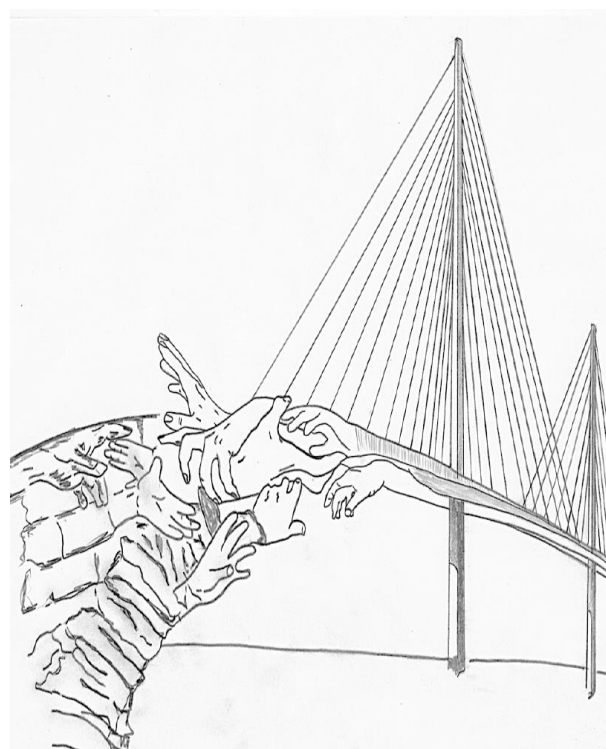
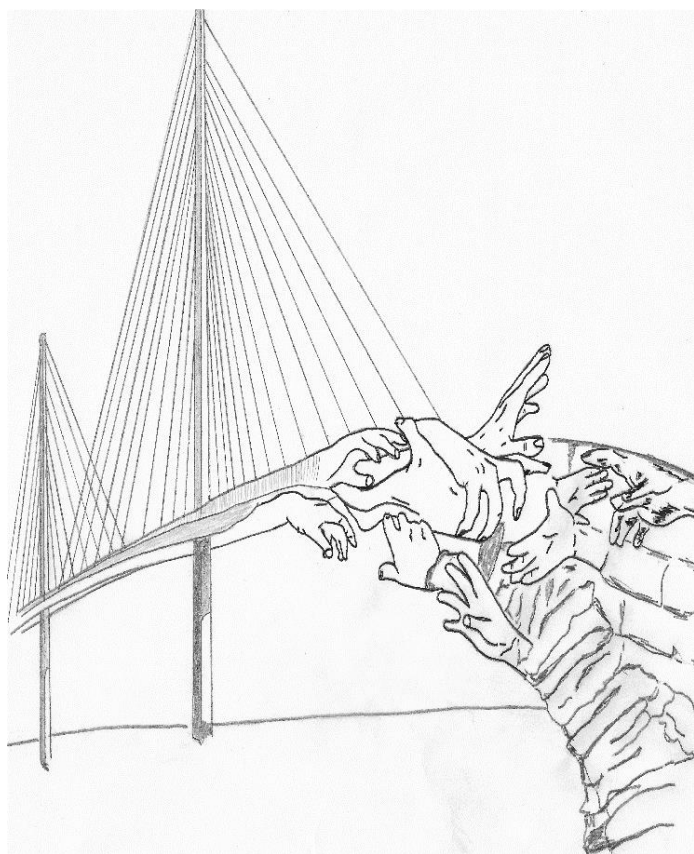


# THE BRIDGE



## **What's on in February 2018**

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| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> –   | 10.00am Sunday Worship<br>2.30pm Afternoon Service followed with refreshments                                    |
| Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 2.00pm Monday Club 'Memories' with Diana Morton                                                                  |
| Wed, 7 <sup>th</sup>       | 7.30pm Church Guild 'Air Ambulance' & 'Bring & Buy' Sale                                                         |
| Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am Farmers Market Coffee Morning                                                                            |
| Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am Sunday Worship                                                                                           |
| Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am Sunday Worship                                                                                           |
| Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 2.00pm Monday Club 'Name that Tune' with Linda Galloway<br>7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Shepherd Room |
| Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup>      | 7.30pm Church Guild 'Travelling to Peru' with Hamish Gray                                                        |
| Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> | BVS                                                                                                              |
| Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am Sunday Worship                                                                                           |
| Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 2.30pm PALM in St Joseph's Hall<br>7.30pm Church Guild Joint Valley Meeting at Longstone Guild                   |
| Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup>      | 7.30pm Dinner Discussion Meeting in St Joseph's Hall                                                             |

## **MARCH**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am Fair Trade Coffee Morning                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.45am for 9am Informal ('Bacon Roll') Communion Service<br>10.00am Sunday Worship with Communion<br>2.30pm Afternoon Service followed with refreshments. |



## LETTER FROM THE MANSE

3 Johnsburn Road

Balerno

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31 JANUARY 2018

Dear Member,

I had such a wonderful December. So many wonderful opportunities to connect to the people in Balerno through all the special Christmas services. It was wonderful to see the joy and expectations of ALL the children. I enjoyed the look in people's eyes when they entered the church and saw the '**wee**' stable in the front. I cannot thank Gordon Simpson enough from Balerno Scouts who built the stable for us! It is always a privilege to work together with all the local groups and organisations during Christmas time.

Then suddenly, it was Hogmanay, a new year 2018 was waiting. I almost felt that the arrival of the New Year was too soon. It then dawned on me that life is like a race something that Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us all about:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12 has a believer. As believers in a race – in a race on the finishing line. So believers should not speed by which we are the finish line where

eternal kingdom. In Africa there is a saying that if you want to race fast, then you race alone. But if you want to complete the race, then you must race with other people.

message for every we are indeed running where Jesus is waiting therefore, we as despair about the running, but focus on God is waiting in His

It is exactly what Hebrew 12 tells us. As believers we are not racing alone. There are a huge crowd of believers who supports us and help us along the way. In Hebrews 12 we do get a flavour of how races were run in antiquity – they took off all the clothing that caused them a hindrance! In the same way should we as believers in the New Year take off everything that is a hindrance to running in the race of faith like worries and unrealistic expectations. We should run like people who can see the finishing line, who focus on Jesus Christ alone.

Therefore, you and I need not to fear this year or any new year because we are running in the race of faith, where God is waiting for us on the finishing line. We are not alone. God will help us when we get tired or weary. He will be there for us each step of the way.

So let us all run this year in the race of faith in such a way that more and more people of our community join us!

All my blessings and a happy new year to all of you,  
André

**VIEW FROM THE PEW:** catching up on some recent sermons.

Half way through Advent, the Sunday Club's Nativity Service delighted us as usual. There was a stable and lots of straw, there were candles, there was dressing up and there was music. Where is the wonder of Christmas, we were asked? And what if ... God is actually here, right now, among us? Mary and Joseph and their new baby had shelter... but soon they were to become refugees, fleeing from a harsh regime.

The New Year saw the Kirking of the Rotary Club of Currie and Balerno, with the sermon centring upon Matthew's account of the Nativity and his specific message to the Jews. Knowing the Old Testament by heart, Matthew drew parallels between Jesus and Moses. Most probably Joseph and Mary took refuge with the well-established Jewish community in Egypt after fleeing the paranoid ruler Herod: and we have the story of Rachel, the symbol of mothers mourning. We are here as believers, non-judgemental, being God's voice when others are stilled. We can make a difference – if everyone does one thing. When Mary and Joseph returned from Egypt, they settled in Nazareth- the only mention ever made in the Bible of a small insignificant place. Nathaniel's first reaction when Philip told him about Jesus was 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth...?' voicing what most people thought. Jesus found Philip, who in turn found Nathaniel – but who found whom? Philip was the only one of Jesus's disciples to be found by him, all the others followed him ... a difference. And we can't claim that we 'found' Jesus, he found us in the wilderness of sin, and our lives are transformed and enlightened by God's presence. But our God, seeking us out despite everything, is approachable, never overbearing. Wherever you are, you are there as a disciple of Jesus, and you are there for a reason – God has called you.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR:**

Welcome to your new Bridge –really a trial run, testing the waters! A lot of people wanted to see a print edition of our magazine as well as the email version, so hopefully from now on The Bridge will appear every 2 months to start with, perhaps we will manage a monthly magazine in due course but for that we will need more people to join our little team. Please get in touch if you think you can help. The content will expand, please send in ideas for items you would like to see, tell us what you think works and what doesn't. Tell us about whichever Church group you belong to, what you've been doing and what you've got planned.

If you are reading this in print and would prefer to receive it online, please let Jennifer know. We don't want to print too many copies.

We hope you enjoy this first edition, and look forward to giving you many more.

*Lesley*

## **PARISH NEWS:**

### **FUNERALS:** Thinking of the families of...

Ian M Ogilvie

John Clerk

Albert Little

### **NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome...

Ronald & Lorna Turnbull

Laurie Manson

& Garry Dunbar

Rosemary Coull

Werner & Linki Brand

## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...**

**Balerno Photo 2017:** So many lovely photos were entered for this popular competition, organised again by Ian Gidney! The results were as follows:

Adult:

1<sup>st</sup> - Linda Mowatt – The Calming Waters of Harlaw Reservoir

2<sup>nd</sup> - Sue Inglis – Robin at Harlaw

3<sup>rd</sup> - Nigel Gillard – Glencorse Reservoir

Student:

1<sup>st</sup> - Sarah Simpson – Time For a Rest

2<sup>nd</sup> - Zack Nicholson – 'N.O.' Spells No To Graffiti

3<sup>rd</sup> - Caitlin Jeromson – Malleny Gardens

All the entries were displayed in St Joseph's during November, but here are the winners' photos in case you missed them.



*'Time for a rest'*



*'The Calming Waters of Harlaw Reservoir'*

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR:**

Once again the Christmas Fair was a great success. Santa welcomed a large number of children who whispered their looked for presents to him and told him how good they had been.

We had 12 stalls this year and all were successful with outstanding results from the Pound Stall and from the Guild who provided refreshments and the much loved home baking stall.

We had Books and Flowers and Bric a Brac, we had Tombola and Sweets, we had a raffle for Zoo Tickets, and we had Fair Trade and Fellowship. In the three hours of the fair we raised £1,436.08 for the church funds. Well done to all who made the Fair a success.

GB

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Bit too early to talk about Christmas?**

There are (probably) around 320 days until the 9<sup>th</sup> Balerno Christmas Tree Festival. How do you measure the success of a Christmas Tree Festival? Well, £200 has gone to each of Ravelrig RDA and Harmeny School, the chosen charities for support for 2017. But money isn't the yardstick for this event; the aim has always really been to organise a cross-community village event at Christmas, to bring the community closer together. So with 35 groups and organisations entering trees, ranging from Juniper Green Parish Church to the LetterBox Bistro, we had a real success, with something over 300 people visiting the Festival in each hall, we had an appreciative audience. And since all the trees come from Caring Christmas Trees, which is organised by Bethany Christian Trust the Festival is supporting a social need across the City as well. Well over 190 people voted in the People's Choice.

**Judges Choice:** 1 - Compass Playgroup, 2 - Friends of Harmeny,  
3 - Dean Park Primary School, and Beavers and Pentland Singers, both *Highly Commended*

**People's Choice:** 1- Balerno Village Screen, 2- Dean Park Primary School, 3- LetterBox Bistro

The Christmas Tree Festival is a major component of what is becoming known as Balerno Christmas. Overall there were, we think, something like 500 people at the Balerno Farmers Market on the Saturday of the Festival, Add that to the 520 at the Switch-On of the Main Street Christmas Lights (up from 250 in 2016), and Balerno was buzzing over the weekend of 8 to 10 December. Everyone involved in putting on the 2017 Festival hopes that it may be possible to put on a Christmas Tree Festival in December 2018. At present Fellowship Committee is undergoing some changes with Richard Henderson (Chair) and David Booth (Vice-Chair and Treasurer) both having retired, but it is hoped that new Chair and Treasurer will be confirmed in early spring. Planning for the Festival starts in August, and if you're interested in helping then the team would love to hear from you!

## **BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL...**

We would like to thank everyone who filled shoe box(es) to make a difference for people in Eastern Europe. Last November 218 shoe boxes were collected and this involved the church, friends, families, neighbours and the Balerno Brownies. Blythswood were delighted with this response... and we were too!

Bill and Margaret Black

## **CHRISTMAS SALE for the BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION**

Since the final total for last year's sale for the BHF was only realised at the beginning of December we wanted to let everyone know that the amazing total of £6,030 was raised! We sincerely thank and truly appreciated all our Helpers on the day and all who came along and supported the sale. The baking was great and the chat and fellowship was special. Old friends and new friends met up and were generous in their giving as were those who couldn't come but supported the research done by the BHF. Once again we felt blessed when James Cant, the Director for the BHF Scotland came along to encourage and thank people for being part of this fund-raiser. Already friends have been at the Christmas sales and goods have been collected and donated for this year's sale... all very exciting!

The date of this year's sale will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November... a note for your diaries!  
Bill and Margaret Black

## **FAIR TRADE:**

### **Fairtrade opens doors - come on in!**

- and on **Saturday March 3 2018, 10 am - 12 noon**

that means Balerno Parish Church Halls' doors, for our

### **Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee/Craft/Children's FT Art Presentation Morning.**

Why? Because - still, in 2018 - in the developing world countless families just like us depend for their survival on fair trade and the Fairtrade brand, to guarantee fair prices, decent conditions and community funds ('premiums') for the goods they produce. We all know it's far from 'sorted'.

Read all about FT in our area in a brand-new leaflet; for a copy, contact Jo at [balernofairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:balernofairtrade@gmail.com) or via balernofairtradevillage Facebook page.

And please help make 2018's the best FT Fortnight Balerno 'Morning' yet. Support lovely FT crafts and foods stalls, benefitting producers direct; enjoy coffee and homebaking (yes please, all your baking is as vital as ever!), children's activities, make yourself a FT drink on the amazing Smoothie bike, see the local children's inspiring FT artwork and celebrate their awards. Help be part of the warmest BPC welcome to all our guests from Balerno and way beyond.

Huge thanks in advance - and see you there!

Lesley Henderson and Balerno Fairtrade Village Group, a Balerno Parish Church Group



## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PENTLANDS And JUNIPER GREEN

In August 2017 Dementia Friendly Pentlands benefited from Grant Funding of £30,000 from the Life Changes Trust to develop and strengthen their dementia friendly activities; springing from the BPC Outreach Initiative well known to all of us, as the “PALM Cafe” So many people and their carers, from the 3 villages of Currie, Balerno & Juniper Green, who are living with dementia, find this social opportunity affords them great support as well as enjoyment and lots of laughter!

This is the year of laying good foundations for the future of Dementia Support across the 3 communities. Already we are encouraged by the number of innovative initiatives who seek our help and support.

“Tuesday’s Tea & Tunes”- the wee “Sister” of the PALM Cafe” launched in November on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the Gibson Craig Hall in November is thriving as are many Links into Community across Groups, Councils, Churches, Senior and Primary Schools and....

We are thrilled to introduce a scheme to support local businesses and groups to become more dementia friendly. This new pledge scheme which supports organisations to learn about and implement small changes to become more dementia friendly is underway.

**Molly’s Deli in Juniper Green** is the first member and a prime example of a dementia friendly business. Molly’s Deli already travels the extra mile to make changes to their services, to better meet the needs of people living with dementia.

But all of these are only possible if we consult across the communities to enable development with robust consultation and planning.

Juniper Green will host Dementia Friendly Pentlands: **2<sup>nd</sup> “Community Conversations” Event**, to be held in the Juniper Green Church Hall, on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm – 4pm**. We urge all members of the community to come along and have a say, in how they would like their communities to develop.

A “Dementia ‘Hub’ to act as a community access point; is high on our agenda and creating further dementia friendly groups as we work towards understanding the needs of people living with dementia We want to find community led solutions which meet those needs and ensure that the community is equipped with the necessary understanding and skills to provide people with the most appropriate help and support.”

All of this would not have been possible without the amazing support we’ve received from all the communities and networks; but a special mention is due to the commitment of our Volunteers.

If you’re interested in the Dementia Cafes or wish to know more, please be in touch, either with Petra Lipnik, our Development Worker, on **07587034535**; at [dementiafriendlypentlands@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlypentlands@gmail.com) or myself.

Kay Latimer  
Chair Dementia Friendly Pentlands.

## **Marion's Musings - Time**

Throughout the past year, as a congregation, we have been encouraged by our minister, Rev. Dr. André Groenewald, to consider our use of the Time that God has given each one of us and how, for each of us, this will vary.

Some of us may be near the start of our journey with bags of energy, enthusiasm, curiosity, a zest for all things new and fascinating... though maybe not a lot of experience nor insight into possible pitfalls.

A few years later as we near our prime we have gained experience and knowledge. Hopefully we are still enthusiastic about the possibilities of life and eager to demonstrate our abilities... though perhaps there are others around who do not appreciate how capable we have become and it can be frustrating to have one's ideas dismissed or countermanded by those more senior. Much of our time is taken up with work/life balance issues seeming at times to be at the beck and call of others.

Little did we know then how 'cushy' life was in those blissful days before taking on the responsibility for others which mid-life brings. We either have young family or elderly parents and often both with neither age group considering that they need our concerns. In today's family life both adults are often out at work and they have to juggle the needs of family with their working hours. The older members are seldom on the doorstep to help with childminding and the whole routine of the family needs to be adjusted when relatives come on the visit which is essential to maintain family contact.

The years pass and time still does not seem to get any easier to find what with coping with the angst of teenage years as they struggle to decide their own priorities which are most certainly NOT those of their parents. The older generation, if we are still lucky enough to have them, could by now benefit from more attention...

And then come the 'senior years' when we are the ones who have to visit our 'children' and grandchildren... and sometimes even still our parents! We are no longer as sprightly as once we were either physically or mentally. We find we have slowed down. We no longer have the energy to do what once we did. We can see ahead to the next stage when we, ourselves, might become the ones dependent on others - a stage no-one seeks but many are forced to endure as they cry "Why? Why me?"

At every stage of Life individual members of a family draw strength from one another; rejoicing in the good times and supporting in the bad. Go back to Biblical times, to Ecclesiastes, and we learn that things have not changed throughout the Millennia. We may have a few more facts at our fingertips. We can look at past events to inform our thinking. But the same basic struggles of life continue. We have no more time, no less time than we have ever had. It is what we do with the time we have that counts... and this varies depending on the stage of life that we are at. There are times to serve and times to be served which enables others to experience the joy of service.

The Congregation of Balerno Parish Church is like an extended family drawing strength from one another; rejoicing in the good times and supporting in the bad. In one of his Children's talk Dr. Groenewald talked about 'handing on the baton' and that is what each of us must do all day every day as we pray and attempt to follow in the path of Love, Hope and Faith in God's plan laid out before us in the Bible through the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



The Mill Café was established in 2012 by Balerno Parish Church. The café is run by the community, for the community, at the heart of the community to provide a social hub where people can meet, eat, work and share together. Thanks to a small team of dedicated staff and a huge band of inspirational volunteers, The Mill cafe is a place of welcome, warmth and tasty treats for the people of Balerno and beyond.

The Mill Café serves drinks, light snacks and lunches. We make our own soups and do much of the baking on the premises. Where possible, ethical or fairly-traded products are used and, when we can, we buy locally. Our tea and coffee is Fairtrade.

The Mill aims to be the most welcoming place to eat, have a chat and pass your time in Balerno. We have a small play corner to keep the youngest children amused for a few minutes while parents and carers enjoy a well-earned rest. We are always looking for new volunteers for our team and if you are able to donate a small amount of your time we would love you to pop in and ask any of our volunteers for information.

We look forward to welcoming you...

Lynsey Inglis, Café Co-ordinator

## WHO WROTE THAT HYMN?

We sing five hymns every week during our service, plus of course the Introit from the choir, but do you ever wonder about the people who wrote them? Some are famous names – Charles Wesley, John Mason Neale, Christina Rossetti ... but others, while familiar from years of seeing them printed at the bottom of the page... what about them? I've been finding out...

**Henry Francis Lyte** wrote '*Abide With Me*', and also adapted Psalm 103 to form the much-loved '*Praise My Soul The King of Heaven*'. Born at Ednam near Kelso, he was educated in Ireland and took Anglican Holy Orders in 1815. He married Anne Maxwell in 1817 and they had two daughters and three sons, moving around parishes in southern England. His health was never very good, and eventually he and his wife spent a lot of time on the Continent; he died and was buried in Nice in 1847.

**Leith Fisher** who wrote '*Christ is our light! The bright and morning star ...*' amongst other hymns, was born in Greenock in 1941 and died tragically in a road accident in 2009. He graduated from Glasgow University and became assistant minister at Govan Old Parish

Church, joining the Iona Community and also becoming deeply affected by the disadvantaged and marginalised in society which led to work in the Calton area of Glasgow, later serving in Falkirk and returning to Glasgow. He served as convener of the General Assembly's Panel on Worship and many other committees. His wife Nonie, was a daughter of one of the founder members in 1938 of the Iona Community. She survives him along with their three sons and two daughters.

***Is there a favourite hymn writer that you would like to know more about? Let us know, we would love to have suggestions for this column.***

**WHO'S DOING WHAT ...** (but remember, rotas can change! Please let Jennifer know if you change with someone)

**FLOWER ROTA:**

| Date   | Flowers given by:            | Recorder:      | Contact: |
|--------|------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| 07 Jan | Mrs A Menelaws               | Miss R Stewart | 449 9499 |
| 14 Jan | Mrs M Moyes/Mrs M Maxwell    |                |          |
| 21 Jan | Mrs I Laing                  |                |          |
| 28 Jan | Mrs S Robertson              |                |          |
| 04 Feb | Mrs M Todd                   | Mrs P Tait     | 449 3756 |
| 11 Feb | Guild                        |                |          |
| 18 Feb | Mrs A Johnstone              |                |          |
| 25 Feb | Mrs D Pride                  |                |          |
| 04Mar  | Mrs F McAdam & Mrs R Poulter | Mrs R Murray   | 449 7185 |
| 11Mar  | Miss M Marshall              |                |          |

**CAR ROTA:**

|                      |                   |              |                   |      |                |       |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Alison Petty      | 4175         | Richard Henderson | 4484 | Ken Bisset     | 581 2 |
| Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> | Hector MacDonald  | 07419 784262 | Emma Crichton     | 5230 | Joan Graham    | 237 9 |
| Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> | Elaine McCullough | 5876         | Ian Gidney        | 6919 | Anne Johnston  | 293 0 |
| Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | Richard Henderson | 4484         | Ian Alexander     | 6739 | Sally Lindsay  | 498 7 |
|                      |                   |              |                   |      |                |       |
| Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Judy Savage       | 5016         | Graham Lorimer    | 5099 | Sandra Lyall   | 437 5 |
| Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> | Joan Graham       | 2379         | Kay Latimer       | 6186 | Brian Buchanan | 537 8 |

## WELCOME ROTA: February

### February

|        |              |              |              |            |             |
|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 4th    | Sandra Lyall | Angus Swan   | Neil Aiston  | A Aiston   | G Lorimer   |
| 2.30pm | B Buchanan   | Beate Dennis | Ken Bisset   |            | Ken Bisset  |
| 11th   | David Booth  | Joan Booth   | G Speirs     | A Spiers   | David Booth |
| 18th   | R Henderson  | R Stewart    | Phyllis Tait | Bill Black | Bill Black  |
| 25th   | Brian Conway | Dilys Conway | Jill Weir    | S Easton   | M Ogilvie   |

### March

|        |                       |             |               |            |             |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 4th    | <u>John Howie</u>     | M Howie     | Sally Lindsay | MRobertson | John Howie  |
| 2.30pm | <u>Graham Lorimer</u> | W Wallace   | Doug Butler   |            | M Ogilvie   |
| 11th   | <u>George Burt</u>    | Lesley Burt | Ian Gidney    | A Charman  | G Burt      |
| 18th   | <u>John Burnside</u>  | S Mitchell  | M Woodburn    | A Higham   | David Booth |
| 25th   | <u>Anne Shaw</u>      | K Ringham   | Neil Johnston | A Johnston | Jim Todd    |

## COFFEE ROTA:

February    11 – Janet McCracken (3348) – Janet West (3311) Margaret Pringle (7888)  
                  – Christine Moodie (5584) – Alison Petty (4175)  
                  18 – Ian and Margaret ALEXANDER (6739) – Anne Lambie (7490) –  
                                Jean Barton (3064) – Rowena Stewart (9499)  
                  25 – Heather JARVIS (3881) – Dorothy Simpson (5105) – Adele Higham (478-  
                                2126) – Margaret Harrison (4944) – Gill Burn

March        4 – Ian and Iris GIDNEY (6919) – Beate Dennis (453-5682) –  
                                Wendy Williams (623-3584) – June Duff (7184)  
                  11 – Lawrence and Joyce MITCHELL (4680) – Ros Murray (7185) –  
                                Ronnie and Lorna Turnbull (6238)

## FOOD BANK ROTA fortnightly

|          |               |      |                                |  |
|----------|---------------|------|--------------------------------|--|
| Feb 12   | Emma Crichton | 5230 | emma.ron@blueyonder.co.uk      |  |
| Feb 26   | Martin Oliver | 4263 | martin.oliver2@btinternet.com  |  |
| March 12 | Aileen Wilson | 2876 | aileen_wilson@blueyonder.co.uk |  |
| March 26 | Martin Petty  | 4175 | Mpetty712@aol.com              |  |

## **LOUISE DUNCAN BURSARY 2018 ANNOUNCED**

Balerno Parish Church is seeking applications for the second award of the Louise Duncan Bursary. This scheme was launched in 2016 to commemorate the life and work of former minister Reverend Louise Duncan, and offers a bursary of £500 to a young person, living in or near Balerno, to help them to meet the cost of travel outwith Scotland to take part in voluntary work for the benefit of disadvantaged communities. The inaugural award was made last year to Annabelle MacDonald, who spent two months teaching young children in Cambodia, between leaving Balerno High School and beginning her course at the Glasgow School of Art and last year the Bursary was awarded to Callum MacDonald and Rachel Hastie.

Applications are now open for the 2018 Bursary, with a deadline of February 23rd. More details of the conditions of the award and the application procedure are available from the Church website (<http://www.balernochurch.org.uk/>), where an application form can be downloaded. Marion Milne, will be happy to answer any questions about the scheme – she can be contacted by email at [marion724@talktalk.net](mailto:marion724@talktalk.net)

### **Situation Vacant:**

Balerno Parish Church Campus Cleaner 2 Hours per day, 6 days a week including Sunday 7am-9am, £7.57 per hour. The Church Campus is used extensively for parties, meetings and celebrations and is home to St Joseph's Mill Café, a popular meeting place for locals. The new employee will be one of a team of three and will report to the Cleaning Co-ordinator.

INTERESTED? Please contact Jennifer MacDonald at Balerno Parish Church Office 2 Main Street Balerno EH14 7EH 0131 449 7245 or Mike Beattie 013 449 7228 for more information.



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