

# ST ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH CORSTORPHINE

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

and

## **ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR 2022

With the Compliments of the Kirk Session



## IN MEMORIAM

2022

*"The righteous shall be in  
everlasting remembrance"*

Derek  
Marion  
Gordon  
Anne  
Eileen  
William

Doyle  
Fortune  
Cumming  
Marquis  
Brunton  
Marshall

# THE KIRK SESSION

Rev. J.J. GRIGGS, BD(Hons), MTh, ALCM Moderator

L. CHALMERS and B. BROWN Joint Session Clerks (to 12/02/2023)

L. CHALMERS and N. PROVEN Joint Session Clerks (from 12/02/2023)

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1969	GOULD, John, 493 Lanark Road. EH14 5DQ .....	453 4114
1972	SCOTT, Ian, 20 Belmont Gardens. EH12 6JH .....	337 3720
1974	LYALL, John, 251c St. John's Road. EH12 7XD .....	334 5068
1978	PROVEN, Neil, 143 The Moorings, Dalgety Bay, Dunfermline KY11 9GP .....	0138 382 4035
	WHIGHAM, Derek, 28 Saughtonhall Avenue. EH12 5RN .....	337 6820
1980	TENNANT, Frances, 101 St. John's Road. EH12 6NN .....	334 2039
1982	GAY, Jim, 74 Corstorphine Road. EH12 6JQ .....	337 4005
	MORISON, Anne, 11 Corstorphine Bank Avenue. EH12 8SB .....	334 2191
	SIMPSON, May, 37 Corstorphine Bank Drive. EH12 8RW .....	334 3405
1988	HICKS, Nigel, 77 Balgreen Road. EH12 5UA .....	337 4439
1990	CLARK, William, 18 Lampacre Road, EH12 7HX .....	334 1651
	GIBSON, Muriel, 16 West Craigs Avenue. EH12 8LZ .....	317 1335
	RITCHIE, Kenneth, 12/10 Wallace Gardens. EH12 6HT .....	337 6405
	ROBERTSON, Craig, 70 Kaimes Road. EH12 6LW .....	539 2274
1993	DUFF, Doris, 24 Belmont Gardens. EH12 6JH .....	337 7765
	PALMER, Kath, 2 Tyler's Acre Road. EH12 7HZ .....	334 8572
	PATERSON, Glenda, Flat 1 Belgrave House, 26b St John's Road. EH12 6NZ .....	334 1364
	PROVEN, Noël, Flat 4, 2 Pinkhill Park, EH12 7FA .....	334 3499
1998	PATTERSON, Mary, 1B/4 Traquair Park West. EH12 7AN .....	334 6377
2001	ADAMS, Ord, 4 Belmont Terrace. EH12 6JF .....	337 9426
	CHALMERS, Lyn, 28 Saughtonhall Drive. EH12 5TN .....	337 2839
	HICKS, Janet, 77 Balgreen Road. EH12 5UA .....	337 4439
	MENZIES, Elizabeth, 76/3 South Gyle Wynd. EH12 9HJ .....	334 4377
2004	RITCHIE, Anne, 12/10 Wallace Gardens. EH12 6HT .....	337 6405
	ROBERTSON, Carol, 70 Kaimes Road. EH12 6LW .....	539 2274
2007	FLEMING, Rose, Carberry Residential Home, Carberry, Musselburgh. EH21 8PY.....	665 2882
	McLEAN, Graham, 13/3 Meadowhouse Road. EH12 7HW .....	334 8255
	TURNER, Myrtle, 10 Hillview Drive. EH12 8QW .....	334 5966
2008	HENDERSON, Yvette, 8 West Craigs Crescent. EH12 8LY .....	339 3181
	SHANKS, Malcolm, 31 Beechmount Park. EH12 5YT .....	337 9582
	SHANKS, Heather, 31 Beechmount Park. EH12 5YT .....	337 9582
	YELLAND, Philip, 83 Camus Avenue. EH10 6QY .....	445 1010
2010	STEWART, David.....until 28/08/22	
	BISHOP, Ellison, Flat 2, 235 Corstorphine Road. EH12 7AR .....	334 8296
	MENZIES, Margaret, 15 Knowepark. Selkirk. TD7 4EY .....	01750 22466
2013	BARR, Bill, 20 Kaimes Road. EH12 6JS .....	334 3005
	GIBSON, Rosalind, 14 Corstorphine Hill Gardens. EH12 6LA .....	334 5268
	McCOLL, Andrew, 4 Ravelston Garden, EH4 3LF .....	07795144055
2015	GRANT, Maxine .....	
	MURRAY, Iain, 14 Old Kirk Road. EH12 6JX .....	467 2468
	MacLEAN, Ruth, 2 Hampton Terrace. EH12 5BD .....	337 7062
2017	BROWN, Bob, 32 Carrick Knowe Hill, EH12 7BR .....	539 2431
	CAMERON, Ann, 20 Traquair Park East, EH12 7AW .....	334 2236
	WATSON, Tom, 18 Belgrave Road, EH12 6NF .....	334 4176
	WATSON, Lisa, 18 Belgrave Road, EH12 6NF .....	334 4176
2023	BARRIE, Yvonne, 19 Orchardfield Avenue, EH12 7SX .....	0779 144 2695
	BULLAMORE, Tim, 3 Traquair Park East, EH12 7AP .....	07836 617 030
	THOMSON, Ethel, 40 Glendevon Road, EH12 5XG .....	337 5366

## MINISTER'S LETTER

Looking back at letters from the Annual Report in previous years, I realise that I have made use of Psalm 127 on several occasions – you will recognise the opening line – ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain’. This year, I found the opening of Psalm 126 seemed as appropriate:

“When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.”

After several years of significant disruption, there has been a real sense of relief that things seem to be getting back to ‘normal’. Seeing the Sanctuary filled for Christingle was something that perhaps we had hardly dared to dream after such a gap: and so, we may feel with the Psalmist ‘The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced’. As you will see in this report, many of our activities are back ‘up to speed’, and we rejoice for all the opportunities the many groups offer, to those in the congregation, and those from the wider community.

However: as the Session Clerks note, the ‘sword of Damocles’, being the spectre of Presbytery Reform, still hangs over us, and the medium to long term future is to an extent uncertain. In the short term, we are here; we are active; and we have much to offer to our parish; to the wider community; to one another. As ever, our thanks go to all who give so generously of their time and talents, in whatever sphere of our life together. Whilst offering thanks to everyone, I should particularly like to thank our Joint Session Clerks for their patience with the Minister, and their untiring energy on behalf of St Anne’s.

You may recall the first verse from one of our children’s hymns:

- 1 The Church is wherever God’s people are praising,  
knowing they’re wanted and loved by their Lord.  
The Church is wherever Christ’s followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

Carol Rose Ikeler (b.1920)

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So take heart from the following pages and be encouraged: the Lord has done great things for us: and we rejoice.

*Rev Jamie Griggs*  
Minister



## KIRK SESSION

After two extremely difficult years, 2022 certainly was a great improvement with almost all Covid restrictions lifted and life returning to 'normal', although we continue to be cautious.

It was such a boost to be able to hold our full diet of Easter and Christmas services this year and a particular joy to see the Sanctuary once again filled with eager young families at our Christingle Service. Numbers attending Sunday worship continue to hold up well with services live streamed for those who are unable to attend. It has been refreshing to see some young people helping with various duties on Sunday mornings.

Hall bookings continue to recover with some of our rooms in great demand. The various St Anne's groups such as the Guild, the FAN Club, Caring&Sharing@St Anne's have returned to normal activities and are as popular as ever.

The plans for the re-structuring of all Church of Scotland Presbyteries, and of the churches within each Presbytery, continue to be a major project, and a major headache for all concerned. In the Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery Plan, after many meetings and much discussion, it has been agreed that St Anne's will eventually form a union with St Ninian's and St Andrew's. The allocation of one FT Minister of Word and Sacrament plus 0.5 MDS (Ministries Development Staff) for this union is disappointingly low. At present we have two FTMWS and this will continue till one of them retires or moves on. All three church premises were given an 'A' grade by AMBA (Asset Management Building Audit) but this has temporarily been changed to 'B' as there were too many churches in Corstorphine given an 'A'. Another disappointment. The three churches will work together holding joint services and social events as we get to know each other.

As reported last year, in January 2022 we lost a valued senior Elder, Derek Doyle. In August this year we also said goodbye to David Stewart, a dedicated and knowledgeable Elder, who retired as our organist and choirmaster after 12 years. We will miss his wise counsel on Session. We plan to ordain three new Elders early in 2023.

Thanks are due to our Administrative Teams for keeping the Church business ticking over, and to all groups for embracing the 'new normal'. We are indebted to Jamie for his continued dedication and commitment to St Anne's.

We look forward to 2023 with new enthusiasm, ready to embrace the changes coming our way.

*Lyn Chalmers*  
Joint Session Clerk

# TEAMS

## 1. Management Team

### Membership

Rev. Jamie Griggs	Lyn Chalmers	Janet Hicks	Andrew McColl
Margaret Menzies	Neil Proven	Noel Proven	Martyn Quinn
Anne Ritchie			

### Remit and Responsibilities

- Co-ordinate the business of the Kirk Session and its committees
- Prepare business for Session meetings
- Prepare for Stated Annual Meeting (and other congregational meetings)
- Monitor the work of committees and ensure regular reporting to Session
- Act as 'nomination committee' for the Session

### Report to Kirk Session

As required

## 2. Fabric Team

### Membership

Andrew J McColl (Convener)      Malcolm Shanks

### Remit and Responsibilities

Maintenance and repair of all Church property.

- All church buildings including Church, Halls, meeting rooms and manse
- Grounds of Church/hall
  - Furniture, furnishings, silver, brass, organ and all other items or property of any kind owned by or in the care of the congregation
  - Heating, and other systems within the buildings
- Health and Safety and Fire Safety
- Maintenance of Property Register
- Undertaking annual inspection of properties
- Ensuring and maintaining compliance with any legal and statutory obligations.
- Ensuring (in conjunction with the Treasurer) that all Church property and other items as above are fully insured
- Ensuring that any other duties of the Kirk session under the committee or the laws/regulation of the Church of Scotland relating to property/fabric are observed including the relevant Disability Discrimination legislation
- Convener, in consultation with the Committee is authorised to incur expenditure up to and including £1000.00 per item without the prior approval of the Kirk Session. Expenditure over £1000.00 per item requires prior approval of Kirk Session on recommendation from the Committee

### Report to Kirk Session

March and September

During 2022, the Church and buildings were able to reopen close to pre pandemic levels. The Fabric Team have in place procedures to ensure that the fabric and fittings are maintained and undertake regular checks to ensure the buildings are safe plus, wind and weathertight. We follow current presbytery guidelines to restrict expenditure for maintaining, repairing and wind and weather tightness. Regular and planned maintenance continues: the grounds are maintained; Pat tests and EICR tests undertaken, Life systems

tested and maintained; sanctuary roof, kitchen roof and rainwater goods have been repaired and cleared by a specialist roofing access company; sound and network system have been updated.

The Manse continues to be managed and maintained by Umega. In 2022 there was a change of tenancy with an increase in the monthly rental to reflect market demand. This tenancy is progressing well with regular maintenance and repair being undertaken.

In 2022 we have enjoyed seeing our buildings being used for worship, church organisations and the wider community.

*Andrew J McColl*

Fabric Convener

### **3. Fellowship Team**

#### Membership

Anne Ritchie (Convener)

Bill Barr

Doris Duff

Anne Morison

Mary Patterson

Carol Robertson

Frances Tennant

Myrtle Turner

Lisa Watson

#### Remit and Responsibilities

- Pastoral Care
- Roll up-dating
- Oversight of: Social Committee, Guild, Walking Group, Flower Committee, Sunday Coffee and the Fair Committee

#### Report to Kirk Session

January and June

As the roll has remained reasonably static and some elders have withdrawn, we thank other elders who have taken on extra. A big thank you to Glenda Paterson who has retired as a visiting elder after many years of dedicated and caring service. It has been good to get back to face to face visits and I thank all elders and visitors who have helped to ease loneliness felt by many over the past years.

Th Guild is also up and running again with good attendances at meetings.

The flowers in the church are enjoyed by the congregation each Sunday and particularly so over Christmas when they were magnificent. Those given flowers appreciate the gift. Thank you to Claire and her team.

The Sunday coffee is now part of the duty teams' remit, but we must say a thank you to Arthur and Ellison Bishop who set up the tables on a Saturday for many years. Thank you also to the D of E volunteers Matthew, Sophie and Amy who have provided help over and above what was needed.

My thanks to the team who organise elders to visit, give lifts and deliver Christmas and Easter cards. We are lucky in St Anne's that every member of the congregation has a designated elder. Keep up the good work!

*Anne Ritchie*

Fellowship Team Convener

## **4. Parish Mission Team**

### Membership

Noel Proven (Joint Convener)  
Liz Menzies

Lyn Chalmers (Joint Convener)  
Kath Palmer

Tim Bullamore  
Ethel Thomson

### Remit and Responsibilities

- Annual report
- Magazine / Newsletter
- Christmas / Easter cards and Autumn leaflet Parish delivery
- Welcome / New home / Congregational leaflet
- Caring & Sharing group / FAN club
- Uniformed organisations
- Bethany Christian Trust
- North West Foodbank

### Report to Kirk Session

March and September

When writing the report last year, we were saying goodbye to Susan Nimmo as she and her husband were moving to Peebles. I am delighted to say that this year we are welcoming two new members to the team, Tim Bullamore and Ethel Thomson who will I know be a great asset and we look forward very much to working with them.

We have been collecting for the Food Bank regularly on the fourth Sunday of the month and we are extremely grateful to everyone in the congregation who have supported us both financially and with goods. With Covid restrictions lifting at the beginning of the year we were able to begin collecting in March through to December and in that time, you have given just over 764kg in goods - an amazing total.

In March we were privileged to be able to cook, deliver, and serve a meal for 40 homeless people on behalf of the Bethany Trust. This was repeated on 26<sup>th</sup> November for 50 people and again on the 27<sup>th</sup> December. Our thanks are due to the excellent team of volunteers from the congregation who work so hard on these evenings and to the members who give so generously to cover the costs.

The annual report was prepared in-house, printed by Copymade, and then delivered by Elders to members in their districts. The beautiful Easter and Christmas Cards were also delivered to members, and half page articles submitted to the Corstorphine Grapevine Magazine. This way we hope the whole parish will have received seasonal greetings from St Anne's with information about the special services.

The uniformed organisations are getting back to normal after covid and the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are being very well led by caring and experienced leaders. They all meet on Friday evenings in the hall.

The FAN club was able to re-open, and it is wonderful to see the numbers rising to what they were before Covid. Evelyn Conner and her committee have a very varied and interesting programme to suit the members. Friday mornings are a busy and happy time in the Hall.

The Caring&Sharing@St Anne's group have also re-opened with attendees enjoying alternate café style and speaker led meetings.

We would like to end this report with a heartfelt thanks to all the team for their hard work throughout the year. Thank you to the Minister for his support and encouragement and thank you to Mel for her patience and help.

*Noel Proven & Lyn Chalmers*  
Joint Conveners



## **5. Finance team**

### Membership

Janet Hicks (convener)

Nigel Hicks

Ian Murray

Ken Ritchie

Tom Watson

Derek Whigham

### Remit and Responsibilities

- Monitoring the finances of the Church and making recommendations to the Kirk Session
- Accounts
- Gift Aid
- Insurances
- Wedding charges
- The Committee has delegated powers to negotiate and agree normal/routine contracts
- Freewill offering
- Stewardship
- Hall letting and charges

### Report to Kirk Session

June and November

We are now theoretically out of the pandemic restrictions that have blighted us for over three years. It is reasonable to assume however, that we are all aware of the potential risks of coronavirus and there remains the natural reluctance to act as socially close as before 2020. The accounting year that ended in December 2022 reflects that reluctance in that, though general restrictions eased in the Spring/Summer it was not until well into the latter half of the year that normal practices resumed.

We remain fortunate that our main income from Sunday services does not depend on physical attendance. Most giving is now from standing orders direct from bank to bank. In the year total giving rose by a welcome 4½% to over £83,000. We were able to supplement this offering where donors had signed up to the Gift Aid scheme to recover over £17,000. Added to total giving was a legacy of £10,000 from a former senior elder.

The opening up the church during the year enabled us to recommence hall lets and these added to our funds after the summer. The return of many of our mission activity groups also meant slightly more funds coming in. Also, the replacement tenant in the Belgrave Road manse delivered a full year's income. Finally, we transferred funds to a higher earning account to take advantage of the increasing interest rates.

Against this of course there were increased costs. Our property costs rose with additional cleaning services and generally there were modest inflationary increases in all costs arising from increased prices and activity. Against this we were able to claim £3,000 VAT recovery on the final retention on the development. As a result our costs in total fell by some £2,500.

Overall, therefore we ended up with the General Fund, the fund through which most of our transactions flow, being some £3,000 higher than at the beginning of the year. This is a substantial achievement and is testament to the generosity and loyalty of the members.

The cost-of-living crisis is visible in all our lives and the Church is no exception. Our budget for 2023 was approved recently and shows how our expenditure may increase as inflation is passed on by our suppliers. We always view spending with concern and attention but most of our costs are unavoidable. We would urge you to consider reviewing your regular offering in the light of your own circumstances. If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid or initiate a Standing Order or Freewill Offering envelope please contact us.

In all things we thank you for your demonstrated support over these appallingly difficult times. Your generosity and support is both encouraging and inspiring and we look forward to it continuing for the forthcoming year.

We extend our thanks as always to the members of the Finance team for their ongoing support.

*Nigel & Janet Hicks (Joint Treasurers)*

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>					
Offerings	83,123	10	-	83,133	79,589
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	17,264	127	-	17,391	17,126
Legacies	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	375
Other	4,215	620	-	4,835	4,309
	<u>114,602</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,359</u>	<u>101,399</u>
Church Activities	6,838	-	-	6,838	2,379
Use of Premises	19,731	-	-	19,731	4,348
Investment income	9,628	202	2,584	12,414	8,827
	<u>150,799</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>154,342</u>	<u>116,953</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Raising funds	<u>114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>76</u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Ministries and Mission Allocation	62,363	-	-	62,363	61,332
Presbytery Dues	2,005	-	-	2,005	1,387
Minister's Expenses	1,394	-	-	1,394	1,353
Pulpit Supply	420	-	-	420	240
Other salary costs	11,883	-	-	11,883	10,852
Fabric repairs & maintenance	4,272	156	2,640	7,068	16,028
Council Tax	2,185	-	-	2,185	2,128
Other building costs	27,766	-	-	27,766	21,321
Church office expenses	4,151	-	-	4,151	1,738
Organ & Music	1,455	-	-	1,455	1,535
Organisation activity costs	4,243	412	-	4,655	1,179
Miscellaneous expenses	516	-	-	516	632
Development costs	-	(3,189)	-	(3,189)	-
Purchase of Equipment	1,750	1,797	-	3,547	-
Donations to other Charities	783	-	-	783	200
	<u>125,186</u>	<u>(824)</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>127,002</u>	<u>130,775</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>125,300</u>	<u>(824)</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>127,116</u>	<u>130,851</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>25,499</u>	<u>1,783</u>	<u>(56)</u>	<u>27,226</u>	<u>(13,898)</u>
<b>Net (losses)/gains on investments</b>	<u>(27,512)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,512)</u>	<u>25,026</u>

<b>Movements in Funds</b>	<b>1 January 2021 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources £</b>	<b>Unrealised Gains/ (Losses)</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>31 December 2021 £</b>
<b>Endowment Fund</b>						
The Dey Legacy	38,775	2,584	(2,640)	-	56	38,775
	<u>38,775</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>(2,640)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>38,775</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Outreach	127	-	(159)	-	32	-
Other Funds	420	745	(445)	-	(65)	655
Fabric (Organ) Fund	11,200	202	-	-	-	11,402
Kaimes Rd Dev't	-	12	1,428	-	433	1,873
	<u>11,747</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>13,930</u>
<b>Designated Funds</b>						
Capital reserve	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000
Revaluation	85,936			(27,512)	-	58,424
Belgrave Halls Proceeds Fund	10,300	497	-	-	(2)	10,795
Guild	1,806	2,384	(1,347)	-	(2)	2,841
Sunday Club	1,199	2	-	-	-	1,201
Sunday Coffee	1,107	1,299	(911)	-	-	1,495
Social Committee	140	-	-	-	-	140
Jack & Jill Club	611	824	(846)	-	(500)	89
Lunch Club	-	-	(91)	-	500	409
Carers' Support Group	2,087	655	(479)	-	(400)	1,863
Film Club	-	226	(30)	-	-	196
Fair Trade	657	-	-	-	-	657
FAN Club	3,035	1,525	(716)	-	(500)	3,344
Flower Fund	907	735	(849)	-	-	793
Badminton	236	702	(56)	-	(650)	232
	<u>708,021</u>	<u>8,849</u>	<u>(5,325)</u>	<u>(27,512)</u>	<u>(1,554)</u>	<u>682,479</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	(44,703)	116,833	(115,259)	-	1,155	(41,974)
Fabric	1,731	5,934	(3,973)	-	(56)	3,636
Legacy	248,457	18,977	(743)	-	-	266,691
Development	5,714	206	-	-	(1)	5,919
	<u>211,199</u>	<u>141,950</u>	<u>(119,975)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,098</u>	<u>234,272</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>969,742</u>	<u>154,342</u>	<u>(127,116)</u>	<u>(27,512)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>969,456</u>

These summarised extracts are derived from the statutory financial statements. The statutory financial statements have been independently examined and the independent examiner's report is unqualified. Statutory financial statements are available on the church's website.

The statutory financial statements were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 29 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Lyn Chalmers, Joint Session Clerk and Nigel Hicks, Joint Treasurer.

## **6. World Issues Team**

### Membership

Martyn Quinn (Convener)	Bob Brown	Ann Cameron (Minute Secretary)	
William Clark	Graham McLean	Kira Mourao	Iain Murray

### Remit and Responsibilities

- Educate and inform
- Environmental issues - Eco church
- Fairtrade
- Twinning
- Christian Aid
- World Mission Council

### Reports to Kirk Session

There were 2 reports to Session in June and November 2022.

### The Team

There were no changes to the team in 2022.

### Educate and inform

The coronavirus pandemic resulted in reduced publication of the Church magazine and newsletters but although publication has now recovered no articles were published by the team in 2022.

### Environmental Issues - Eco Church

Iain Murray has continued to forward on communications from Eco-Church to the rest of the team.

### Fair Trade

No Fair-Trade stall or other Fair Trade activities were run by the World Issues Team (WIT) in 2022.

### Twinning

During 2022, with the Coronavirus Pandemic continuing, we were in sporadic communication with St Andrews, updating and encouraging each other. At a meeting of the WIT, held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022, our twinning with St Andrews was discussed. It was agreed that although visits to St Andrews had benefited participants, these were small in number. Reciprocal visits from St Andrews ignited interest and enthusiasm while visitors were present but it was difficult to maintain this after visitors had left. There was a general feeling that our twinning relationship with St Andrews had run its course for the following reasons:

1. Visits between our two churches were becoming more difficult, especially from St Anne's due to the general age profile of the congregation and pandemic fears.
2. Apparent lack of interest from the general congregation.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, a Zoom meeting was held between Rebecca McGonigle (Development Officer, Faith Action at CoS), Jamie Griggs and Martyn Quinn to review our twinning with St Andrews in Lusaka and discuss how best we could bring this to a meaningful conclusion; over time, it is not unusual for twinning arrangements to end. Following the meeting a letter to St Andrews, setting out reasons for our wish to bring our twinning arrangement to an end, was drafted and presented at the Session meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November for approval. On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 an email with the agreed letter attached was sent to Mr Nkhoma, Convener of St Andrew's International Relations Committee, ahead of an official communication from CoS Head Office, stating our wish, after 10 years of fellowship, to bring our twinning arrangement with St Andrew's to an end; St Andrew's acknowledged on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022. However, as Mr Whiteson Chenge, who many of us know, said in a Christmas email to me 'Yes we should continue to be in touch despite the twinning arrangement coming to an end. We remain brothers in Christ'.

The team intends to explore the possibility of other twinning opportunities closer to home that would enable larger groups or more frequent visits and also investigate possible other relevant activities that the team could engage in.

## Christian Aid

Christian Aid week as in previous years was in May. Due to the current Covid Pandemic, normal fundraising efforts for Christian Aid have not taken place. Through their website Christian Aid invited supporters to donate at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/>.

World Mission Council – No magazines were distributed in 2022.

*Martyn Quinn*

World Issues Team Convener

## **7. Worship Team**

### Membership

Rev Jamie Griggs (Convener)	Maxine Grant	Anne Ritchie
Craig Robertson	Christine Shuttleworth	David Stewart

### Remit and Responsibilities

- Worship Planning
- Readers
- Communion Duties
- Sunday Club
- Care Homes

### Report to Kirk Session

January and September

After another bumpy start to the year, with further Covid restrictions, 2022 saw a gradual 'return to normal' as far as worship at St Anne's is concerned. We are pleased that so many have returned to Sunday worship following the disruption of the past years, and that our 'special services' have continued to be well-supported. Christingle was particularly busy this year, as was Watchnight, and we were glad to welcome so many families back.

We have continued to provide services for four Care Homes, although this has still to 'get back to normal' – although restrictions are now lifted, ongoing outbreaks of infections continue to impact. At present, the minister is leading these alone, but we hope that, in due course, we may be able to develop a team who can provide these well-received services.

At the end of August, we said farewell to our Organist & Choirmaster David Stewart, whose unfailing support, wisdom and encyclopaedic knowledge of church repertoire will be greatly missed. We thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his new 'ventures'. We welcomed Christopher Black as Organist & Choirmaster in September.

Thanks must, as ever, be given to all who support worship at St Anne's, in every way. To our Choir; our Communion Elders; our Readers, and their co-ordinator, Mrs Anne Ritchie; and to all who support our Sunday Club and Creche.

*Rev. Jamie Griggs*

Worship Team Convener

## **8. Education Team**

### Membership

Margaret Menzies (Joint Convenor)  
Maxine Grant

Alison Yelland (Joint Convenor)  
Ruth McLean

Muriel Gibson  
Margaret Grant

### Remit and responsibilities

- Training for adults
- Safeguarding Training
- Adult Christian Education
- Promotion of Corstorphine Churches Together education events
- Communication- Access for all
- Sunday Club/ Young people

### Report to Kirk Session

January and September

During 2022 the Education Team had a couple of meetings on Zoom and set up a What's App group for the Sunday Club volunteer rota, who provided Sunday Club activities on the first Sunday of the month and at christenings during 2022. During 2023, Sunday Club cover will become the responsibility of the Sunday Duty Teams.

The Education Team arranged and distributed cards and selection boxes to the Sunday Club members just before Easter to maintain contact with the young people who had been attending Sunday Club.

The pre-Christmas Sweetie Making session was postponed in 2021 because of the arrival of Omicron, but it was great to be back in the hall on the 17 December 2022 for a face-to-face Sweetie making session with over 20 young people and their accompanying adults. Thanks to Noel Proven, Alison Yelland, Maxine Grant, Liz Menzies, and Louise Perry for manning the bases.

There was a good attendance at the Christingle making session on Christmas Eve, with several St Anne's families and friends meeting to make short work of the task of making 150 Christingles for the afternoon service, and to enjoy the fellowship and the elevenses - thanks to Noel Proven for providing the cheese scones, which have become a traditional part of the Christingle making session.

A face- to -face Introductory Safeguarding training was arranged for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am in the Sanctuary and attended by fourteen members of session and Sunday Club volunteers. The General Assembly in 2022 agreed that Safeguarding training would now be mandatory every five years and recommended every three years. The training was specially arranged for St Anne's, and dates for online Safeguarding training were circulated to session members and volunteers during the year.

There have been some changes to the Education Team membership during 2022, and thanks are due to Muriel Gibson who withdrew from the team due to family circumstances, and to Alison Yelland who resigned from the Education Team after four years as joint convenor. Mags Menzies and Maxine Grant have been joined on the Education Team by Ruth McLean and Margaret Grant.

The Education Team would like to record their thanks to Muriel and Alison for their contribution to the Education Team meetings, discussions and events and to Alison for organising the Education Team meetings so diligently.

Since the last annual report, six volunteers from St Anne's have joined the PVG scheme and are now approved by the Church of Scotland to work with children and young people. There are still some applications pending and these are being progressed.

The Education Team and the Sunday Club volunteers have very much enjoyed getting back to regular Sunday Club get-togethers, and would like to thank the Education Team, Sunday Club team members, volunteers and Duty team members, past and present, for their help and support in providing the programme of events and activities for the children, young people and families at St Anne's. If you are interested in joining the Education Team or the Sunday Club Volunteer team, please contact Maxine Grant or Mags Menzies.

*Mags Menzies and Alison Yelland*

Joint Convenors

## SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS

The Sunday Duty Teams are an essential part of life in St Anne's. Made up of elders and members, they welcome worshippers, prepare the Sanctuary for Worship, set up and serve after service coffee and generally play a major part in making everyone feel welcome.

If you are interested in joining a team, please speak to a Session Clerk.

<b>1st Sunday</b>	Derek Whigham (TL)	William Clark (TL)	Lyn Chalmers	Doris Duff	Muriel Gibson	Chris Hunt
	Margaret Pye	Ken Ritchie	Myrtle Turner	Marjory Whigham		
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	Phil Yelland (TL)	Mary Patterson (TL)	Ord Adams	Ellison Bishop	Phillipa Blackham	Eleanor Kerse
	Liz Menzies	Iain Murray	Margaret Neil	Dave Perry (if free)	Louise Perry (if free)	Elizabeth Robertson
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	Margaret Menzies (TL)	Bill Barr	Yvonne Barrie	Janet Hicks	Nigel Hicks	Carol Robertson
	Craig Robertson	Christine Shuttleworth	Frances Tennant	Lisa Watson	Tom Watson	
<b>4th Sunday</b>	Noel Proven (TL)	Graham McLean (TL)	Neil Proven (DTL)	Bob Brown	Tim Bullamore	Alison & Ross Benham
	Claire Grant	Ruth Johnstone	Kath Palmer	Ethel Thomson	Margaret Dawson	
<b>5th Sunday</b>	Ruth Maclean (TL)	Ann Cameron (TL)	Ros Gibson	Maxine Grant	Eleanor Kerse	John Lyall
	Amanda Liddell	Anne Morison	Anne Ritchie	Heather Shanks	Malcolm Shanks	

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Number of Members on the Roll as of 31 December 2021 **343**

Additions during 2022 by:	Profession of Faith	Nil
	Certificate of Transference	3
	Resolution of the Kirk Session	<u>1</u>
		<b>4</b>

Removals in 2022 by:	Death	6
	Certificate of Transference	2
	Otherwise	<u>Nil</u>
		<b>8</b>

Number of Members on the Roll as of 31 December 2022 **339**

*Malcolm Shanks*  
Roll Keeper

## MEETINGS OF THE KIRK SESSION IN 2023

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	

Items for the Agenda for these meetings should be notified to the Session Clerk two weeks before the meeting date. Reports should be submitted to the Session Clerk two weeks prior to Session meetings.

## STATED ANNUAL MEETING

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 after morning worship.

The Accounts detailed within will be reported to the Congregation. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to be present and an especially warm welcome is extended to new members.

Session Clerk



## THE SUNDAY CLUB

During 2022, The Education team were trying to find a way of bringing Sunday Club back full time to St. Anne's. The Education team tried to establish a rota utilising the skills and talents from the congregation. Many put their names forward to help out and we are very grateful to those who did, but it was not enough to cover Sunday Worship throughout the school term. The Education team started by covering the first Sunday of the month. Many of St Anne's members took part in the Safeguarding training and have gained their PVG for the Church of Scotland and are now able to help with Sunday Club. As children and families returned to St Anne's it was decided that one Sunday a month was not enough and that Sunday Club should be covered every week, responsibility for this was passed to the Sunday Duty Teams, with the Duty Team leader organising two members to cover Sunday club. The PVG list was sent out to Duty Team members so leaders could contact those with the relevant training.

However, there are still not enough members of the congregation whose PVG's have been completed and we will find it tricky to cover Sunday Club every week as we move forward. It would be great to get more younger members of the congregation to sign up to help Sunday Club continue.

A big thank you to all of those who applied and have been approved by the Church of Scotland to work with our children and young people this year: Anne Ritchie, Anne Morison, Noel Proven, Margaret Dawson, John Lyall and Lyn Chalmers.

Not only have our younger members enjoyed being part of the St Anne's family again: taking part in Jamie's time to talk during Sunday Worship but the older members of Sunday Club have been taking an active role in Sunday worship too. Holly and Matthew have joined the Tech Team, organising the sound, recording the service, and uploading it onto the website. All members of the senior Sunday Club are reading in the services too.

Our young people are now old enough to be taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) awards. We have had the pleasure of seeing Amy, Sophie and Matthew every Sunday and are working towards their bronze and silver award. Volunteering for DoE is one hour a week, but they all go above and beyond on a Sunday morning. Thank you all for cheering us up on a Sunday Morning! Your help is very much appreciated.

At the end of the year, we were finally able to enjoy another St Anne's nativity. This year we kept it simple and went for a pop-up nativity; where children picked their names out of the hat, shoved on a costume and we all marched round the church. It was so much fun and a special thank you to Wilson who played an excellent Mary!

The Sunday Club would like to record their thanks to Jamie for his constant support and enthusiasm for the young people of St Anne's. Thank you also to Noel for her continued and unwavering support. Thank you to the Education Team who have been working tirelessly to get Sunday Club back up and running and for organising all the extra activities that Sunday Club have been enjoying such as the Christmas Sweetie and the Christingle making.

*Maxine Grant*

## THE GUILD

The Guild meets every second Tuesday from September to March. A syllabus is available. Men and women of all ages will be warmly welcomed as members or occasional visitors.

President	Kath Palmer	kmpedinburgh@gmail.com	0131 334 8572
Minute Secretary	Ethel Thomson	ethelalex@hotmail.com	0131 337 5366
Treasurer	Janet Hicks	janetphicks@hotmail.com	0131 337 4439
Representative Elder	Anne Ritchie	anneken.ritchie@sky.com	0131 337 6405

2022 began as 2021 had ended with no meetings allowed on church premises, this time due to an upsurge of cases of the omicron variant of Covid 19. As I wrote last year we were hoping that it would not be too long before we could meet again and in February we were back - to enjoy fellowship with friends we had not seen for the last couple of months, to hear our planned speakers on the subjects of King Henry V111's Six Wives, Women in the World Church and a resume of the 6 current National Guild projects, and to follow our Theme of Lights and Bushels. We were able to have our first AGM since 2019 and so began to feel that we were getting back to normality.

It was not possible to hold our usual Coffee Morning in March, Theatre Outing or Summer Outing because of the unpredictability of the previous few months so we decided to hold 2 Drop-In Coffee Mornings over the summer with the express aim of giving members a space to meet up and they were both much enjoyed. Our March Coffee morning was rescheduled for September and though not as many people attended as on previous occasions, it was another step back to what we had been used to.

September saw the start of the new session of the Guild with the theme of "Wee Seeds, Big Trees, exploring the idea of growth, both physical and spiritual. We continued to have our meetings twice a month, once in the afternoon at 2.30pm and once in the evening at 7.30pm to enable as many people as possible to attend, (we have 57 members on the books and welcome the occasional visitors) and we listened to some fine speakers on a variety of topics including Red Dot Radio, Grace Chocolates (a venture to help women prisoners) and the Queen's Green Canopy in Malawi. We tried playing Guild Lotto, listened to two very different ministers talking about their journey to, and in the ministry and celebrated Christmas with a musical afternoon and a delicious Christmas lunch in the hall.

Members of St Anne's Guild have attended the Edinburgh Guilds Together meetings over the year and the Big Sing and Annual Gathering, both held in person again in the Assembly Hall on the Mound.

We have continued to support our ongoing projects during this past year-sending money to Cunningham House, knitting hats for the Seafarers Mission and squares to make up into blankets, saving milk tops and cutting round stamps. We have donated to the Foodbank and collected bras and pants to send to Malawi so that the women there will be less likely to be subjected to rape and abuse.

2022 was another year in which what was planned was not necessarily what took place so I have been especially grateful to the hard - working committee, without whom the Guild could not function. My thanks go to the meeting leaders' team who have organised and taken meetings, to all those who have provided flowers, set up the hall for meetings, cleared up afterwards, who have made phone calls and emailed when necessary and assisted with printing and IT. Finally, I would like to thank the membership who are always so supportive of the Guild and what we try to do.

Let us "Look Forward in Faith" and remember we are always keen to welcome new people, so if you would like to join us, please get in touch.

*Kath Palmer*

Guild President

## THE FAN CLUB

### Team

Chairman: Evelyn Conner      evconner@hotmail.co.uk      0131 334 8157  
Secretary: Eleanor Kerse      eleanor.kerse@gmail.com      0131 334 5667

The fan club meets fortnightly from September to May. We have interesting speakers talking on a variety of subjects. The meetings start at 10.30am with tea/coffee and home baking served at the tables and time to chat. The members come from different churches, areas and by word of mouth.

So far this session we have heard about guide dogs for the blind & met one of the dogs, a piano medley, history of the grass market and a wonderful choir to name a few. We also had a very successful joint lunch with the caring & sharing group in the Leonardo hotel.

The committee and I will now be busy arranging speakers for the new session in September, suggestions welcome.

*Evelyn Conner*  
Chairman

## CARING&SHARING @ ST ANNE'S

### Team members

Ellison Bishop      Ann Cameron      Lyn Chalmers      Muriel Gibson      Angela McKenzie  
Isabel Whitelaw

2022 brought a welcome return to our regular meetings with an eventful programme.

Among many topics we enjoyed hearing of the work of Fresh Start, an organisation with which St Anne's has a longstanding association. We finished our session in May with a talk on Edinburgh Garden Partners - an organisation unique in the United Kingdom.

We held cafes celebrating Easter and Christmas serving seasonal fare and held a special cafe to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

From income gathered over several years, we were able to make a significant donation to Fresh Start. On two occasions we donated money to provide a meal prepared by the Parish Mission Team for homeless people at the Hub Hotel at Haymarket. We bought six new tables for use in the Belgrave Room, and we donated the proceeds from our Summer Café to help with the cost of repairing the church driveway.

All in all, we had an extremely successful year, and we warmly thank all those who support us.

*Ellison Bishop*  
Organiser

## MUSIC IN ST ANNE'S

Unusually, this year the Minister is writing this (short) report on Music in St Anne's.

As everyone is aware, at the end of August we said farewell to our Organist & Choirmaster, David Stewart: tribute has been paid to him elsewhere, but it is right to acknowledge here his service over many years to St Anne's, as Organist, and for his caring and effective leadership of the Choir.

In September we welcomed Christopher Black as Organist & Choirmaster, who brought a very different style to our music, and whose energetic playing certainly cleared the spiders out of the organ pipes. We were very pleased that this year we were able to have a full diet of worship during Advent and Christmas, including our Service of Lessons and Carols. Christopher also initiated a series of Saturday Lunchtime Concerts, bringing in a range of different musical talents, and stepping in himself when the need arose. While audiences were small, the efforts were appreciated by all who attended.

The Choir has continued to lead our worship on Sunday mornings, and thanks must be given to all who so loyally attend, both offering praise to God, and bring so much pleasure to the congregation.

The Choir meets from September to June on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Belgrave Room and on Sundays at 10.15am before Morning Worship. Singers in all parts always welcome.

## THE BOOK GROUP

Since the book group started some fifteen years ago, we have read well over 90 books. We were set a challenge in the holiday period to choose our top ten favourite books from the 90 that had been read. Several were favourites with many of the group but "The Island" by Victoria Hislop came out top. We all enjoyed thinking about the books we had read and discussing the reasons for choosing our favourites. We have met ten times during the year starting to meet alternately on Monday mornings and Wednesday mornings and finally settling on Wednesday evenings in the Belgrave Room where we feel very much at home. During the year our membership has increase and we now have a membership of 24 people, with an average of 20 people at each meeting.

Our summer holiday reading was Red Bones by Ann Cleeves who has written many books based in Shetland. Red Bones is about a young archaeologist who discovers human remains. This gives DI Perez a significant challenge.

While the greater number of books we read are fiction, A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles is interesting historical fiction, as is Enigma by Robert Harris. This 1995 novel about Tom Jericho, a mathematician who tries to break the German Enigma ciphers at Bletchley Park is an eye opener into what was a very secret place during and after World War two.

Sally Magnusson's "The Sealwoman's Gift" was enjoyed by everyone in the group. It brings Icelandic History to extraordinary life. Finally The Letter by Kathryn Hughes is a most heart wrenching love story and World War Two historical fiction.

Our grateful thanks go to Mary Patterson who leads the group so efficiently with such humour, knowledge, and warmth. Our discussion evenings are full of interest and fun with everyone contributing their views on the various books. Much appreciation from Book Group members.

*Mary Patterson 0131-334-6377*  
Book Group Organiser

## CHURCH FLOWERS

### Team

Margaret Thomson    Myrtle Turner    Roz Gibson    Mae Barr  
Claire Grant    Christine Shuttleworth (Treasurer)

In 2022 we were able to resume our normal flower rota although, once more, our numbers reduced. Enormous thanks go to Nancy Wallace who retired from the team in May. A former convener, Nancy has arranged flowers in St Anne's over many years and her talent is greatly missed.

Our thanks also to the members of the congregation who generously donate to the flower fund and to the Sunday Coffee Group who helps us out if funds are low.

*Claire Grant*

Flower Committee Convener

## THE BADMINTON CLUB

The senior section (16+) meets on Monday evenings in the Kaimes Road Hall at 7:30pm. We lost a few members after the covid lockdown but in 2022 we had several notes of interest and recruited a couple of new members. We currently have 10 members, with an average attendance of between six and eight, so plenty of games.

We are always looking for new members so if you are interested, please contact the secretary – all standards welcome. At present there is no active junior section.

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Secretary	Lyn Chalmers	lyn.chalmers@blueyonder.co.uk	0131 337 2839
Treasurer	Jack Mitchell		0131 334 4811
Representative Elder	Graham McLean		

*Lyn Chalmers*

Secretary

## THE TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group had a full syllabus of short walks in and around Edinburgh on Tuesday evenings between May and August last year. We also had four longer all-day Saturday walks, one each month. We were favoured by mostly good weather.

If you would like to join us this year or learn more about our group, contact me at [jam.gibson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jam.gibson@hotmail.co.uk) or at the Church office.

*Muriel Gibson*

Walking Group Organiser

## **JACK AND JILL CLUB**

Organiser: Elaine Bissett  
Treasurer: Rachel Dimarco  
Representative Elder: Roz Gibson

Jack and Jill Club @ St Anne's Wednesday mornings 9.30 – 11.30 following school term times.

Having successfully reopened in November 2021, followed by a failed Christmas party and closure again in December 2021, we finally started back in February 2022. Covid and various other delights meant our numbers varied a lot, but the group has now settled with a steady membership.

We continue to have free play, snack time and a sing song and at the end of June we finished up with a marvellous Teddy Bears Picnic – Alison from Caterpillar Music provided our entertainment, and the children, their carers and their bears all had a splendid time, we even had a visit from Malcolm Bear all 6 foot of him, and very hot inside his fur!

Over the summer we trialled a 5-week term for those who don't have school age children and find the long summers a bit tedious. On average we had 10 adults plus children, so it was well worth doing.

August to December went well and finished on a high with another party! Christmas themed, of course, and Alison worked her magic once again. After snacks and games, there was a visit from Santa and many happy children headed home.

At a loose end on a Wednesday morning and like children – come along!

*Elaine Bissett*  
embissett@aol.com  
Jack & Jill Club Organiser

## **LUNCH CLUB**

Launched in November 2022 as part of the "winter warmth" initiative and sponsored by The Jack and Jill playgroup, we have been offering lunch, some activities and companionship every Wednesday between 12 and 3pm.

As with all things new, it has been a slow start, but our numbers have been slowly increasing and I'm sure this will continue in the New Year.

There is no formal charge, but donations are always welcome – whether items that can be used for cooking or the odd £1 coin (or 2)!

For further info:

*Elaine Bissett*  
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## ST ANNE'S GIRLGUIDING UNITS

Representative Elder Liz Menzies

All joining enquiries, either for girls or volunteers: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get\\_involved](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved)

### Girlguiding 183<sup>rd</sup> St Anne's: Annual Report 2022

#### **183A Rainbows**

The Rainbows have enjoyed a happy and busy 2022.

The Unit continues to welcome girls of 4 years old and has sixteen girls regularly attending meetings.

The Rainbows love to do badges, one of the parts of the programme which really appeals to them. Over the year, nine Section Awards have been gained- 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 6 Bronze.

Four members of the Unit have earned all twelve of the Interest badges.

The Rainbows were happy to welcome, Rose and Miriam, as their new Young Leaders.

Other highlights for the Rainbows included a Special Tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and a visit from an Ice Cream Van at the end of the summer term. The Rainbows also loved making Christmas Cards for the Church.

Plans for the Rainbow's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in January 2023 are well in hand and the Rainbows are very much looking forward to welcoming present and past members of the Unit to a big party hosted by Kidz Rock and Chief Radio. There will be cake!

*Dyanne Mudie & Abigail Baillie*  
183A Rainbows

#### **183<sup>rd</sup> Brownies**

The 183<sup>rd</sup> Brownie Unit continued to be full with a waiting list throughout 2022, and it was great to be back to normal weekly meetings after the Covid restrictions were lifted. We were able to support two volunteers for Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, and they will continue to work with the unit going forward into 2023.

Since returning to weekly meetings, the Brownies have continued to work on the Skill Builders and Unit Meeting Activities which make up a large part of our programme. Some of the Brownies have completed interest badges at home, enabling the completion of Theme Awards.

We have awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold Section Awards throughout 2022.

WE welcomed Ceilidhkids to Brownies to teach us some ceilidh dances on St Andrews Day, and also tried our hand at some Circus Skills when Aviatricks visited. We have continued to enjoy our termly trips out of the hall with a joint visit to Gravity with the Guides, to mini- golf and bowling.

Tawny Owl and I were very proud to see the Brownie Unit represented in the Gang Show Junior Gang at the Festival Theatre.

We are looking forward to what 2023 will bring.

*Cat Buchanan*  
183rd Brownies

#### **183rd Guides**

We resumed meetings late in January for the Spring Term after a slightly longer Christmas break than usual due to the extension of Covid restrictions.

The Guides completed some badge work for the "Be Well" Theme, baked cookies, took part in some "Heart" themed activities and made bird feeders, before the February holiday. Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we celebrated Thinking Day remembering Ukraine, and made traditional bread Peace doves, cooked Ukrainian meatballs from scratch, assembled a Ukrainian vegetable salad to go with the meatballs and tasted a traditional pancake and ice cream dessert.

We also enjoyed a Hogwarts Theme night, during which we identified fresh herbs for herbology, helped Hagrid sort flushable and non- flushable rubbish, recreated maps of Hogwarts section by section, played Kim's Game with famous works of art from the Hogwarts' staircase and tested different recipes for "butter beer" to find the best one. We had fun making Sock Easter bunnies to finish the term.

Our Summer Term Programme included completing the badgework for Gold and Bronze Awards and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with jubilee Pizzas and attempting to design wearable tiaras. We also held a Traditions of Guiding Theme evening to recognise Queen Elizabeth's involvement in Guiding- although a few of the challenges were not so far removed from things we do currently. They became food scientists as they concocted their own sherbet dabs- not complete without the obligatory lollipop.

Outdoors the girls had a go at lighting fires with fire steels and making pancakes over the fire- with varying degrees of success. The contents of three bags of marshmallows disappeared very quickly. The term concluded with a return visit from Cool Creatures, when the girls handled baby rabbits, a skunk, an African tortoise who made himself very much at home in the hall, an albino pygmy hedgehog, a bearded dragon, a beautiful golden Python, and a pair of baby meerkats.

We also were happy to congratulate Alison Stewart on her 10 year Long Service award presented at Girlguiding Edinburgh's Annual Review at the Dovecot Studios.

Over the summer, our numbers jumped due to the arrival of six new recruits from the 191 Brownies, and 5 from our own 183 Brownies. We rearranged the Patrols and embarked on teamwork activities in the first couple of weeks. We made Spaghetti and Marshmallow towers, made folded paper cups, and made two different fidget spinners. We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, our Patron, in September and remembered her life of service with gratitude and thanks.

We were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of baby Sophie, Mary, and Dan's new daughter in August. Congratulations to the new Mum and Dad and to Brown Owl Auntie Cat!

The Children in Need Bake Off gave us incredible baking from the girls – Cara's Guide Hoodie Cake was the star of the show. We made jam jar lanterns for Hallowe'en, designed medals, and created our own peace doves and poppies for Remembrance Day. We visited the Gang Show again to support Erin, Hariot, Skye and Isabella performing on stage. Mags and Alison organised a Scottish Night for St Andrew's Day, while Liz supervised our four oldest Guides in the kitchen making the Pasta sauces for the meal provided by the Parish Mission Team for the homeless at the Bethany Hub the following evening. Shopping for the ingredients and cooking a Bolognese sauce and a vegetarian pasta sauce for fifty people formed the girls' Gold Award Challenge, which they passed with flying colours to gain their Gold Award- the highest Award in the Guide Section.

Our congratulations go to Erin Jamieson, Hariot Currie- Mullen, Aine Phipps and Julianne Herbert on this excellent achievement. We presented them with their awards and certificates at our Christmas party and enrolled ten of our new recruits who made their promise using the "to serve the King and my community" wording, for the very first time. We were delighted to welcome so many Guide Mums, Dads and family members to the presentation and enrolment to finish another year.

Thanks to all the leader team for their continued dedication and to the folk of St Anne's who continue to support our endeavours.

Thanks also to the Guides themselves, whose liveliness, enthusiasm, and happy energy make Fridays such fun – even though the decibel level has risen considerably!

*Liz Menzies & Mags Menzies*  
183rd Guides



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during Morning Worship on the last Sunday in January, June and October and on Easter Sunday.

A separate service celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held on the evenings of Ash Wednesday & Maundy Thursday, and Ascension Day at 7.30pm. There will be a family celebration with Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

On the last Sundays of February, March, May, September, and November a short Communion Service is held in the Youth Chapel after Morning Worship.

## **HOUSE COMMUNION**

It is not always possible for people to attend the services of Holy Communion in Church, for health reasons. We would be delighted to arrange a home communion for you. Please contact the Minister or your elder.

## **VESTRY HOUR**

By arrangement. Please contact the Church Office, or the Minister directly, by telephone or email.

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## THE WEEK IN ST ANNE'S

### **SUNDAY**

CHOIR PRACTICE .....	10:15am
MORNING WORSHIP .....	11:00am
SUNDAY CLUB .....	11:00am

### **MONDAY**

BEAVERS (71 <sup>st</sup> )	Both are presently suspended due to lack of leaders.
CUBS (71 <sup>st</sup> )	
BADMINTON – Senior .....	7:30pm

### **TUESDAY**

GUILD (Fortnightly).....	2.30pm or 7.30pm
SUMMER EVENING WALKING GROUP (May to August) .....	6:50pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP (Jack & Jill Club) .....	9:30am
LUNCH CLUB.....	12 noon

### **THURSDAY**

CHOIR PRACTICE .....	7:30pm
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### **FRIDAY**

FAN CLUB (Fortnightly) .....	10:30am
CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP (Fortnightly) .....	10.30am
RAINBOWS (183 <sup>rd</sup> A) .....	5:30pm
BROWNIES (183 <sup>rd</sup> ) .....	6:45pm
GUIDES (183 <sup>rd</sup> ) .....	7:45pm
SENIOR SECTION (183 <sup>rd</sup> ) .....	7:45pm
SCOUTS (71 <sup>st</sup> ) (Own hall) .....	7.30pm

### **OCCASIONAL (days & times may vary)**

THE BOOK GROUP.....	As arranged
WALKING GROUP .....	Day time