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DECEMBER MAGAZINE

Welcome to the
December edition of the magazine

Minister's letter

Rev Keith Graham

“Let me encourage you this Advent to set aside a few moments each day to read and re-read a few Psalms. Let them speak deeply to your own personal circumstances”.

I returned to work, after a few months off unwell, at the end of June. Since then the Sunday sermons have largely been based upon a selection of Psalms from the Old Testament. There are 150 Psalms in total and these are divided into five 'books'. Almost all of the Psalms used as the main text over the last five months came from Book 1 (Psalms 1-41). The Psalms covered were: 1, 2, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 32, 37, 109.

The Psalms are such a very rich portion of scripture. They cover the gamut of human emotions which makes them very accessible and perhaps explains their enduring popularity in the church. It is a common experience to read a Psalm and feel it speaking directly into a personal situation even though the original poem was written thousands of years ago. Most of the Psalms are fairly short and easy to read (with a few exceptions) although they also repay careful re-reading.

This coming Sunday brings the series on Psalms to a conclusion. It does so with an Advent flourish with Psalm 40 (with a sideways look at a famous Irish rock band who sing part of the Psalm!). Psalm 40 starts with the line: 'I waited patiently for the Lord' (NRSV). The Message translation puts it: 'I waited and waited and waited for God'. As it turns out many of the Psalms content are heavy with a sense of waiting, of asking 'How long?'

On the first Sunday of Advent the sermon text was Psalm 37 which urges 'Be still before the Lord, and

wait patiently for him'. Waiting sums up well these weeks before Christmas. Families can get very excited as the doors on the Advent



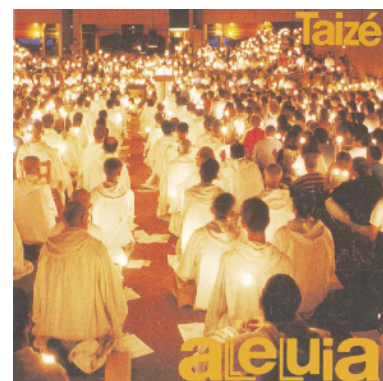
Calendars are opened and as the 25th December draws closer. The supermarkets and shops and newspapers contribute to the anticipation by working up a frenzy of all the things we need to organise (and buy).

Let me encourage you this Advent to set aside a few moments each day to read and re-read a few Psalms. Let them speak deeply to your own personal circumstances. Perhaps you might also like to read them considering how they tap into that sense of waiting which infuses the season of Advent. Use them as an aid to focus not just on the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus but also to focus on waiting expectantly for Christ coming again.

In a world where much has gone wrong it sometimes takes a bit of prayerful concentration to hope for the healing and renewal of Christ's eternal kingdom. For any of you who are fond of Taizé chants you might enjoy listening, this Advent, to 'Wait for the Lord' by Jacques Berthier. The refrain is lifted from Psalm 27: 'Wait for the Lord whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'

You can listen to it by clicking on this image.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas when it comes.



Murrayfield Churches Together Christmas Services

Saturday 14th December

Messy Christingle: 3pm - Saughtonhall United Reformed Church

Monday 16th December

Community Carol Service: 6.30pm - Saughtonhall United Reformed Church

Sunday 22nd December

Nine Lessons and Carols: 10.30am - Murrayfield Parish Church

Christmas Carol Service: 4pm - The Church of the Good Shepherd

Christmas Eve

Crib Service: 4pm - The Church of the Good Shepherd

Family Christmas Service: 6pm - Murrayfield Parish Church

Watchnight Service: 11.30pm - Saughtonhall United Reformed Church (with carol singing from 11pm)

Christmas Day

Festal Sung Eucharist: 10am - The Church of the Good Shepherd

All Age Service: 10.30am - Murrayfield Parish Church



Do you enjoy singing ? Why not join in with the Christmas Choir. A fun Christmas activity. A rehearsal took place after the service on Sunday 24th November and there will be another rehearsal on the 8th December.

The choir will participate at the services on Sundays 15th and 22nd December. If you didn't make it to the first rehearsal, you can still come along on the 8th to join in. This is an opportunity to not only lead the congregation in singing carols but also to be part of singing a couple of choir only pieces. Those of all ages are welcome to join in!

Christmas Services at Murrayfield Parish Church



Film Crewe Premieres *Julia Hodgson*

Come and join us on the red carpet for the premiere of this year's Christmas blockbuster "The Wisdom of the Wise" and "Christmas Murrayfield Style". On Sunday 15th December we will be showing the latest releases from Film Crewe. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be part of a premiere.

Some of the younger children from S Club will also become some of the characters in the Nativity story and tell it in rhyme in a short presentation as part of the service. Others who are there on the day will be welcome to join them in a tableau to help us remember the true meaning of Christmas.

You are invited to the after the service celebration for mince pies, coffee, tea and some other Christmas fun and cheer. All are welcome at this special service and also on Christmas Eve when there will be an opportunity to participate!



Moderator encourages us to remember the heart of Advent

"We need to use this moment – this time called Advent to tell people not just about the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, but also about why Jesus came into the world,"

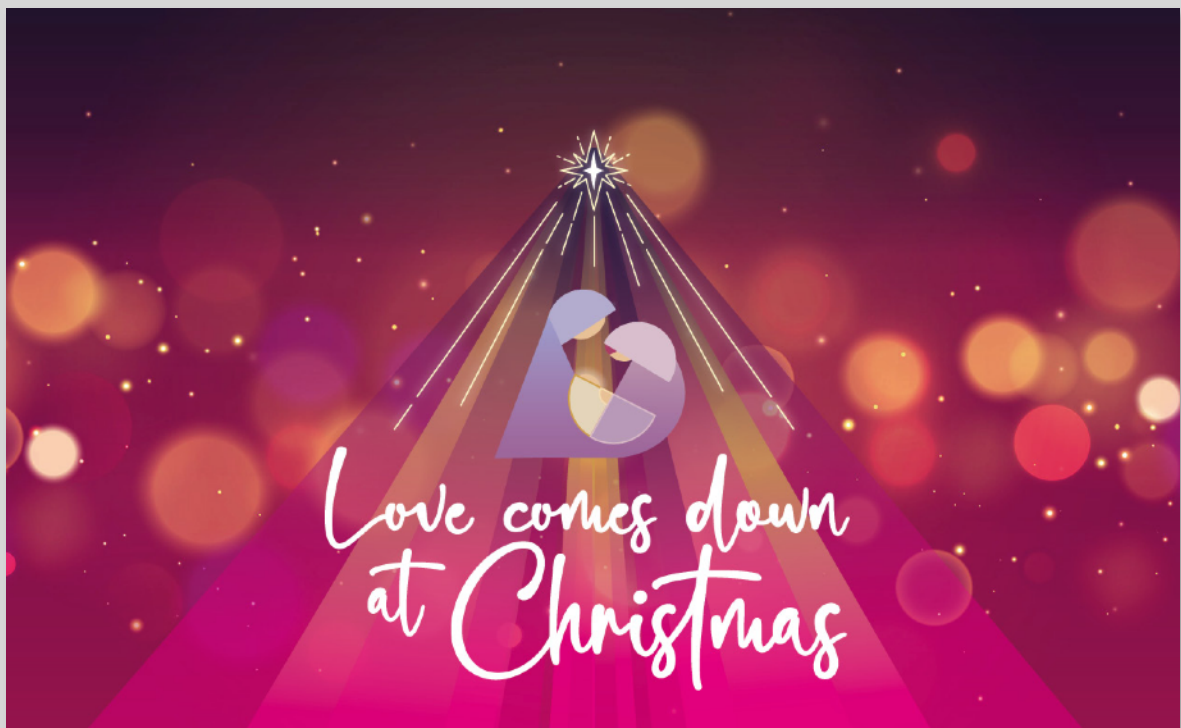
"What Jesus did – the stories about his life, the parables, the miracles and why he was crucified. "We need to tell people about Jesus conquering death and rising from the grave to open the gates of heaven – we need to tell people about the Kingdom of God." The theme for this year's Advent is 'Love comes down at Christmas', inspired by Luke 1:79:

"to shine on those living in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

"o guide our feet into the path of peace."

You can view the video message from the Moderator by clicking on the image below



Student Placement

Fadeke Laoshe



Fadeke Laoshe

My name is Fadeke Laoshe (Fadz for short) and I am a first year ministries' candidate. I will be at Murrayfield for six months and this is my first student placement. I am currently studying for a postgraduate diploma in Theology in History at Edinburgh University. I am a member of Leith St Andrews church which will become part of LARCH (Leith and Restalrig Church) in January 2025. I come from London, where I previously studied and worked as a psychiatric nurse, mainly in drug services. I have been in Edinburgh for the past seven years and I worked as a youth worker for St Margaret's church for five years. I have a diploma in Theology and Religious Studies and an MTh in Biblical Studies from Edinburgh university. I lived in Italy for several years and I also lived briefly in Cambodia where I did some Missionary work. In my free time I enjoy learning new languages, and at the moment I am learning French and German. I also love reading and travelling.

Families and Children Worker *Job opportunity!*



We have an exciting job opportunity for a

Families and Children Worker

Part time 0.5

Based at Murrayfield Parish Church

For more information/full job description

email the church office [HERE](#)

Or call 0131 337 1091

Murrayfield Parish Church

2b Ormidale Terrace

EH12 6EQ

www.murrayfieldparishchurch.org.uk

Registered charity number SC005198

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



Fairtrade Fortnight:

Fiona Dinsmore

“It was a special fairtrade fortnight as we were celebrating 30 years of fairtrade”

sale, fairtrade stall and a fairtrade tea stall with some beautifully knitted teapots for sale (many thanks to church member Barbara McIntosh for making and donating the lovely teapots).

Thanks to those who helped on the day and all of our bakers we raised £158 from the bake sale/ teapots and the fairtrade stall took in £215.50.

We have been able to donate from our event £160 to Transform Trade. This charity is linked to Traidcraft and helps support farmers, artisans and workers who are putting people before profit . Find out more about Transform Trade [HERE](#) Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of fairtrade and huge thanks from me to all the bakers and volunteers who helped make the fairtrade event happen. You are all helping to ‘ Be the change ‘ to help make the world a fairer place.

FreshStart

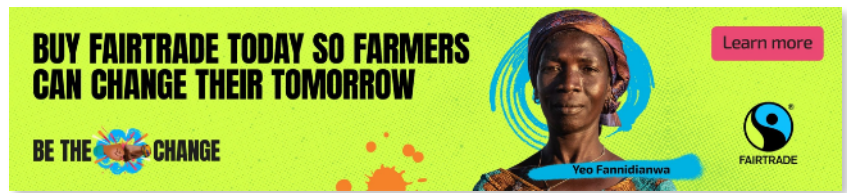
Jennifer Paterson

“If it wasn’t for Fresh Start, I don’t know what I would have done. It has had a big impact”. (Becca)

After being provided with a cooker, fridge freezer and essential starter pack Becca says -

‘I now feel that I’m able to eat and store food without worrying. I feel comfortable in my home and feel content that I’m able to live not worrying how I’m going to cook and I can save money storing food and not have to but milk every day. If it wasn’t for Fresh Start, I don’t know what I would have done it has had a big impact. If I didn’t get the support, I would have been depressed and stressed it has really helped my mental health. Thank so much to you all!’

Not everyone enjoys a Merry Christmas. For those with little or no money, purchasing a cooker can be an unaffordable luxury. Fresh Start's Cookers for Christmas Campaign helps those in need by providing cookers and other essential white goods. You can read Becca's story in full and how to make a donation to the cookers for Christmas appeal [HERE](#)



This year fairtrade fortnight was in September. It was a special fairtrade fortnight as we were celebrating 30 years of fairtrade. We marked the date this year with a celebration after the harvest service .

The church had been beautifully decorated for harvest and the church hall was adorned with bunting. We had a bake



ECUDARE

Kath Anderson

The sale of our pots of bulbs, hyacinth and tete a tete bulbs has gone very well and a big thank you to all of you who have participated. We have made approx £425 so a very good total.

I think most of you know that this money will go towards the water bore hole project that Esther is commencing.

When Esther was visiting us in August she spoke to us about the possibility of drilling a bore hole in the grounds of the school, to provide water for the school and surrounding community.

At the moment they have to buy all the water they use and as you can imagine that is an expensive business.

Her idea is that if they can put down a pipe to water and pump it up they could have their own water supply. This will be an expensive and long term project but we felt, if we could, we should try and support this to happen even if our contribution from Murrayfield Churches Together is small - every little helps to achieve the goal. It will have to be done in stages with first a hydro geological survey done which has found water at 300 metres underground. They have to obtain permits, drilling work, submersible water pumps and many more processes before they can bring water to the surface for their use.



Come along to do your Christmas shopping and support our MCT Ecudare project

In the next few weeks we will be having the Kenyan gifts that the women of the village have made on sale after our Sunday services at the three churches. Come along and do your Christmas shopping in the hall after the service and support our Murrayfield Churches Together Ecudare. On Saturday 30th November we had a very successful morning with a stall at the coffee morning. Monies raised this Christmas time will go towards the water project. There is also the opportunity to donate on line. The details are below.

Payment online or by cheque are to MEDET, Murrayfield Ecumenical Development and Educational Trust .

1. Payment by cheque: Make cheque payable to:
'Murrayfield Ecumenical Development & Education Trust'
Registered Charity No. SCO34138

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please complete to enable us to claim gift aid:

Name
Address
Postcode

☐ I am a UK tax payer (Please tick)

2. Payment ON-LINE: transfer monies to MEDET Account

MEDET Account details:

Sort code: 80-02-78

Account No: 06000319

Payee Name: Murrayfield Ecumenical Development & Educational Trust

Create **Unique Ref. No.** using your initials with date and month of birth. (e.g. AMW2311)

After Payment: Send email to Steve Yates medet@murrayfieldparishchurch.org.uk

In email **Subject field** put 'ECUDARE MEDET online appeal' and Unique Ref No.

Email information: Include Name, Address, Post Code. Amount donated. Gift Aid instructions including confirmation a UK taxpayer.

Click on the image below to view a video message from Esther Wanjohi



Thank you for your generosity

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

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

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

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

Leaving a lasting legacy

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

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

Thank you . The Finance Group , Murrayfield Parish Church.

Christmas Gift Collection

Colin O'Flaherty : HMP Edinburgh

“It is impossible to measure the difference that your kindness and generosity has made to thousands of children”.

nineteen eighty-five, prison Chaplain John Murie asked the people of Edinburgh to help him make Christmas a little bit more special for the children of the prisoners in Saughton/Edinburgh prison. The congregation of Murrayfield Parish Church stepped up to the mark. You are one of the original members and have collected Christmas presents for prisoners' families for the past thirty-eight years.

It is impossible to measure the difference that your kindness and generosity has made to thousands of children. Without you they would not experience the joy of Christmas. I cannot thank you enough for helping me make this possible.

Once again, I am asking for your support. I am asking you to make a difference to someone's life. I am asking for your help in making a child smile on Christmas day.

Thank you !

Dearest Friends,

The Edinburgh Prison Christmas Gift Collection has been running for Thirty-Nine years. In



Christmas Charitable Activities

Jane Smart : Convener Pastoral Group

By the time you read this magazine our charitable collections of food for the

“Thanks to all who have contributed in any way - however large or small”.

Edinburgh Food Bank, money for Edinburgh Women's Aid (£500 donated) and Christmas gifts for the children of prisoners will be completed or very nearly so. Once again our members and neighbours have been very generous and I know all the charities concerned value our donations enormously. The donations reflect the fact that we who are perhaps more privileged than some remember our fellow Edinburghers and give so generously to make their lives a little better either with food to eat, money to support the refuge or presents for children with disrupted family lives.

Thanks to all who have contributed in any way however large or small.



Community Coffee Morning Supporting Cans for Christmas and the Prisoners' Gift Scheme

Scott Kerr



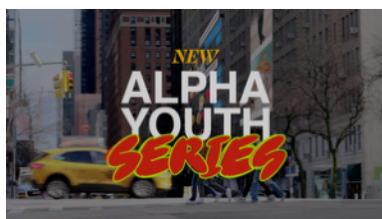
It was wonderful to see so many not just of our church family but also the local community at our coffee morning on 30 November. Our Cans for Christmas Appeal

and our support for Gifts for Prisoners' Children have run successfully for many years. The idea was that if anyone wanted to drop off donations on a Saturday we could give them the chance to have a cuppa and chat while they did so. Both aims were



achieved - there was a huge response of donations to both appeals and there was a great turnout, with the additional funds raised of £240 being given to Edinburgh Women's Aid. The children's craft table was in great demand - we had to bring in more chairs! And it was lovely to see such a range of ages all getting on together in the Centre. Thanks to all who helped and contributed to help make it such a great morning. We're looking forward to the next one - watch this space for further details.

Alpha Youth



What happens at Alpha Youth?

CONNECTION

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

CONTENT

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

CONVERSATION

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

If there is enough interest we are hoping to run an Alpha Youth course in the new year. The course would be suitable for young people from S1 and up. Please have a look at the website [HERE](#) to find out more about the latest course.

TTT : TONE UP ON TUESDAYS AT TWO

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

Followed by tea,
cake and optional worship
£5 weekly



The last session of TTT for 2024 will take place on Tuesday 10th December. TTT will be taking a winter break and will resume Tuesday 4th February

MCT Faith Discussion Group



The last meeting of 2024 of the Faith Discussion Group was on Tuesday 3rd December. Look out for a start date in the new year.



easyfundraising

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

Cake & Chat



Cake and Chat falls on the last Sunday of the month after the service. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for a cake and chat Sunday, please add your name to the list at the back of the church for 2025! For more information contact Jane Smart [HERE](#)



ECUDARE
Christmas
Gifts

Visit the ECUDARE Christmas Gift stall in the Church Centre after the services in December

What's going on in the Church Centre?

In this edition we are delighted to highlight : The Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society
Gillian Robertson: EDGAS president

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

This year, Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society (EDGAS) have been celebrating our centenary year - 100 years of performing and appreciating the wonderful, joyful works of W.S Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan! This is a huge achievement as we've managed to survive throughout times of war, economic crisis, global pandemics - the list goes on!

EDGAS was originally set up as an appreciation society and was formed at the North British Station Hotel (now the Waldorf Astoria owned Balmoral Hotel). This was following the formation of the London G&S Society in the Spring of 1924, and on Thursday 18th December 1924, 80 people gathered in the hotel (at 4.30pm) to hear Dr Thomas Stephenson declare that Edinburgh should have a society dedicated to the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. And thus, our society was born.

Since that historical meeting in 1924, EDGAS has evolved considerably, regularly performing full-scale productions of the works of Gilbert and Sullivan in Edinburgh and beyond.

We have two natural homes, one of those is the beautiful Kings Theatre in Tollcross (which we hope to return to in 2026, following extensive and

necessary renovations). The other is your large hall at the Murrayfield Parish Church, where we work hard to put our large and complex productions together. Your hall is the perfect size, as it's big enough to mark out the size of the stage that we will perform on, and gives us plenty of 'wing space' to move around when waiting to rehearse! It makes such a difference to have that kind of space, particularly when we're practicing our large dance numbers! We also keep our piano in



Our Musical Director (David Lyle) preparing for an intense music rehearsal



Our wonderful chorus being put through their paces!

your hall - you may have noticed it in the corner, under the stage!

Having spoken with a few of our 'longer term' members, we reckon we've been using the space at MPC for at least 25 years, so perhaps we should be celebrating our relationship with your excellent facility too!

We are currently rehearsing our production of 'The Sorcerer', which we will be performing 9th - 12th April next year. 'The Sorcerer' is a wonderfully silly story involving love potions gone wrong and memorable songs. We've managed to secure a brilliant cast and chorus and would love for you to come and see us. Please get in touch for tickets!

Find out more about EDGAS and book tickets:
[HERE](#)

Our 2024 production of 'The Gondoliers', performed at The Festival Theatre.



Winter Warmer

Fiona Dinsmore

“We hope to make this an annual event and already have 7th November as a provisional date for 2025”



Huge thanks to everyone from the congregation who supported the Winter Warmer. On 1st November we welcomed 150 guests to a concert in the church. The evening got off to a fantastic start with a piper and we were then treated to beautiful music with James Dinsmore singing accompanied by Matthew Brown. We were also fortunate to have a talented cellist, James Page playing some Bach cello concertos.

After the concert we went through to the church hall for a glass of wine and a chance to shop at a variety of stalls hosted by local businesses. The night was a great chance for the community to socialise and get together.

We raised a fantastic £1400 on the night.

This money will help bring live music to a wide variety of health care settings such as hospitals, care homes, hospices, day centres and mental health settings. It was especially lovely to have this event at Murrayfield Parish Church as the charity brings live music to the Murrayfield Club.

We hope to make this an annual event and already have 7th November as a provisional date for next year.

Many thanks to all who supported and helped bring the joy of live music to those who wouldn't otherwise be able to access this. Find out more about Music in Hospitals and Care [HERE](#)

Joint Partner Plan Letter from **Stewart Gillan & Muriel Pearson** **Israel** **September 2024**

‘How long, O Lord?’ Habakkuk, 1.1

Your thoughts and your prayers are so appreciated. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to message, and for everyone concerned and wondering how to pray. Here is a short catch up from each of us, with some specific prayer points at the end of letter. Stewart Gillan.

To read the letter click [HERE](#)

Rev Rosemary Frew is Moderator
Designate for 2025-26



Rev Rosie Frew will begin her year as Moderator at next year's General Assembly in May

To read the full article click [HERE](#)

Christmas @ Saughtonhall United Reformed Church

A special way to prepare for Christmas. Step back from the busyness that the festive season brings!



Christmas Carols and Songs



Watchnight Service



The Murrayfield Club

Jenny Rowe, Project Co-ordinator

“Some of our themes over the past few months have included Schooldays, Game Shows, Food, Glorious Food, Famous Movie Scenes and Harvest, to name just a few”.

From the Wild West to Flower arranging, it's been another creative few months at the Murrayfield Club. The wonderful Tina led the club members in some gorgeous flower

arranging and a floral themed quiz which was great fun. There were some really beautiful creations with lots of colour and everyone had a great morning. The members have also been honing their lassoing skills during our Wild West theme. We held horse races, guessed the real and fictional cowboys, lassoed wild stallions and showed off our shooting target skills.

Some of our other themes over the past few months have included Schooldays, Game Shows, Food, Glorious Food, Famous Movie Scenes and Harvest, to name just a few. We also had Edinburgh Through the Years and so we took that theme on the road with our bus trips. We visited the different areas of Edinburgh where most of our members grew up, for a trip down memory lane. There was lots of reminiscing about day trips when they were kids, old dance halls and cinemas, tales of nights out and more.

Down at the Memory Lane Café, held every Friday 10am-12pm at Saughtonhall Church, we've been enjoying our monthly live music sessions. We've welcomed Charlie from Music in Hospitals & Care and members of the Sing in the City Choir in the last couple of months. Make sure you join us for our Christmas Party & Raffle on Friday 13th December 10am-12pm!

We're already booking in some new entertainers for 2025 so look out for the dates being announced and join us for lots of singing and laughter.

For more information on both the Murrayfield Club and the Memory Lane Café just email [HERE](#) or call on 07881288909 or you can find us on

Facebook at The Murrayfield Club.





Live music at the memory Lane Cafe



Memory Lane Cafe



**Join us at the *Memory Lane Cafe*
every Friday 10am-12pm.
Meet new people, enjoy friendly
chat and refreshments.
£3 per person.**

**Held every Friday at
Saughtonhall Church.
87 Saughtonhall Drive.
EH12 5TR
For more information call:
07881288909**




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Moderator's Challenge to light up learning in Malawi



The Moderator was inspired to encourage people to support this challenge after his visit to Malawi last autumn

Church members are being encouraged to be a "light in the darkness" to help school pupils and students in Malawi reach their potential. Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, the Moderator of the General Assembly, is asking congregations and others to help fund solar power energy initiatives for students. The Moderator's Challenge appeal will enable children to do their homework and advance their education with the aid of small solar lights they can borrow from their school's 'light library'. It will also provide solar panels to enable PhD students at Zomba Theological University to study during the hours of darkness. **Read more [HERE](#)**

Film Crew +



Dove Room 4pm-6pm for primary 7 and up

**Last meeting before Christmas will be on Sunday
8th December**

Coming to church with younger children



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

Poppy Scotland *Martha Dickson*

Thank you to all the volunteers who collected through me for Poppy Scotland. A few of the local streets are no longer covered, so if anyone wishes to help next year that would be appreciated. So far we have raised £2,211. Visit the Poppy Scotland website [HERE](#)



Please save milk bottle tops! *Martha Dickson*

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

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



“We think a Christmas card is a perfect way to stay in touch with your loved ones, show them you are thinking of them and supporting a fantastic cause all at the same time”.
(CrossReach)

We have a great selection of cards, calendars, gifts and accessories so why not have a look around our online shop. 100% of the profit CrossReach

receives from the sale of items goes towards our life enhancing, life changing and life saving services. If you haven't bought your Christmas cards yet - visit the online store [HERE](#)

Murrayfield House



Carol Service at Murrayfield House Care Home

(New building)

Wednesday 18th December
at 2pm

Volunteering

We would love to hear from you if you would like to find out more about volunteering at Murrayfield Parish Church. There are so many ways to get involved and volunteering roles can be matched to your skills and to the time you have to spare.

Contact one of the session clerks or Keith Graham

[HERE](#)



Job opportunities



The Church of Scotland

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH AND WEST LOTHIAN

Job opportunity for a

Presbytery Administrator

Part-time 28 hours per week, worked over five days. The post is fixed-term, for a period of three years.

For full job description available [HERE](#)

G+PP Church

Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church of Scotland

We have an exciting job opportunity for a Premises Coordinator

This is intended to be a part-time position based in our Churches.

More information, including job description, can be viewed on our website.

**Closing date for applications is by 12 noon on
Monday 9th December 2024.**

Church Office: Annan House, 10 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AA

www.gappchurch.org.uk

Edinburgh: Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church of Scotland
Scottish Charity No SC004291

G+PP Church

Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church of Scotland

Would you like to be part of the leadership team in a forward-looking Church of Scotland city centre congregation? This is an exciting opportunity for a creative and committed individual with a strong and lively Christian faith (*) to work alongside us in "bringing Christian worship, fellowship and service to the heart of everyday life".

Church Organist

We would like someone able to work with the Ministry Team, elders and congregation to further the aims of Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church within the local community. Specific responsibilities include:

- Presiding at the organ during public worship
- Developing the use of music within worship
- To encourage the wider use of Palmerston Place Church as a music venue

This is intended to be a part-time position based in our Churches.

More information, including job description, can be viewed on our website.

Closing date for applications - by 12 noon on Thursday 12th December 2024.

(*) This is a genuine occupational requirement in terms of the Equality Act (2010)

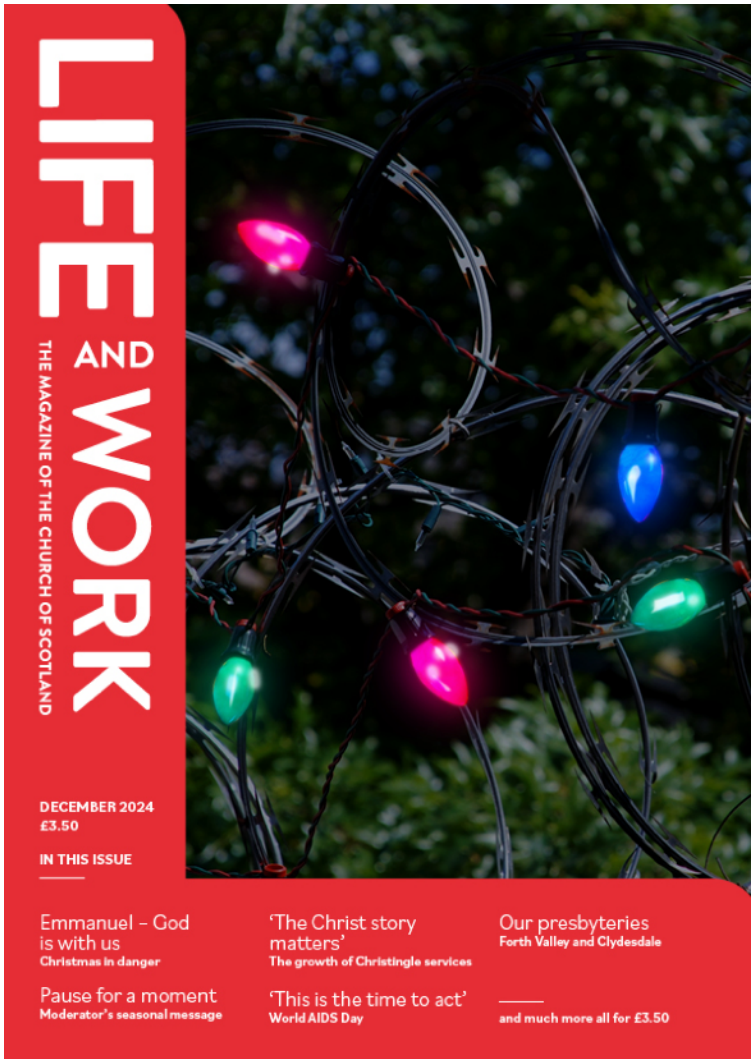
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**We are deeply saddened to announce
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Peter Campbell : 17th November 2024

Lady Elspeth Abernethy : 20th November 2024

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