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Magazine dates

Articles and information for the December issue to be in the office by **November 21**

Forthcoming Services

Nov 1 (Tues), 7.30pm
A Service for All Saints Day

Nov 13, 10.50am
Morning Worship with
Act of Remembrance

Nov 27, 11am
Advent Sunday

Letter from the Minister

My Dear Friends,

Well: I began my last letter (October) with the observation that, during my holidays, we had acquired a new organist, prime minister and King; and this letter is written as we welcome yet another new prime minister to Westminster (I'm tempted to say, "blink and you miss them"!).

I am, by now, weary of making the observation that we live in turbulent times, politically, socially, nationally and internationally. Often, I find myself humming a song by Burns, which includes the prayer: "That Sense and Worth, o'er a' the earth Shall bear the gree an' a' that."

It is a sentiment that I suspect we all share.

We are affected by change, and so much of it feels beyond our control: this is as true in the Church of Scotland as in politics and society. The Presbytery of Edinburgh & West Lothian will shortly be voting on the draft plan which, if approved, will significantly change how church is "done" in our area over time. Other presbyteries are going through the same process. It is unsettling, and feelings are running high.

As people of faith, we should not lose courage in such times, because the life of faith is not about building walls, creating barriers or founding institutions – at least, it shouldn't be! All the stories we read in our services, or when we read our Bibles at home, show this, because they are always about change – change when God touches people's hearts and lives, literally breaking them free from fear and doubt. Another verse that frequently runs through my mind:

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

As we prepare for the journey of Advent, and the new Church year, which begins on November 27, may we pray for courage to persevere, wherever we are, whatever we are called to do, trusting that God's grace and love will strengthen us, his Spirit will sustain us, whatever we may face. And who knows, perhaps in time sense and worth may indeed "bear the gree' o'er a' the earth".

May God bless you.

Book Group

The Book Group began in the autumn of 2007 with MaryAnn, the minister of the time, leading a discussion on *Friday and Robinson* by Michael Tournier. If those of us that attended that evening found it a strange choice, it was an indication of what a book group challenges us to do: to think out of the box and to try reading all kinds of different material. Since then the Book Group has read almost a hundred books and there have been many lively discussions. This summer we voted on our top ten reads from over the past fifteen years and thought we might share the list with the rest of St Anne's:

The Book Group Top Ten

1. *The Island* by Victoria Hislop
2. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
3. *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris
4. *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom
5. *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova
6. *The Blackhouse* by Peter May
7. *Mavis's Shoe* by Sue Reid Sexton
8. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
9. *Winter Gardens* by Kristin Hannah
10. *The Thread* by Victoria Hislop

This last book, a second by Victoria Hislop, knocked *Conclave* by Robert Harris out of our top ten by four votes. Interestingly, almost half the books read received a vote and a further seven books received a mention but were not allowed as ten had already been chosen by the voter.

If anyone is interested in the full list of books read just let me know as it can be made available. The Book Group continues to meet about once a month on a Wednesday evening in the Belgrave room and, as always, anyone is welcome to join us. **The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 16**, when we will be discussing *Enigma* by Robert Harris.

Mary Patterson

Guild

We "dipped our toe" in to return to having a Coffee Morning on September 24, after an absence of over two years, and were delighted to see so many folks there, in what was a smaller event than the usual one we hold in March. Many people were away on holiday, there was quite a bit of illness among members, and also, we had to take in to account the fact that there is still reticence among many who are still not comfortable about mixing overly much in confined spaces. Despite that, we are delighted to announce that we made £600 from the event, and would like to thank all those who attended as well as those who ably helped on the day by contributing the many "eats" and generally assisting with the serving of teas and coffees, staffing stalls and all the other associated tasks required. We plan to hold another such Coffee Morning in March, when we hope to have all the usual stalls and get back in to our normal routine of it being an annual event.

Thus far, our meetings on September 20, when Karen Gillon spoke to us on "green canopy in Malawi", and on October 4, when Rob Brechin regaled us with an hilarious talk on "Haggis breeding season", have both been well received, and we can but hope that future speakers entertain us similarly. At the time of writing, the next meeting will be the Corstorphine Guilds Joint Meeting in Carrick Knowe Church which may have taken place by the time you read this.

We would plan to have a Christmas Lunch in the Kaimes Hall on **Tuesday, December 13**, further details of which will be communicated in due course.

Ethel Thomson

Meals for the Homeless

The Parish Mission Team are preparing and serving a meal for the homeless on **Saturday, November 26**, and would like to invite members of the congregation to join us.

It is a lot of fun and a very worthwhile thing to do. There are many different jobs that can be done for this:

- * Prepare the food in the St Anne's kitchen for a couple of hours
- * Drive the food to the hotel at Haymarket
- * Serve the food to the guests for couple of hours

Do any of these jobs appeal to you ? We look forward to hearing from you.

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FAN Club

The club remains as popular as ever and already this year we have had five meetings with four interesting speakers.

Our next meeting is on **Friday, November 11**, when we will be entertained by John Patterson, no stranger to the Fan Club, who will play a piano medley. We will be passing round a list for members to add their names to for the **Christmas Lunch** on **Friday, December 9, at 12noon for 12.30pm**, at the **Leonardo Murrayfield Hotel**. The cost will be £20.

We have been going there for a few years and have always been very happy with the food and service. This is a joint lunch with the Caring & Sharing Group.

Evelyn Connor

Easyfundraising

Feel good shopping? Do you shop online?

With Christmas shopping on the horizon, now would be a good time to support St Anne's Church via **easyfundraising**.

You can raise **FREE donations** when you shop online with more than 7,000 brands. It's simple and only takes a couple of minutes to sign up! Your contributions, however small, add up and can make a difference. Even doing your weekly shop online can raise a few pennies.

Flying off for a Christmas break? Try booking through **easyfundraising**.

We have painlessly raised well over £1,400, with just a few supporters, since joining **easyfundraising** in 2017. More supporters would make this even more worthwhile.

To support St Anne's, visit the web address below, select your retailer and off you go.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanneschurchedinburgh/>



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We look forward to having you on board.

Lyn Chalmers

Film Nights @ St Anne's Programme 2022-2023

Join us for an evening of entertainment in the Kaimes Hall

Showtime: 7.00pm

Admission: Free



Tuesday, November 15, 2022: Chicken Run

Basically, a re-make of *The Great Escape*. With chickens. Hilarious!

(84 minutes. Colour/animated.) U



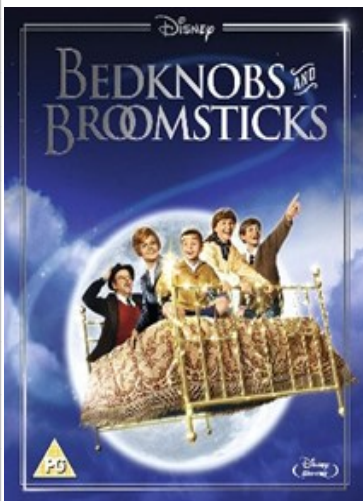
Tuesday, December 20, 2022: The Sound of Music

6.00pm (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME)

Surely needs no introduction! Sing-along version – costume optional!

(167 minutes. Colour) U

Film Nights @ St Anne's Programme 2022-2023



Tuesday, January 31, 2023: Bedknobs and Broomsticks

"Bobbing along singing a song..."

(117 minutes. Colour. Live action/animation musical fantasy) PG



Tuesday, February 28, 2023: I AM DAVID

"The thirst for freedom drives a resourceful boy to escape captivity and cross Europe in this unusually intelligent adventure film." (Robert Koehler, *Variety*)

(88 minutes. Colour) PG



Tuesday, March 28, 2023: On Golden Pond

Award-winning theatrical family drama.

(104 mins. Colour) PG



Christmas Sweetie Making



Saturday, December 17

2.30pm-4.00pm

Children and young people are invited to come along for Christmas fun and sweetie making, in the Kaines Road Hall.

Fruit punch and mince pies will be served to parents from 3.30pm.

If you would like to attend then please sign up by Sunday, December 4.

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Please include the ages of the children and any dietary requirements.



Christingle save the date

Christingle will be returning and we are looking for volunteers to make the Christingles on Christmas Eve morning.

More details to follow in the December Magazine.

The New St Anne's Lunch Club

As the days get shorter, the days colder and many of us are still struggling to socialise post-Covid, why not try something new?

Every Wednesday from **November 16**, between **12 noon** and **3.30pm**, join us for a bowl of home-made soup, a filled roll and, before going home, have a cuppa and a sweet treat.



A warm welcome awaits everyone – make it a day that you don't eat lunch alone.

Do you know someone that you think would enjoy going out for a few hours?

There will be time to chat and get to know one another, and for those who wish a variety of activities will be on offer, or you may just want a quiet, warm space to sit and observe.



Sponsorship by The Jack and Jill Club @St Anne's means there will be no charge for coming along.

For details please contact Mel in the office between 9.30am and 12noon, Monday to Friday, on 0131 316 4740

St Anne's

St Anne's Church, Corstorphine, invites you to join us for a series of exciting Saturday lunchtime concerts

Free Saturday Concert Series - all at 1pm

NOVEMBER

- Nov 5: **Christopher Black** - **Organ Centenary Celebration** featuring music by JS Bach
- Nov 12: **Matt Edwards** - Organ music, including by Mendelssohn, Bach and J Williams
- Nov 19: **Ryan Kershaw** - Showcasing songs from his forthcoming album
- Nov 26: **Matt Edwards** - Organ music by Eric Coates and themes from West End musicals

DECEMBER

- Dec 3: **Diego Rodriguez Hart** - Classical piano music
- Dec 10: **Pastoral Crisis** - The ukulele and recorder trio play interpretations of popular classics
- Dec 17: **ZeNoBo Trio** play Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky and more
- Dec 24: **Christopher Black** in a concert of French organ music
- Dec 31: **Ciara Carruthers** - Traditional Irish Music

**** St Anne's Carol Service ****

A Service of Lessons and Carols: Come and prepare for Christmas by singing some much-loved carols and hearing the Christmas story through readings from the Bible. **Sunday, December 18, at 7pm.**

Admission to all concerts is free, with a retiring collection. You can

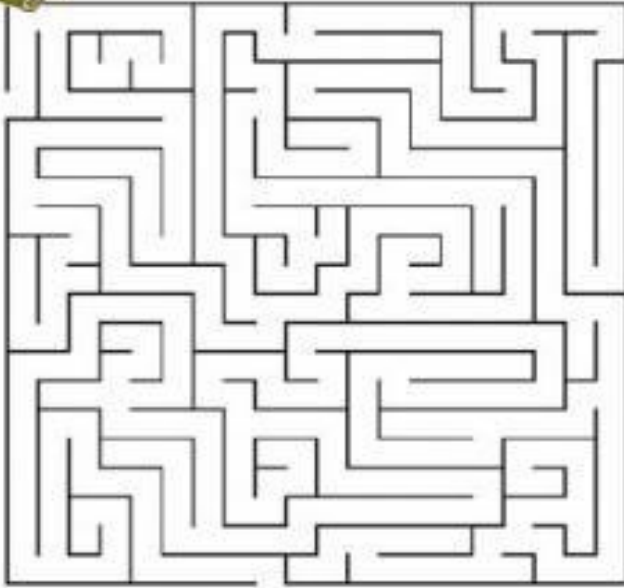
reserve a seat online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-lunch-time-concert-series-st-annes-parish-church-tickets-446192131677>

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Gunpowder Plot Maze

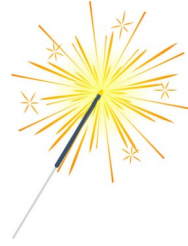


Help Guy Fawkes find his way through the maze to light the gunpowder.



Prayer:

Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.



Joke:

Q: What is a duck's favourite animal at the zoo?

A: Quackodile!

