I am always keen to say farewell to winter! Astronomical spring (when the hours of daylight catch up with and equal the hours of darkness) doesn't come until 20th March. This is a further marking post on the way of the changing seasons. Then clocks going forward at the end of March (the 30th this year) is the final indication that winter is behind us.



The signs of spring are already well underway in the natural world around us.

The snowdrops and crocuses have been forcing their way through the earth for several weeks. If you listen carefully amidst the noise of the city you will begin to hear more birdsong. I saw, a few days ago, a Great Tit busy gathering nest materials up at the wooded area along Campbell Avenue. My personal favourite sign of spring is the sight and smell of wild garlic. It is easy to spot along the Water of Leith or up Corstorphine Hill. I try to pick some each year to make pesto.

In the rhythm of the church calendar spring leads us through the season of Lent to Holy Week and Easter. The Murrayfield Churches Together Tuesday night Faith Discussion group has just commenced a Lenten Study which might be one way to reflect spiritually on this special time of year. Perhaps Lent might be an occasion to take up a spiritual practice or discipline? You might like to read through the gospel of Luke a chapter or so at a time to fit with our current Sunday series. Or you could use a daily devotional app like Lectio 365 or Everyday Faith.

In this season of spring I wanted to ask for your prayers in relation to shoots of growth in our congregation. It has been a real pleasure to have Rev. Douglas Nicol start with us as Pastoral Assistant. The role has been made possible by a grant from the TOR Christian foundation and the focus is on people in the retired age bracket. The hope is that through the work of Douglas and other volunteers we will be able to offer Christian hospitality - in the widest sense - to people in the congregation and community.

Plans are in the early stages and ideas are being gathered for activities and events and groups that are likely to be most helpful and well subscribed. Please make it your prayer, for this season of Lent, that we will be able to develop a varied programme. Please pray that whatever we provide will be engaging, restorative and accessible. As well as being for the congregation the desire is also to reach out to the community. As the signs of spring appear in the natural world make it your prayer that there will also be shoots of growth in this ministry.

Your minister Keith

Holy Week & Easter Services

Murrayfield Churches Together and the Church of Scotland Grouping

Palm/Passion Sunday 10.30am: We are looking forward to an Easter video performed and produced by the young people from S-Club Film Crew.

Tuesday of Holy Week at 7pm: Stations of the Cross at the garden of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Maundy Thursday at 7pm: Communion Service at Saughtonhall United Reformed Church.

Maundy Thursday 7pm: The Institution of the Last Supper at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Good Friday 2pm: Liturgy of the Cross Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd

Good Friday 7pm: A joint service with the CofS grouping churches and Murrayfield Churches Together at Murrayfield Parish Church

Easter Sunday 10.30am: We have a joyous celebration of the resurrection. This will include the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Murrayfield Parish Church



Popping up for Easter

Do you enjoy singing ? We are hoping to have an Easter Choir again this year. The choir will contribute during the services on Palm/Passion Sunday (13th April), Good Friday (18th April) and Easter Sunday (20th April). There will be rehearsals after the Sunday services during April (more details to follow in the weekly news). Those of all ages are welcome to join in!



A visit from Rev Dr Stewart Gillan *Scott Kerr*

We were reminded of Jesus' command to love our neighbour

On 23rd February our guest preacher was Rev Dr Stewart Gillan, the minister of St Andrew's Memorial Church of Scotland in Jerusalem and in Tiberias. He is in Scotland for a few weeks and Keith was able to arrange for him to visit Murrayfield which has a strong connection with the Memorial Church in Jerusalem which was founded to remember the sacrifice of Scottish soldiers in the Palestine Campaign of the First World War and in celebration of the relief of Jerusalem in December 2017. Its first minister, who also first suggested the founding of the church, was Ninian Hill, at the time an elder of Murrayfield Church; and Clarence Musgrave, then our minister, left Murrayfield to become the minister in Jerusalem 25 years ago.



With his sermon based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, we were reminded of Jesus' command to love our neighbour, of particular relevance given the current situation in Israel and Gaza. Stewart also told us of the Church of Scotland's ecumenical work in Jerusalem as those of all faiths pray for and in their actions seek to encourage dialogue and peaceful cooperation among those of different faiths and cultures. As well as the historic links with Murrayfield, it was inspiring to hear of these ecumenical initiatives given our own ecumenical work with Murrayfield Churches Together.

Please pray for the congregation of St Andrew's and the work of Stewart and his colleagues not only for the church itself but also in their work with others of many faiths to encourage a peaceful end to the current conflict.



**Love
Your
Neighbour**

We are blessed at Murrayfield with a splendid sanctuary and church centre

Alison Mackenzie

Worship the Lord in holy splendour, tremble before him all the earth (Psalm 96, v9)

We are blessed at Murrayfield with a splendid sanctuary in which to worship, and a church centre which allows the community to use our premises for a range of activities, as well as earning the church an important income. It's important we are responsible custodians of these resources and are maintaining them in good condition for future members of the congregation and local community.

Let us build a house where love can dwell.....

The Church of Scotland inspects all its buildings every five years. After our last five year visit, the need for urgent essential repairs to the stonework to the church were highlighted to the congregation. Pointing and coping stones needs renewed to prevent water getting in and causing damage. The work required is mainly at height, so scaffolding will be required.

We have appointed architects Tod & Taylor, experts in maintenance of places of worship, to oversee the whole project. They have drawn up the work needing done and are completing the tender exercise. The Presbytery has approved our proceeding with these repairs, which are likely to cost in the region of £48,000, and we hope they will start just after Easter.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.....

The lighting in the church centre is now due an overhaul. We no longer meet the current specifications for safety lights, and the lighting units that were selected when the lights were upgraded over 20 years ago are no longer available, due to changes in legislation in 2021, to achieve tighter energy efficiency standards. We asked the lighting design team that did work in the church building to devise the simplest way to replace our existing lighting units with new ones, whilst also meeting specification for safety lighting. We have accepted the quote which was most competitive, both in cost and in time to complete the



work, which we are happy is from the electrician who has dealt with repairs at the church and centre for the last few years. The largest cost of this renewal is the new light fittings, work is priced at around £53,000 and will require the centre to be free for the electricians for 2 weeks. Again, we have sought and been granted approval from Presbytery to proceed. We are hoping works will take place during the planned spring break of our main hall user.

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain (Psalm 127, v1). Please include the success of these projects in your prayers for the church, asking also that the work may bring benefit and blessing to many.

Finally, we give thanks that the church is in funds to undertake these two necessary projects, and gratefully acknowledge two generous legacies which the Kirk Session has agreed in part to allocate to this work.

For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand, and is all your own. (1 Chronicles 29: 14b,16)

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you to each and everyone of you who already gives to Murrayfield Parish Church. Generosity is a central part of our faith. We believe that God is endlessly generous to us and that we are called to be generous in turn. The mission and life of Murrayfield Parish Church is only made possible because of the generous giving of our members, local community, and visitors.

Standing orders remain the most convenient and cost-effective method of regular givers and supporters. However, a gentle reminder, that as with all things in life, costs have increased for Murrayfield Parish Church and if you felt appropriate to do so we invite you to review your standing order please.

If you would like to find out more about how to create a standing order for Murrayfield Parish Church, then please email the treasurer Lindsay Foulis [HERE](#).

“We believe that God is endlessly generous to us and that we are called to be generous in turn”

Leaving a lasting legacy

We are privileged if we can leave a mark of our passing, to be remembered by those people and causes we've cared for in life.

A gift in your Will to Murrayfield Parish Church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support our mission and our ministry. If you would like to create a legacy for your church, then please email the treasurer Lindsay Foulis [HERE](#).

Thank you . The Finance Group , Murrayfield Parish Church.

Magnitude : brought to you by SU Scotland

We believe in the God who is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine. We believe that encountering Him in His fullness is life-changing. We believe that when young people are captivated by Him, amazing things happen.

Born out of a love for God's Word, a love for people and a love for adventure:

We are Magnitude.

An immersive, carefully curated five-day adventure in the heart of Scotland, designed specifically to enable young people to encounter more of the magnitude of God: in His Word, in worship, and in wonder at His creation. Find out more [HERE](#)



Film Crew & S Club

Julia Hodgson

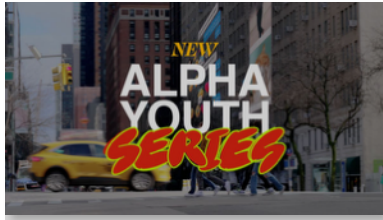


Film Crew continues and we are currently planning for Easter. The group writes, acts and produces short videos for inclusion in special services. Much fun, laughter and discussion takes place. Any young people from Primary 7 upwards are welcome to come along and join in. We meet once a month from 4-6pm on a Sunday. The next meeting will take place on Sunday 9th March.

S Club

As intimated each week in the on screen church notices, S Club is available for children of primary school age each week. We link into the theme of the service with a story and craft. We usually manage to find time for fun and fellowship as part of the session.

All are welcome to attend.



What happens at Alpha Youth?

CONNECTION

Every Alpha Youth session includes time to connect, over food and games.

CONTENT

10 sessions over 8 weeks exploring faith, life and purpose.

CONVERSATION

Nothing is off-limits and you can say whatever's on your mind. Or nothing at all.

Youth Alpha is usually a 10 week video course, but we have condensed it into 8 sessions over 5 weeks. The videos last around 20 minutes and include several pauses with questions for discussion. We started on Sunday the 26th January and are now just over half way through. The course will finish on Sunday the 30th March. Three or four teenagers have been attending the course (3 boys and a girl) and I have several adult helpers as well. Everyone seems to be enjoying it and we have had some interesting and at times quite profound discussions around the video content.

We have received good feedback from the kids so far, they are finding the videos engaging and thought-provoking, they are also enjoying the pizza! The last session was on prayer, the Bible and worship. It went particularly well and everyone joined in praying in pairs at the end. Hopefully the course will have a lasting impact on the lives of these youths.

Families and Children Worker *Job opportunity!*



We have an exciting job opportunity for a

Families and Children Worker

Part time 0.5

Based at Murrayfield Parish Church

For more information/full job description

email the church office [HERE](#)

Or call 0131 337 1091

Murrayfield Parish Church

2b Ormidale Terrace

EH12 6EQ

www.murrayfieldparishchurch.org.uk

Registered charity number SC005198

Please spread the word about this exciting role. It may be that someone you know would be interested and have the right background and skills.



A huge thanks to STV News for spotlighting Murrayfield Dementia Project

Huge thanks to @STVNEWS for spotlighting Murrayfield Dementia Project in a recent piece about the impact the EIJB funding cuts will have on Edinburgh's third sector.

As a result of this coverage, we have been approached by the Colin Weir Charitable Foundation, who have offered us transitional funding to ensure we can continue operating beyond the planned funding cuts in June. This generous donation allows our staff to continue working and supporting the twenty service-users who visit the Murrayfield Club every week alongside their families and carers who value the service.

Without the offer from the Colin Weir Charitable Foundation, we would have had to consider closing the organisation, and feel incredibly fortunate this is no longer the case. Our thanks goes out to @STVNEWS for taking the time to cover this vital story, and we hope that the other services and charities affected can find an alternative solution.



You can view the original coverage [HERE](#)

Memory Lane Cafe

All welcome every Friday

10am - 12pm

Saughtonhall UR Church

£3 per person

Join us at the *Memory Lane Cafe* every Friday 10am-12pm.
Meet new people, enjoy friendly chat and refreshments.
£3 per person.
Held every Friday at Saughtonhall Church, 87 Saughtonhall Drive, EH12 5TR.
For more information call: 07881288909

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Murrayfield Churches Together

Pastoral Assistant

Rev Douglas Nicol

“I have begun to sense the opportunities that lie ahead”

The first six weeks of my part-time appointment as Pastoral Assistant of Murrayfield Parish Church have passed swiftly by, and during them I have begun to sense the opportunities that lie ahead. In preparation for beginning the role, I attended carol services in all three of the Murrayfield Churches Together congregations and received a warm welcome from ministerial colleagues and members in attendance. Since beginning in the role in January I have begun visiting members and adherents of our congregation as well as participating in TTT (Tone up on Tuesdays at Two), visiting the Murrayfield Club, and sharing in Keith's ministry by conducting a Sunday service and two funerals.

The principal remit of my post is 'to enhance the lives of older people in the Murrayfield community' under the three headings of: Physical, Mental and Spiritual Wellbeing and New Technologies.

Already as I've visited, I've been receiving ideas for future groups and for outings, and my thoughts are to offer a survey in the Spring to permit as many as wish to contribute to thoughts for the future. One definite summer visit that will be offered is one to Edinburgh Zoo where I have volunteered over the last three years. Staff at the Zoo are keen to build links with the local community, and I've heard many positive comments locally about arranging a special visit with a guided tour. Be assured that there will be transport up the hill!

Please do not hesitate to let me know of any way I can be supportive in the life of the congregation. I'll be worshipping in Murrayfield Parish Church two Sundays a month, and contact details are: Douglas.Nicol@churchofscotland.org.uk or 07811 437075 (please leave a message if there is no reply). I'll look forward to getting to know more people through visiting over the coming months, and to working with you in developing the ministry and mission of the congregation.



Look out for an online survey coming soon





Church of Scotland

General Assembly

Saturday 17th May to Thursday 22nd May
(excluding Sunday)



Can you help with stewarding at the General Assembly?

Stewards have a vital role at the General Assembly to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending. Stewards provide a friendly welcome to the Assembly Halls, ensure the security of proceedings by checking passes, are alert to security threats and disturbances and have a responsibility to ensure the safe evacuation of the Assembly Hall if this is required.

Individual shifts last for three hours and volunteers can select the day or days upon which they would seek to help.

For more details contact Sandy Gemmill, Chief Steward. [HERE](#)

CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

The Church of Scotland's Social Care Council is accountable for the work of CROSSREACH. Its remit is to provide social care services and specialist resources in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people of all ages in challenging circumstances. Crossreach offers loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances. There are a number of different ways that you can get involved to help the work of CROSSREACH. Find out how you can support CROSSREACH to make a difference to the lives of people across Scotland - [HERE](#)

Looking for Easter cards? Visit the CROSSREACH online shop [HERE](#)



Fairtrade

Fiona Dinsmore

Out of 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one that shares the Easter story.



The Real Easter Egg

The meaningful chocolate company has created 'The Real Easter Egg' as a way for churches and other groups to share the Easter story while supporting fairtrade and charitable projects. Out of 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which does this. All Real Easter Eggs come with the Easter story inside the box. The eggs are Fairtrade, Palm oil free and plastic free. The real Easter Egg will not be available in supermarkets this year but the full range can be ordered [HERE](#)

The Original and Dark eggs include a 24 page Easter story & activity book. They also include a competition where children can win up to £200 of book tokens.

On buying these eggs you can be safe in the knowledge that Fairtrade Premium fees are going to the farmers allowing them to invest in their community, buying everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

On a diet? Not a chocolate fan? Fear not ... you can donate a Real Easter Egg to a foodbank [HERE](#).

The way we shop can change the world.

I have a selection of eggs and Easter Blessings chocolate bars so if you miss me at my fairtrade stall, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me Fiona Dinsmore [HERE](#)



Christian Aid

David Parkin

Christian Aid was founded at the end of the Second World War and therefore this year commemorates 80 years. Throughout the decades Christian Aid and supporting volunteers have "shared a gospel call to champion dignity, equality, justice and love."

Over the decades many people from Murrayfield Churches Together have worked tirelessly to draw communities attention to the Christian Aid cause and raised money in the process.

Christian Aid week 2024 in Scotland raised £730,000 in total, which was a great amount. We appreciate all who supported this.

This year Christian Aid week is 11-17 May and will be hearing stories from Guatemala and the challenges their society faces, with climate change, child development and hunger.

Murrayfield Churches Together will keep you updated on Christian Aid events via the Church Weekly News. We appreciate your ongoing support.

ECUDARE

Kath Anderson

The Ecludare committee are thanking everyone from all three churches for supporting the Christmas sale of gifts from the ladies from the Ecludare project. The necklaces, bracelets, aprons, bags all sorts, animal key rings and all donations made on line, you have all been very generous. We will be sending £1,000 this week to Esther which is from the gift sales. Esther has sent some lovely pictures of the ladies from the village enjoying a very joyful lunch party together before Christmas and receiving their food parcels. Obviously a good time was had by all. Many thanks again to all those who have donated at Christmas time. The water project is still at the very early stages. Esther is busy with getting more quotes and feasibility studies so we will wait and see how that all progresses.



A Message from Esther

I trust you are all doing well. I would like to acknowledge the receipt of the donation towards the construction of the Elizabeth Forbes computer lab and day care unit.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Murrayfield Churches Together for their invaluable support that they gave towards this project. Thank you to Steve Yates for being prompt in releasing the funds every time we needed dispatchment. Thank you to Kath Anderson and the entire Ecludare Committee for being there for us during our implementation project. It was not easy but we thank God that we are almost there! Thank you to Alistair Forbes and Kirsten Forbes for the donation that will eventually transform our preschool section going forward.

With the roofing done completely, we are excited to move forward with the next stages of doing the

floors, painting, wiring and interior fittings etc. This will take a while as all the money we had is finished but we are hopeful that with time we will accomplish the project.

Our preschool is very small and we needed to maximise on the space available by doing the entire block together as opposed to the computer room by itself.

This beautiful project would not have been possible without your participation. I would also like to thank the entire congregations of the three churches and the three ministers, David, Keith and Dean for your generous contribution towards this project.

The Lord bless you all.

With gratitude and prayers

Esther

Christmas Gift Collection

Colin O'Flaherty : HMP Edinburgh



“Thank you for your support for the Edinburgh prison Christmas gift collection”.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you, for your support for the Edinburgh prison Christmas gift collection. Your kindness and generosity made sure that two hundred and twenty-three children had Christmas presents to open on Christmas morning. The gifts were given out at the six Christmas parties organised between the family contact officers and the Barnardo's staff from the visitor's centre. The Christmas parties took place in the visit room in the prison allowing the children's parent or guardian to take part. Gifts were also given out directly from the visitors, collected by the parent or guardian of the children. The number of children that received gifts was down on last year's wonderful achievement. This was because the number of children that passed through the visitor's centre was down on last year. We achieved our aim, which is to ensure that every child that visited the visitors centre received Christmas presents.

We did receive some media interest the Scotsman and the BBC did an article about the gift collection. The Justice Minister Angela Constance when she heard about the gift collection, took time out of her schedule to visit the visitors' centre and helped with wrapping of some of the gifts. My thanks as always go to you. Without your support the Edinburgh prison Christmas gift collection would have stopped a long time ago. My thanks also go to the Barnardo's staff in the visitors' centre Shona, Patrizia and Ann all played an important part in making it a success. My thanks also go to the senior managers of the Prison for supporting me and allowing me to organise the gift collection. I am already looking forward to this year's 2025 Christmas gift collection. It will be the fortieth year in a row that the gift collection started by Rev John Murie will have taken place.

Thank you again
Colin

The Church of Scotland

Faith Action Programme Leadership Team

Launch Vivid Vision Video

The Church's Faith Action Programme Leadership Team (FAPLT) has launched a 'Vivid Vision' video to encourage people to think about what the future of the Church might look like. Click on the image to watch the video.



What's going on in the Church Centre?

In this edition we are delighted to highlight : 106 Rainbows

Rosanne Brown

A great resource for the congregation and a place for building links with our local community



Rainbows are the youngest group within Girl Guiding. Membership is open to girls from four to seven years old. We do find that five is usually a better age to start.

The 106 Edinburgh Rainbows meet in the Upper Room of Murrayfield Parish Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. The unit is run by two leaders with adult helpers and two young volunteers who are senior school students.

The girls are asked to wear at least one item of uniform. Many girls wear a red polo shirt and hoodie, sometimes with matching jogging bottoms. The tabard is not popular!

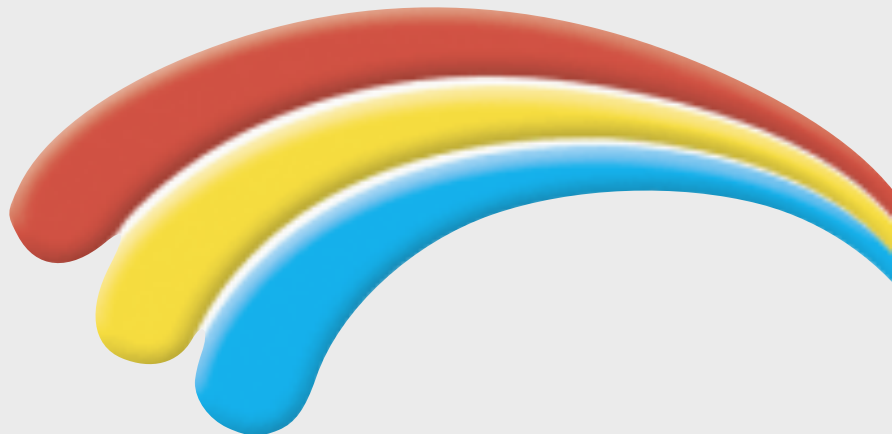
Our terms follow the school terms but are a little shorter. We follow a curriculum with themes such as Know Myself, Have Adventures and Skills for My Future. The curriculum includes meeting activities and activities which girls can do in their own time to earn badges, such as Book Lover, Drawing and Agility. The emphasis is on having fun.

Animals (particularly unicorns!), food, crafts and games are popular and an activity which includes at least two of these is usually a hit.

The Rainbows are currently Having Adventures, covering everything from secrets of survival to space travel and butterfly cakes.

They are looking forward to a special Rainbows party at the City Chambers on 22 March. Cake, juice, a party bag and special badge, crafts and dancing are promised. It is rare to have a County event especially for Rainbows and we are really looking forward to it!

Please note that the Church Centre will be closed from Monday 7th- Friday 18th April to allow for an overhaul of the Church Centre lighting.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"I Made You Wonderful"

Friday 7th March 2025

2pm

Saughtonhall UR Church



It's back ! by popular demand :
The Christian Aid Quiz.



Sunday 9th March

6.45pm

At Saughtonhall United Reformed Church

Teams of four

Refreshments provided.

Minimum donation of £5 welcome

Contact David Parkin [HERE](#)

Find out more about Christian Aid [HERE](#)

TTT : TONE UP ON TUESDAYS AT TWO

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Main Hall
Seated (and some standing) exercise
with Joanne

Followed by tea,
cake and optional worship
£5 weekly



TTT will run until 1st July. There will be a break
for Easter on 15th and 22nd April

Afternoon Tea
Friday 20th June
2pm - 3.30pm



On Friday, June 20th, Murrayfield Parish Church
will be hosting an Afternoon Tea in the Main Hall
from 2.00–3:30pm. We would love to see you there

All are welcome!

Please RSVP to the office [HERE](#) by June 13th .

MCT Faith Discussion Group



A lent course will be starting on the 4th of March running until Tuesday 22nd April. Meetings will take place at Saughtonhall United Reformed Church at 7.30pm
All welcome.
For more information contact Richard Nunn
[HERE](#)

easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a great site where you can help Murrayfield Parish Church raise funds by doing your everyday on-line shopping. Over 4000 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Asos, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say "thank you". It's completely free and millions of pounds has been raised for causes just like us. We want to raise as much as possible - so please sign up today
[HERE](#)

Fresh Start

helping people make a home for themselves

individuals make a home for themselves

"Thank you to everyone who has donated recently to Fresh Start. When I hand

the donations in at the warehouse the staff are very appreciative and I want to pass on this thanks on to everyone involved.

There's still a great need so please keep the donations coming. The Fresh Start link below shows what is needed in practical terms but also how you could help in other ways; by donating money, and / or your time by volunteering in one of the ways suggested." Read more [HERE](#)

Jennifer Paterson

Cake & Chat



Cake and Chat falls on the last Sunday of the month after the service. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for a Cake and Chat Sunday, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. For more information contact Jane Smart
[HERE](#)

GUILD COFFEE MORNING Saturday 22nd March, 10am - 12 noon



St Anne's Parish Church
Adults £3. Children £2
Tickets available at the door

Saughtonhall Drama Group

A DOUBLE BILL ☺ ☺ COMEDY



'Heaven's Above' by

Diane Raffle



'CCTV' by

Derek Webb

Tue 18th to Fri 21st March 2025 at 7.30 pm and
Sat 22nd March at 2.30 pm at
Saughtonhall Church, 87 Saughtonhall Drive, EH12 5TR

Tickets priced
£10
(18 and under £5)

Buy tickets from
Ticket Source
[HERE](#)
Or by email
[HERE](#)



Coming to church with younger children

We have a family area in our church In the Rossie Brown Chapel (at the front of the church on the right hand side) It's an area with quiet toys and activities for younger children to enjoy during the service (supervised by a parent/carer) .

Volunteering



We would love to hear from you if you would like to find out more about volunteering at Murrayfield Parish Church. There are so many ways to get involved and volunteering roles can be matched to your skills and to the time you have to spare. Contact one of the session clerks or Keith Graham [HERE](#)

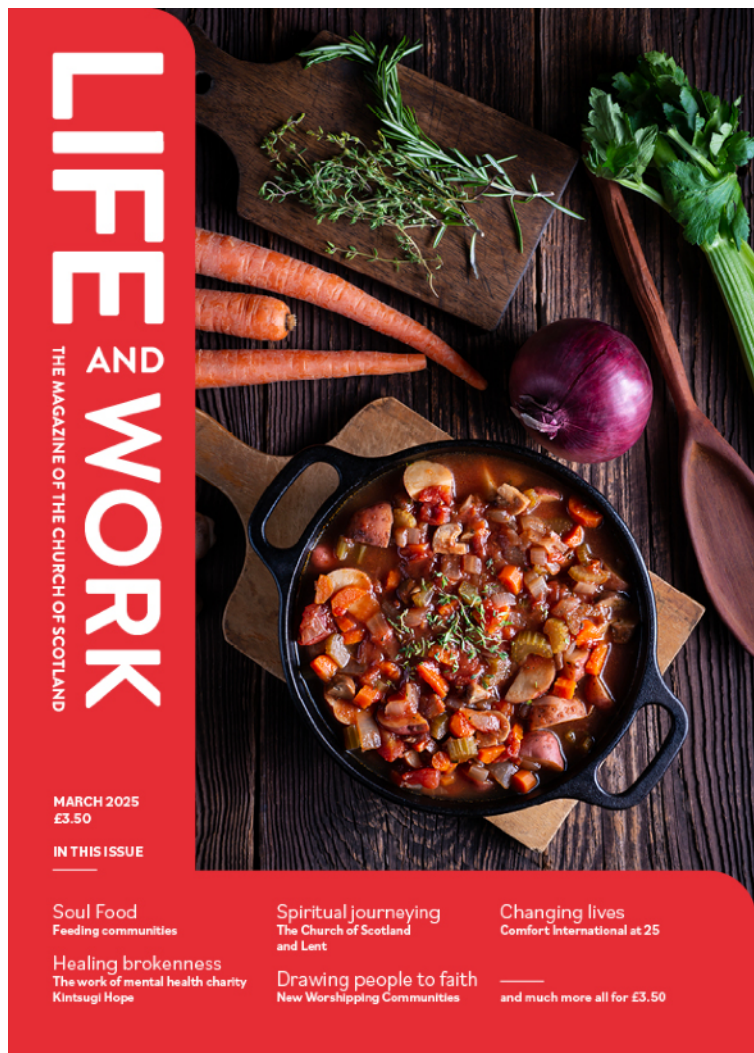
Please save milk bottle tops! *Martha Dickson*

Raising funds for palliative care
for charities Marie Curie, The Lavender trust
and Macmillan

The collection continues for all colours of plastic milk bottle tops. A big Thank You to all who pop tops in to 6 Osborne Terrace bins in front of the two windows in the front garden or the church. You can park on Donaldsons' side of the road at non-peak periods. We now need more than 9.5 million tops to fill a skip - which is when we get paid, as the new clear plastic tops are 1gm lighter than the old tops. Thank you again. It is such an easy way to raise money for palliative care. For more information you can contact Martha [HERE](#)

Life and Work is the magazine of the Church of Scotland.

In a **history** spanning over 140 years, it has established itself as the voice of the Church of Scotland. Read more about Life and Work [HERE](#)



Assembly Trustees - page 25 'CHRIST IS ALREADY AT WORK'

The Rev David Cameron highlights the importance of the intergenerational church and resourcing work to sustain faith in children and young people.

Faith Action Programme

'FORMING AND REFORMING IS HARD'

The Rev Karen Campbell, Convener of the Presbytery Mission Plan Implementation Group explains why faith is about investing in the future.

SOUL FOOD

Feeding communities

HEALING BROKENNESS

The work of mental health charity
Kintsugi Hope

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYING

The Church of Scotland and Lent

DRAWING PEOPLE TO FAITH

New Worshipping
Communities

CHANGING LIVES

Comfort International at 25

And much more over 52 pages

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Deaths



We are deeply saddened to announce the following deaths

William Stevens 25th December 2024
Nora Cormack 11th January 2025

If you would like to donate flowers this year please add your name to the flower rota at the back of the church



STAFF ARRANGEMENTS

Church office: Maureen Gilleade
Organists : Justin Nash and Andy Elders
Cleaner: Kerry MacLean

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