

# Inside Out

## News from Queensferry and Dalmeny Kirks

### Welcome to Inside Out...

Welcome to the sixth edition of 'Inside Out', a collection of bits and pieces from across our churches and communities which I hope will help us get the most and the best from the season we find ourselves in.

If there are folks you know who would like a copy – just contact the church office by email or phone and let us know of their contact details.

A warm welcome to you all.

Rev David Cameron

### First things first...

#### Pastoral Support and Practical Help:

With our Church buildings closed, Esther Conner, our Church Secretary, is working from home and is able to provide the usual services provided by the Church office. Should there be anything she can help you with please just phone or email Esther at the Church Office and she'll respond appropriately.

Likewise, myself and our Associate Minister, Rev Ann Inglis, are also available to help you with anything that might support you through this time, so please just call or contact us as we have a great team of people able and willing to offer whatever help might be appropriate.

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Love is... patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8



## The times they are a changin'...

As we are now into the third phase of the Scottish Government's Route Map through, and hopefully out of, this pandemic we continue to give consideration to the possibilities afforded by the legislation in the use of our buildings. Already we have opened Dalmeny Kirk for Private Prayer on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4pm and this has proven to be a blessing to the number of folks who have popped in.

Discussions are continuing with both our Kirk Sessions regarding how next we might respond to the opportunities however, the sense we continue to have is not to rush too quickly to a return to what we once knew as 'normal'.

The Kirk Session at Queensferry Parish Church meets in early September to give further consideration to the next stages in the journey.

Recently when the Dalmeny Kirk Session met it was felt that it would be helpful to open up the Hall in the Dalmeny Church Centre on Sunday Mornings in order to allow those unable to access the 10.30am live-streaming Service broadcast from Queensferry Church to view it on a large screen.



At present we are working towards putting in place all the necessary stewards, safeguards and signage and, with the final support of the Session upon completion of such, we are hopeful of opening on Sunday 13 September.

**Such provision is solely for those unable to access the service at home.** We have space for 30 people so we do not think a booking system will be required, however, if you wish to secure a place, please phone the Church Office on 0131 331 1100 by the Friday before at 12 noon .

### From 13 September: Join us on Sundays for online worship at the Dalmeny Church Centre.

For those, **and only those**, unable to access it at home, the livestreaming service being broadcast online each week from Queensferry Church will be shown on a large screen in the Dalmeny Church Centre on Sunday Mornings at 10.30am.

Current expectations regarding social distancing, limited numbers, hand sanitizing and the wearing of your own masks are to be followed. We have space for 30 people so we do not think a booking system will be required, however, if you wish to secure a place please phone the Church Office on 0131 331 1100 by the Friday before 12 noon.

## A warm welcome awaits you at Dalmeny Kirk.

The church is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays between 2.00 and 4.00pm

As with the national guidance on entering relatively confined spaces, we would invite you to wear a mask and to follow the guidelines regarding distancing and hand sanitizing.

A booklet to assist you in your prayers and reflections is freely available to all and we would be glad if you would take it away with you on departure.

## DALMENY KIRK PLANT & PRODUCE STALL – a final fling!

The Plant and Produce Stall outside the Church Centre in Dalmeny has been doing a roarin' trade selling on surplus plants and garden produce.

This has been a great success over the summer and thanks must go particularly to Merrill, Pamela, Margaret and Keith who have put it out and in on a daily basis for many months. A big thank you must also go to all those who donated produce, plants, jam and baking and finally to all those who scooped up the goods and donated the huge amount of £470.



As part of a final fling and celebration we held a Bake + Stall last Friday and Saturday to close the stall for the summer. We raised £680.00 which results in an overall a total of £1,150.00 - a stunning amount. BIG thanks to everyone who made it possible ☺

In addition there was a great atmosphere around the stall - so well worth doing simply for the 'feel good' and the positive pastoral effect achieved after such a long time of not connecting with old friends and the opportunity to make some new ones.

The stall has been so popular and has encouraged little gatherings and an opportunity to meet villagers, cyclists and walkers (at a social distance) who make their way to the stall. Thank you one and all.



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the gathering

Sundays at 3.30pm



life groups

don't do life on your own



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Everyone is welcome

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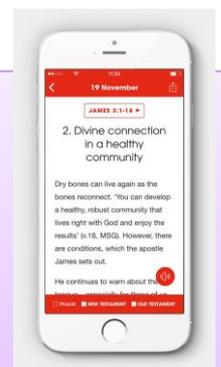
With the current restrictions, our Fresh Expression of Church called 'Sanctuary', continues to gather online at our 'Virtual Gathering' at 3.30pm on every second Sunday afternoon – next Gathering on 6 September. We'll meet via Zoom and to access this simply email or call Rebecca on: [info@sanctuarysq.org](mailto:info@sanctuarysq.org) or 07799637219.

Over the 'summer' we looked at some exciting biblical journeys with Joshua, Ruth, Cleopas & Paul and the lessons they learned that may help us on ours. From September we are going to delve into the Psalms exploring their relevance to the myriad of emotions and feelings we so often face in life.



The ideal companion to our Journey through the Bible in 2020:  
A free to download app called: 'BIBLE IN ONE YEAR'.

Simply go to : [www.bibleinoneyear.org](http://www.bibleinoneyear.org) and then start your day with the Bible in One Year app with commentary by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel.



Nicky Gumbel is the Vicar of HTB in London and pioneer of the Alpha

MADE TIME TO RETREAT YET... ?

## The Bield at Blackruthven

### Retreat and Conference Centre

*A Haven of Peace, a Piece of Heaven*



After sharing news of 'The Bield' – a Christian retreat centre near Perth in our last newsletter - we are glad to say they are now open again with appropriate anti-Covid19 measures in place. Check them out here for either organised retreat events or to gain access for a day: <https://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk>



By way of contrast why not explore these **Quiet Days at Home / online retreats** organised by Los Olivos in Spain.

To access these Quiet Days simply go to the website below or this link :

<https://www.losolivosretreats.co.uk/onlineretreats> and record your interest. There is no charge however a donation is invited to support the ministry. A week before each online retreat you will receive an email invitation with log in details.

12 September 2020 - **The road less travelled: walking the path of love**

Life is full of choices, crossroads and paths – narrow or wide – that at times appear before us. In the teachings of Jesus, the narrow path, the one less travelled, is the way of selfless love. This Quiet Day is an invitation to explore and discover how to unlock that love in our lives, so that we can have a deeper and more transformative relationship with God and others. We will do so in conversation with scripture, mystics and poets, as well as art, music and prayer.

28 November 2020 - **Imagi Christi: seeing Christ with new eyes**

The Apostle Paul once described Jesus as “the visible likeness of the invisible God.” (Colossians 1:15) This Advent Quiet Day is an invitation to see Christ with new eyes, as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christmas. We will meditate on different images of Christ found in the bible, in poetry and in art history. We will reflect on our own images of God and how they impact on our faith and spiritual journeys. And we will listen to the witness of the Spanish mystics, as their walk with Jesus shaped their view of him.



[www.losolivosretreats.co.uk](https://www.losolivosretreats.co.uk)

## Greetings from The PCEA Church in Chogoria in Kenya:

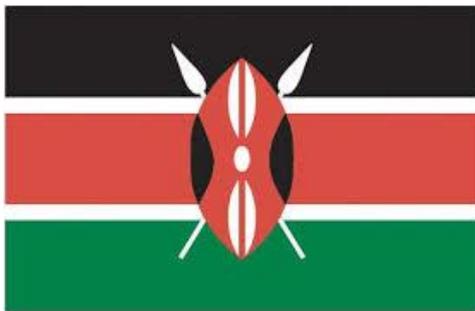
Just recently we received greetings from our good friend David Mbae in Kenya:

‘Much greetings from Chogoria. Sorry we have not been in contact for a long time but we trust you are all fine.

We are fine at PCEA Chogoria Church and this is our 3rd week after church opening. The churches were closed due to covid-19. Schools are closed and won't open until January. Only 100 members are allowed in church for service on Sundays and they should not be over 57 years and under 13 years.

From the few members I have been in contact with I know you are fine. You are always in our prayers.’

David Mbae - PCEA Chogoria Church



## Latest news on Teddies for Tragedies

Teddies for Tragedies has been on hold during this time of Coronavirus regulations. It is still on hold but we would like to ask our volunteers to continue with their knitting. We ask, if possible, that you hold on to any donations until further notice as our storage capability is very limited.

The charities we work with, of course, are also on hold, so nothing can be sent away until they are able to re-commence their distribution programme.

Once this is in place we can take in any donations on offer to us and pass them on.

Recently we were mainly working with Re-Act who collect every month in Edinburgh in normal times and they take items to charities working with Syrian refugees both here and abroad. We also work with Hand in Hand for Syria, based in England, who take items directly into Syrian refugee camps in Syria and nearby countries, so most of your donations were going to Syrian refugee children.

When this will resume is unclear.

Thank you for your continued support. Norma



**Companions on the way...** at a recent meeting of our Pastoral Team an idea was suggested that members of the team send out an invitation to anyone in our congregations or community to join some of them on a walk about the Ferry. Perhaps as never before we have been walking about our area discovering many new nooks and crannies – fancy joining them on a wander? Just call the church Office on 0131-331-1100 or email Esther on [office@gpeweb.org](mailto:office@gpeweb.org).



**We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road...**

# SOS

## Support Our Shops

As well we all know one of the great things about living in South Queensferry and Dalmeny is the access we have to some amazing local shops and a beautiful wee High Street. Many of our local shops are today facing a huge challenge to achieve the turnover necessary for their survival.

As Church, might we be a special blessing to the folks who throughout this season have had to put not only their lives on hold but also their businesses?

Perhaps, as we begin to get back out and about, we could look first to the local as we think about purchasing those gifts and presents, haircuts and meals, ice creams and sweets and discover afresh our local shops.

Whilst discussing the challenges facing our local shops with one of the shopkeepers, he made me an offer I just couldn't refuse: "How about we do a free church life feature in the community magazine 'Spotlight' in return for some of our members and friends undertaking delivery of the Magazine in their neighbourhood. Perhaps the street they live in and a couple of streets nearby? What better way to get some exercise and also to support your local shops, church and community in the process!

All you have to do is contact Esther at the Church office, let her know your street and contact details and before you know it the **SOS** is being addressed!





## QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL

And they're in!

After a couple of terms like no other, the opportunity to begin anew in a brand new, purpose built High School building took place after the school holidays. The contractors departed and the staff and pupils moved into their new home on Station Road. We wish them every blessing.

Catch up on the latest news from the school in their newsletter found here...

<https://sway.office.com/IxSy86dEPFJWw8ii?ref=Link>



And once again we can safely say: 'every day is a school day', particularly when it comes to growing in our faith.

Below are some opportunities to both grow and be stretched in our faith - up for the challenge?

QPC, Dalmeny Kirk and Sanctuary alongside our friends at Kirkliston Parish Church are excited to announce a new Autumn Alpha course which will take place online. The new course will be accessed via Zoom and will begin on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm. If you would like to take part in this please email [office@qpcweb.org](mailto:office@qpcweb.org) to book a space or call/text Rebecca Saunders on 07799 637219. Alpha is an opportunity over a number of weeks to explore the Christian faith in a non-threatening and non-judgemental way and it's open to all.

**Pause Netflix.  
Try Alpha Online**

#AlphaOnline



**Everyone has questions.**

Exploring is good. We're built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with Alpha.

Alpha



Here at Care for the Family, we're gearing up for another busy autumn season. However, for the first time, we'll be doing our events a little differently. Kicking off in September, we'll be streaming a host of events directly to you, and the added bonus is - they're completely free to view! We are disappointed not to be with you face-to-face on tour but there are lots of great things about attending one of our events online. If you have kids, there's now no need to book a babysitter, you can also decide the dress code, and snack without annoying the person in the row behind you! As well as all this, you can enjoy brand new content from our amazing speakers alongside timeless wisdom.



So, whatever season of family life you're in, we believe there will be at least one event to support you from the comfort of your own home. Our events cover topics such as: 'Primary Parenting' - a light hearted event about the ups and downs of raising under 12's. 'Mum's the word' - a refreshing and inspiring event for mums. For dads/men - 'Run the race' - a challenging event on perseverance. Finally check out: 'Raising Faith' - an event to encourage us in helping our children find a faith that last. Go to: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online>



## Digital Discipleship

What with one thing and another over the last few months, many of us have found an opportunity to brush up on our 'digital skills', be it through tuning into church on our computers, catching up with relatives via Zoom or digging into Netflix from the sofa! Our changing habits have encouraged the discipleship team to think about our spiritual needs in a new way, and with this in mind we have begun to compile a list of free online resources to help us on our Christian journey.

The options are many and various – there are apps you can download to your phone to aid in structuring prayer time or bible study, websites to explore Christian topics in more detail, podcasts to listen to around the house or out on a walk, and more in-depth courses which can be followed online.

If you're eager to flex your digital muscles and see what's available, the growing list can be found on the discipleship team page of the church website. Follow the link here: <http://www.qpcweb.org/pages/discipleship-ministry-team>

If you yourself have come across resources online that you have found helpful and would like to share, do get in touch with the discipleship team at [discipleship@qpcweb.org](mailto:discipleship@qpcweb.org)

'Prayer' by George Herbert.

Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,  
 God's breath in man returning to his birth,  
 The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,  
 The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth  
 Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,  
 Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,  
 The six-days world transposing in an hour,  
 A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;  
 Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,  
 Exalted manna, gladness of the best,  
 Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,  
 The milky way, the bird of Paradise,  
 Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's

## Poetry and Prayer: A Mutual Inspiration.

**Recently I had the treat of listening to a wonderful lecture on the relationship between poetry and prayer by poet and priest, Malcolm Guite.**

**In poetic and inspiring fashion he unpacks and illuminates George Herbert's poem called "Prayer" providing us with his very own poetic response to it entitled "After Prayer".**

**The link to the lecture, as part of the Summer series of lectures at Regent's College in Vancouver, can be found here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5nr-2s4HLI&feature=youtu.be>

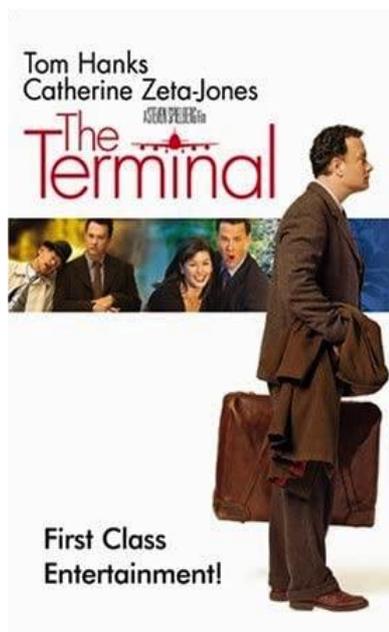
**Enjoy 😊**

## 'GIVE IT UP PLEDGE' – A special fundraising initiative for Dalmeny Kirk.

We have had great success and fun with this initiative. Donations so far total over £600 and are still coming in. The pledges have been many, varied and fun; from a month's worth of Costa Coffees and more coffee events not quite so specific, Pilates Fees, 2 cocktails and packet of nuts at Antico, a month's gym membership, numerous hairdresser appointments missed, "bits & bobs", Dally Men Fee, 10 bars of Fairtrade chocolate and much more. So before life gets back to 'normal' what have you GIVEN UP?

The plan is, that once all the pledges are in and Lockdown comes to an end we are going to make a piece of artwork showing all the pledges. Any artists amongst you? Can put your hand up to make this creation? Just give me a call: Sandra Mackay – 07808 951280.

## The Terminal – Part 6



During one of our early online services, just as we were heading into the first week or so of limited movement, I referred to the moment Lesley and I found ourselves captivated one night as we watched Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones in the movie : ‘The Terminal’. The basic premise of the plot is Tom Hanks plays the part of someone travelling from Eastern Europe into the States. As he arrives in JFK airport he discovers that during his flight his country had been the subject of a terrorist coup. As a result he finds himself without a national identity, his passport is therefore invalid and he cannot depart from the airport into the States.

He is in effect on ‘lock-down’! Something that will very soon become but a memory – we pray!

So what might our Tom have to teach us during his time on lock-down? So far, in our first five issues, we discovered that he became incredibly creative by making a beautiful mosaic fountain no less and then we discover he seeks out, and becomes part of, a wee community. Having time to observe life around him in his now limited world, we soon begin to see his compassionate side coming out as he discovers that he had time to SEE the needs of folks around him and yet through it all, when the opportunity came he hadn’t forgotten why he was there in the first place – his original calling emerges as *he* emerges from his season of lockdown. With his mission accomplished it was time for home and that most special of moments – connecting with those he’d left behind – a precious Communion.

Creativity.

Community.

Compassion.

Calling

Communion/Connecting.

Once he gets back home with his mission accomplished and the moment of re-connection established...

what next?

**Contemplation** – a vital part to follow any challenging or significant season in life.

Whilst we aren't given any insight into whether the character played by Tom Hank undertook such a moment of contemplation, we know only too well from the significant season we have been going through that stopping, reflecting and learning are all wise and helpful things to do.

One of my favourite poems is by Steve Turner: it's called 'History Lesson':

**History repeats itself.**

**Has to.**

**No-one listens.**

It was Socrates who said that 'the unexamined life isn't worth living', so as we come through this season of exile and separation, of limitation of movement and our old normal being reconfigured, how important is it for us to stop, reflect and learn the lessons of the season and in so doing better equip ourselves for the journey that lies ahead? Hopefully it is important enough that in some small way, we ensure that we will avoid repeating the mistakes of the past and build on the discoveries such moments in history afford us.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus we are given glimpses into some of the moments where he also took time out to contemplate. In chapter 14 of Matthew's Gospel we read of him seeking out a solitary place in order to reflect on the news of the brutal death of his cousin John. No sooner had he set off than the crowds got wind of it and set off after him. His reaction when he saw the crowd was: 'he had compassion on them and healed their sick.' Finally when he'd fed them, somewhat miraculously with only 5 loaves and 2 fish, he sent them home and then went up a mountainside by himself for a long awaited moment of contemplation and prayer. Such moments punctuated his life and we are given but a glimpse into them. The fact that he needed such times speaks powerfully to each of us as we face our unexpected and challenging seasons in life... such as the season we are currently travelling through.

No need for a mountain – all we need is a moment. There is a lovely story told of the mother of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church and his brother Charles, author of such classic hymns as 'Love divine', 'Hark the herald' & 'And can it be'. Their mum, Susanna had a special way of conveying to her many children that she was taking a 'moment' for contemplation and prayer – she would simply raise her apron above her head and the message was clear: 'do not disturb.'

So whichever way works for you let me invite you to carve out a 'moment' for contemplation and prayer. It is then, when we stop, reflect and learn that we gain wisdom for the challenges that lie ahead and so much more!



## Reflections or 'contemplations' on lockdown....

In the last edition of Inside Out we invited you to reflect on some questions regarding how we were affected by and responded to our recent season impacted by the Coronavirus. Our thanks go to Richard Lloyd and Ian Forsyth who responded with some very helpful and insightful responses to the questions, thoughts which are currently helping us look to the future as we venture out of this season.

We also noted that some of the text in the article was lost when published, part of which was an invitation to you all to reflect upon the questions we raised, perhaps discussing them with those around you or even the elder when next they visit... it was also suggested that perhaps you might wish to send your thoughts in to the Church Office – email or post, we would love to hear from you...thanks.

"What were the questions again?"... I hear you ask...

### Some suggested questions as we reflect on the lockdown experience:

1. **How has lockdown been for you and yours?**
2. What have been the **biggest challenges and the greatest blessings of this season?**
3. What stands out as **something that you have learned** and **something that you will continue to do** after lockdown?
4. As a church and with the benefit of hindsight, **is there anything that we could have done differently** to support and encourage our congregation and community through this time?

### Some suggested questions for the coming out of the lockdown experience:

5. Given all we have been through **do you have any thoughts or ideas for us** as a church that will enhance our ministry and mission as we begin to move towards life beyond the pandemic?
6. **How do you feel about us beginning to consider the opening up of our buildings again?**

# Prayer focus...

Week by week the Moderator of the Kirk and Scottish Church leaders offer a prayer for us to pray each Sunday at 7.00pm as we continue to tentatively move through this season. They are posted on our Church website in time for sharing together each week. Below is our Coronavirus Prayer 19.

“Our response to the challenge of living out our calling as a member of the body of Christ is one that depends, in principle, on our response being a shared one.

“Living out our calling, in response to the mercy of God, lies at the heart of what it is to worship. Within the body of Christ, we have shared gifts and a shared identity. (Romans 12: 1-8) At the same time, living out that calling in these strange and challenging times is by no means easy. We do so in the assurance that we are not alone and acknowledging our continuing dependence on the mercy of God.”

We pray:

Living God, whose name is mercy,  
We acknowledge that we live in dependence on your mercy.  
Hold us, and all whom you call,  
In your gentle keeping.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Living God, through whom we receive mercy,  
We respond to your gracious gift  
And offer our lives into your service and the service of others.  
Accept us as we are and embrace us in your love.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Living God, as the one who inspires mercy,  
Make us ever merciful to others.  
As we respond to the challenge of these times,  
May we live out our calling ever conscious of the body of Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Living God, who wills to be merciful to all,  
Renew our calling to worship you.  
In the place where we are, whether in shared company or in our own company,  
Receive our worship through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Living God, whose name is mercy,  
May your name be known throughout the world.  
As those who have received mercy,  
May your name be known in the place where we are.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**Amen.**

And from spiritual writer,  
Nick Fawcett:

As I put on this mask, Lord,  
may your **strength** protect me,  
your **love** enfold me,  
your **peace** encircle me,  
your **light** inspire me,  
your **power** renew me,  
your **wisdom** guide me,  
your **promises** comfort me,  
your **truth** fill me,  
your **grace** transform me.  
**Amen.**





**THE JOURNEY CONTINUES....**

As we continue on our ‘journey’ through the bible in 2020, we hope you are managing to keep up with the chapters we’re covering week by week. Looking forward through September and October we continue to see the implications of the discovery that God’s people oft went in their own direction and God had to attempt to get their attention through some fairly charismatic prophets along the way...

... and all this before we explore some of the rich and inspiring insights from the New Testament.

This return to the New Testament allows us to hear of how the Church received vital direction through the letters that came its way and with a final flourish, engaging with the new beginnings initiated in the days of Nehemiah and friends. We then take time to ponder the wisdom and inspiration of Poets, Proverbs and Praise.

To complete it all we dare to dive into the Book of Revelation with the hope that one word will sum up the journey we’ve been on: **WOW!**

These overarching themes are part of an exciting Course we still hope to offer you before the year is out. With the take up on The Prayer Course being good we hope to follow it up with ‘The Bible Course’, a course provided by the Bible Society.

6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Exile and Prophets –</b> Isaiah – Malachi	The Minors: Daniel (Celebration of Communion)
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept		The Minors: Jonah
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>The Church gets Direction</b> Romans-III John	Romans: Paul gets pensive
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept		1 Corinthians – Philemon: Paul gets practical
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct		James: James gets personal (Harvest Thanksgiving)
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct		I and II Peter: Peter gets profound
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct		I – III John: John gets pointed
30 <sup>th</sup> August		The Majors: Jeremiah & Ezekiel

**The Bible Course**



Explore the BIG story

Thanks again to our roving photographers:

From David Ritchie

and Moira Sinclair ...



The apostle Paul when writing to the church in Philippi had some great advice for them – advice which would enable them to experience the very peace of God! Included in his recommendations were the importance of us rejoicing and being thankful... so to bring us some joy and to inspire us to be thankful, enjoy these couple of insights sent in by Elizabeth Grubb, our very own model of joy and thankfulness!



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

## I am thankful...

For a wife who says it's hot dogs tonight for she is home with me and not out somewhere else.

For a husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato because he is home with me and not out at the bars.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means she is at home, not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the Government because it means I have free speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear her.

For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive.

And finally, for too much email, because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

A wee thank you... thanks for your patience and understanding last Sunday morning when the sound at the start of the live streamed service wasn't working... the magic livestreaming box had been borrowed during the previous week and when I reconnected it early on Sunday morning I only put in 3 of the 4 cables! You'd have thought that getting this far through life I would be able to count to 4 :) My apologies - *David* – your not very technically minded minister!

And from the MacKay garden ... thanks John and Sandra ☺



They look good enough to eat!



And congratulations go to...



**Anne and David Learmond & Sheila and Andrew Wells  
on the celebrations of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries.**

# Edinburgh Street Pastors - Recruiting Now!

Are you interested in being part of an organisation which provides care and help to people in need on the streets of Edinburgh?

Are you a Christian moved by the parable of the Good Samaritan - and want to be that that person?

Edinburgh Street Pastors is recruiting volunteers now to be part of the growing work, sharing God's love on the streets of Edinburgh. *Training will take place on the weekends of 18th to 20th October and 15th to 17th November and will be run on the Friday evening, Saturday part day and Sunday afternoon of both weekends.*



If you are interested please email:  
[edinburghsp.training@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghsp.training@gmail.com)

or call 07523 267 906.

For background information see [www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org).



Whose we are and  
Whom we serve

## Update on the Guild

Guild week this year is 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September and it's all so different from usual. We can't have our annual gathering in Dundee but the clever people in the Guild office have put together a virtual gathering which can be seen on the Church of Scotland website at 11.00am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Our theme for the coming year is The Extra Mile and we think the office has done that to ensure we can still feel part of that amazing group of people who call ourselves The Guild. Maybe if you tune in you will get the impression of the fellowship and fun that we have!

A warm welcome to Michelle...

Recently we had a request from 121 to host the appointment of a minister in training for their next placement.

It has been some years since we've had someone on placement with us, a feature of life in our Parishes for many years and one greatly appreciated by the congregations.

Mrs Michelle McAdoo from Alloa will be joining us on Sunday 13 September for the period from September to May and will require to be active among us for some 10 hours per week and on Sundays on some 25 of these 38 weeks.

Michelle is in her third and final year of Divinity studies at Edinburgh University and is keen to focus on both Fresh Expressions of Church and Rural ministry, this the focus of her final dissertation.

Given her keenness to develop a fuller understanding and appreciation of Fresh Expressions, some of her time will be spent getting involved in Sanctuary, as well as growing in her appreciation of parish ministry with all its glorious variety.

Your prayers for Michelle, as she and her family transition into this next chapter in her training and formation, would be greatly appreciated.

And finally...

**From 13 September: Join us on Sundays for online worship  
at the Dalmeny Church Centre.**

For those, **and only those**, unable to access it at home, the livestreaming service being broadcast online each week from Queensferry Church will be shown on a large screen in the Dalmeny Church Centre on Sunday Mornings at 10.30am.

Current expectations regarding social distancing, limited numbers, hand sanitizing and the wearing of your own masks are to be followed. We have space for 30 people so we do not think a booking system will be required, however, if you wish to secure a place, please phone the Church Office on 0131 331 1100 by the Friday before 12 noon.

And don't forget: a warm welcome awaits  
you at Dalmeny Kirk.

**The church will be open for Private Prayer  
on Wednesdays between 2.00 and 4.00pm.**

**Join us on Sundays at 10.30am through  
the wonders of modern technology:**

<http://www.qpcweb.org/live>

**or catch up later:**

<http://www.qpcweb.org/replay>

And also for those unable to access events online  
why not tune in to the BBC on Sundays, to Radio 4 at  
8:10 am.

Then at 12.00 on BBC Scotland 'The Service' can be  
found and to top it off:

BBC1, usually, at 13:15 pm Songs of Praise.



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

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