

St Anne's Magazine



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Letter from the Minister

My Dear Friends,

Another month, another magazine - and as ever, things "they are a changing"!

As many may by now know, our "new" organist, Christopher Black, who joined us in September 2022, is now moving on to a new post in England. We thank him for his time with us, and wish him every success in his new, full-time position.

Looking back at previous letters, I see that "change", and dealing with the challenges of change, seems to be a recurring theme. At times it is easy to think this is just in the church, as we deal with all that Presbytery Reform has to throw at us. You may recall the saying that "a week is a long time in politics" (as far as I can track it, attributed to Harold Wilson), but I suspect, given the events of recent days in Scotland, we might be forgiven for thinking it should have been "a day" (or, the cynic might say, "an hour" ...)

There is so much going on in the world, and so much of it is deeply unsettling: as I said in a recent sermon, it is tempting at times to stick one's fingers in one's ears and sing (shout or scream) "Lah, Lah, Lah", just to have a break from the endless narrative, rhetoric, analysis, debate and recrimination: but we can't really do that.

In our Lent Study this year, a small group of us have been considering the hymn "There is a Green Hill", one of those ubiquitous Passion/Easter hymns. Love it, or loathe it (and some do), it is a striking hymn, for its simplicity and effectiveness. Cecil Frances Alexander's aim in her hymns was to "train children to accept the religious and social values" that she herself cherished, the style of her writing intended to be accessible; and, in this hymn, focusing on the suffering, crucifixion and "dead and buried" elements of the Passion story, she leads the worshipper to reflect upon the events that lie at the foundation of the Christian story, laying out - simply - how salvation was effected.

Some things, in fact, do not change.

As we prepare to mark Holy Week and celebrate Easter once again, let us be thankful that as "Time like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day" (CH4 161 v5) there is one unchanging truth that can sustain us through all things: that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

May God bless you, this Holy Week, Easter and always.

Jamie

Guild



As we near the end of a successful session, when we have enjoyed a varied programme of guest speakers, all that remains for us is to hold our AGM on March 21 followed by a Pot Luck Supper.

It has been a busy few weeks for the Guild, as this year St Anne's hosted a World Day of Prayer service on March 3 and provided refreshments afterwards for all who attended.

We held a successful coffee morning on March 11, when we raised in excess of £1,000 (final figure still to be calculated at the time of writing). Our thanks go to all who came along on the day to support us, also to all those who so willingly gave their time and talents to make the day such a triumph. The crafts, flowers and plants, and baking stalls were a credit to the talents of our members.....the tables were "groaning" with goodies for sale.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO YOU ALL.

Advance notice for your diaries.... On Tuesday, June 20, in place of our usual summer outing, we plan this year to hire a caterer and have a (hopefully themed) AFTERNOON TEA here in the Church Hall, and would love to see you all there. Further details for this event will follow once details have been finalised.

We hope you have a happy and healthy few months during the summer, and look forward to seeing you all back again fit and well in September, when the 2023/24 Guild session commences

Ethel Thomson



Desert Island Hymns

Thankyou for the lovely responses to our desert Island Hymns article, please keep them coming!

Forms can be found at the back of the church or on our website.

Hymn numbers

189: Be Still, for the presence of the Lord

251: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

532: Lord, you have come to the Seashore

Why I would take them to my Island...

I love the sea and the beach and two of those are about the sea.
Be Still is just a beautiful hymn.

Gillian Cornelius

Hymn numbers

Psalm 23: The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

309: Still the night, holy the night!

564: Jesus loves me! this I know

Why I would take them to my Island...

Psalm & hymn 309 remind me of church, going since I was a child & have been sung at many family "occasions" over the years.

Hymn 564, Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah, has stirring lyrics and music to raise the spirits when feeling down.

Hymn numbers taken from the traditional Church Hymnary.

Ollie and the butterflies

Recently at church I was interested in Jamie's talk to the children about the Very Hungry Caterpillar, which of course turned into a butterfly at the end of the story. It reminded me of the Butterfly Garden that was given to our grandson Ollie during lockdown when he was 5 and keeping him happy was a challenge, as it was for parents everywhere.



The kit came complete with five tiny caterpillars, plus all they needed to thrive. Ollie was able to feed them, watch them grow and turn into cocoons, before hatching out into the adult butterflies that he could then let out into the wide world. I thought you might like to see some of the pictures taken during the process.



What a great way to learn about a little bit of God's wonderful creation!

Margaret Grant

Rose Fleming – new address

Many of you have been asking about Rose and how she is, so here is an update on her health and where she is now living.

Just before the pandemic, Rose dislocated her knee when walking her dog. Shortly after that she had a bad fall in her house, damaging her back. Rose has not really recovered from that fall and walked less and less during the past couple of years. Now, sadly, she requires a wheelchair. She has bravely struggled on in her house with the help of a wonderful neighbour and many friends, but over Christmas things got worse and she has now moved into a care home, the details of which are:

Carberry Residential Home, Carberry Estate, Musselburgh, EH21 8PY (Tel 0131 665 2882)

Rose asks after you all very kindly and loves to hear the news of St Anne's. Maybe some of you might like to take a run down to Carberry to visit her but please phone the Home before, to be sure that a visit would be convenient.

Noel Proven

Saturday Whist

Thank you to all who supported the pre-Covid Whist afternoons.

They did not last very long but hopefully this time we will have another good response.

I have booked the Kaimes Hall and kitchen for the following dates: Saturday April 15, May 20 and June 24.

We will start at 2pm playing Rainbow Whist, which means that everyone moves tables at the same time, after playing three hands.

No problem if you are not sure of the rules, help is available.

We will finish between 3.30pm and 4pm with a cuppa and a chat.

Please enter by the Kaimes Road door.

If you are interested please contact me on 0131 539 2274, or see me on Sundays.

Carol Robertson

CELLO FANTASIES

The Fischer Duo [USA]

Norman Fischer, *Cello*

Jeanne Kierman, *Piano*

featuring

Lisa McCormick, *Cello*

Programme to include

Couperin, Boulanger,

Rachmaninoff, Beethoven,

Schumann and Menotti

Friday May 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm

St Anne's Parish Church

Kaimes Road

Corstorphine

Entry by donation

A visit to St Brelade's Church in Jersey

"All are Welcome"

Last autumn we enjoyed a week's holiday in the Channel Islands visiting Jersey. Jersey has many links to my family as my mother was born there. I holidayed in Jersey as a child and in recent times I have enjoyed visiting with my husband, Tom. Across the years we have also taken many friends on walking trips on the island.

When we are in Jersey we like to attend Sunday worship at St Brelade's Parish Church. The church sits overlooking St Brelade's Bay, one of the best beaches in Jersey. The nave and the chancel of the church date from before 1066 and other parts of the church have been added at various (mostly unknown) times. Adjacent to the church is a fishermen's chapel and this occupies the site of the original wooden church, believed to have been built by St Brelade in the 6th century.



St Brelade's church itself has many connections for me. My maternal French grandmother and English grandfather were married there, my parents renewed their Golden Wedding vows there, and my great-grandfather is buried in the graveyard.

After sharing a beautiful service of worship in the church last autumn, we joined the congregation for coffee. It was such a pleasure to exchange our stories, explaining our extra special attachment to the church. We were struck by the warmth of the people and we were also amused by a statement we saw hanging on the wall which was headed: "All are Welcome." I wanted to share this with you. I think that you will agree that St Brelade's certainly aims to welcome everyone.

All
are
Welcome

Created in the image of God,
all persons are worthy of God's love and grace.



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.' (*We're not that keen on it either!*) We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting & wanted to come to Church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost with a Jersey map and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... **and you!**

Lisa Watson

Dates for your diary

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday April 2	11am	Palm and Passion Sunday Service in St Anne's
<u>Holy Week</u>		
Monday April 3	6pm	In St Anne's, Corstorphine
Tuesday April 4	6pm	In St Ninian's, Corstorphine
Wednesday April 5	6pm	In St Andrew's, Clermiston
<u>Maundy Thursday</u>		
Thursday April 6	6pm	"Bring & Share" meal and Holy Communion in St Anne's
<u>Good Friday</u>		
Friday April 7	Noon-3pm	Vigil in St Anne's
<u>Easter Sunday</u>		
Sunday April 9	9.30am	Early outdoor service at St Anne's (followed by breakfast)
	11am	Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion in St Anne's
		All Welcome

Sunday, May 14 - Stated Annual Meeting

The Stated Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday May 14 in the Kaimes Hall, after Morning Worship.

Tuesday, June 20 - Guild afternoon tea

Further details to follow.

Saturday, December 2 - Scottish Evening

We have booked Bernie Hewitt of "ceilidhcraft" for an evening of Scottish entertainment on Saturday December 2. Bernie is a talented accordionist who entertained the FAN Club at the end of January. This will be an family evening of singing, dancing, music, fun and games. Please keep the date free.

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Easter Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters E a s t e r.

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	E			a	
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Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.
 Green is for the grass He made.
 Yellow is for the sun so bright.
 Orange is for the edge of night.
 Black is for the sins we made.
 White is for the grace He gave.
 Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
 Pink is for our new tomorrow.

An egg full of jellybeans,
 colourful and sweet
 Is a prayer, is a promise,
 Is an Easter Treat!

