

THE BRIDGE



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What's on in MARCH 2019

Saturday, 2nd 10am-12noon Fairtrade Village Fair in the St Joseph's Centre

Sunday, 3rd 9am Breakfast Communion in St Joseph's, all welcome.

10am Traditional Communion Service in the Church followed by refreshments

2.30pm Short Afternoon Communion Service in the Church followed by refreshments

Monday, 4th 2pm Monday Club, Currie Kirk Singers entertain in St Joseph's

Wed, 6th 7.30pm Guild, Butterfly Trust in the Ogston Hall

Saturday, 9th 10am Farmers Market Coffee Morning in St Joseph's

Sunday, 10th 10am Sunday Service followed by refreshments. Sunday Club

Tuesday 12th 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Friday, 15th 7.30pm Balerno Village Screen

Saturday, 16th 2.30pm & 7.30pm Balerno Village Screen

Sunday, 17th 10am Sunday Service followed by refreshments. Sunday Club

Monday, 18th 2.30pm Monday Club, Street Pastors in St Joseph's

Tuesday 19th 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Wed, 20th 7.30pm Guild, AGM and Social Evening in the Ogston Hall

Sunday, 24th 10am Sunday service followed by the ASM, followed by refreshments.

Sunday Club.

4.30pm Afrikaner Service followed by refreshments

Tuesday, 26th 2.30pm PALM Café in St Joseph's

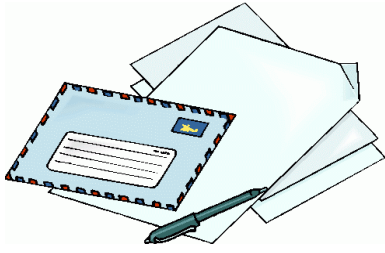
6.30pm Youth Group in the Ogston Hall

Wed, 27th 7.30pm Dinner Discussion Meeting in St Joseph's

Sunday, 31st 10am Sunday Service followed by refreshments. Sunday Club.

Clocks go forward!

LETTER FROM THE MANSE



Easter 2019

Dear friends,

I cannot believe how time just flies and that we are already preparing for Spring and Easter. There is indeed “a time for everything under heaven” as Ecclesiastes 3 says.

I found out recently that the “Byrds” (musical rockband) song “Turn, Turn, Turn”, a Pete Seeger composition with lyrics, was adapted almost entirely from Ecclesiastes 3. It was issued on the 1st of October 1965 and became the band's second U.S. number 1 single, as well as the title track for their second album.

In chapter 3 the writer makes the point that God controls time and because God is a God of order, time is under His control. Time is not chaotic and random. There is indeed a “time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens”. Time moves forward in a purposeful and meaningful way. Despite all the evil in our world, God is still in control. He will make “everything beautiful in its time” (verse 11). We are assured of God’s presence in and around us which He confirmed through the sending of His only Son Jesus Christ and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 also emphasizes that everything on earth is temporal but God is preparing us for eternity. We do not know or cannot understand “what God has done from beginning to end”. The Being of God is a mystery which we must embrace. His ways are hidden from us. We need to trust Him in sickness and health. Despite Brexit, and what everyone predicts, as believers we need to know that God is in control. We can trust Him with our future. There is a “time for everything, a time to tear down and a time to build”.

May we all go into the season of Lent with renewed faith, hope and love that we serve a God who controls time and that although it feels like TIME is speeding out of control, it is NOT.

Regards,

André

And on a personal note: Nanda and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write a card, send flowers, buy us groceries and who provided us with pudding, cakes, food and drink.

Your support is very much appreciated and valued.

FROM THE EDITOR:

As I write this, on what has been the warmest February recorded in Scotland for 100 years, it's easy to rejoice that Spring is here. And easy to forget that last year, the Beast From the East descended on us in March... So as a suitably spring-like picture for the front cover of The Bridge, I chose a photo taken at Easter last year. You'll recognise the flowering cherry as the one planted in front of the church as a memorial to Betty Main. It's one of my own photos, because we have to be careful about copyright, but here's a challenge – send in a photo that we could use on the front cover! It needs to be simple, so something that will reduce to a smaller size if necessary. And if you would like to write something, that would be even better – it can be 200 words. Or 100. Or a poem? Your name doesn't have to appear but we do need your name and contact details. Thank you in advance.

Lesley

PARISH NOTICES:

Deaths: We are thinking of the families of:

Wilma Manson, 26 Limebank Park, East Calder. Date of funeral 2.1.19

Maureen Gray, 63 Cairns Gardens, Date of death 25.12.18. Date of funeral 11.1.19

Ian Campbell, 27 Bavelaw Gardens, Date of death 7.1.19. Date of funeral 25.1.19

Alojzy (Alex) Kasza, 6 Ravelrig Gait, Date of death 19.1.19, date of funeral 8.2.19

Alasdair Fraser, 27 Newmills Crescent, Date of death 13.2.19, Date of funeral 21.2.19

Baptisms:

Kathleen Wallace, 20.1.19 and also her daughter Olivia Fiona Wallace, 20.1.19

THE GUILD

The Edinburgh Guilds Together, held their AGM , Syllabus Exchange and Afternoon Tea on Tuesday the 19th of February in Portobello and Joppa Parish Church. Following the AGM, The Rev Angus Mathieson the newly appointed Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery, addressed the meeting and then we were all treated to a marvellous Afternoon Tea , all prepared by the local Guild. It was a fund raising event for the Guild Projects with tickets being sold at £5. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and a few of us from Balerno made the trip to Portobello.

The Spring Rally of the Edinburgh Guilds Together will be in Balerno Parish Church on Thursday the 4th of April at 7pm. The Heart and Soul Swing Band will be there to entertain us, so make it a date for your diaries.

Together we are the Edinburgh Guilds.

Kay Coull, Convener

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF:

'Go Create' by Rob Rawson shows us how to express our faith with creative activities ranging from candle-making to flash mobs and everything in between. Rob, who is an elder at Callander Kirk, as well as the Church of Scotland's mission development worker for the east of Scotland, describes the aid as a "missional book using the arts".

The book matches creative ideas with significant festivals and events throughout the year, starting with the New Year and finishing with Christmas, because "these are the times when the local community draws close".

Get your copy here: <https://standrewpress.hymnsam.co.uk/.../97807152037.../go-create>

'The Scottish Federation of Organists' by Donald Thomas Maclagan is a history of that organisation, published by the Edinburgh Society of Organists. It charts the history from founding in 1956 to the present day, including stories of tension and dissent – for example in the 1960s there was opposition to electric organs. In 1967 there was apparently a 'lack of co-operation' between ministers and organists when compiling TV religious programmes (in itself often a controversial topic!) with the musical content being described as 'deplorable'. A useful resource for organ enthusiasts and church historians.

Available from www.scotsman.org.uk/page17 or phone 01540 662431

121 GEORGE STREET



Here's the question - 'How many people work at 121?' and the answer is ... 'About half of them!' (It's an old joke, first told to me by ... yes, a minister!). So what is the purpose of this mythical beast, the creature that everyone knows of and yet doesn't actually know? 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN houses the central offices of the Church of Scotland. They are there to serve the Church and carry out the work of the General Assembly, but '121' is not a self-sustaining bureaucratic body.

The buildings were designed in a Scandinavian-influenced style by the architect Sydney Mitchell and built in 1909-1911 for the United Free Church of Scotland. Following the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland in 1929 the church offices were used by the newly united church. The illustration is a sculpture depicting the Church's symbol, the Burning Bush, which is on the front of the building.

A matching extension, incorporating a ground floor bookshop, was built in the 1930s on the east side (119 George Street). A proposed matching extension on the west side (replacing the still-existing buildings at 123 George Street) was never built. 123 George Street is, however, owned by the Church of Scotland and has been incorporated into the offices. The church offices also incorporate a chapel near the main entrance and a staff canteen in the basement.

The offices of the Moderator, Principal Clerk, General Treasurer, Law Department all the church councils are located at the church offices, and Life & Work is based there. The only major exception is the Social Care Council (CrossReach) which is located outside the city centre at Charis House, 47 Milton Road East, Edinburgh.

Lesley Burt

Some sound advice...

Jesus slept during a storm.

Daniel slept in the lions' den.

Peter slept in prison.

Elijah slept while escaping from his executioners.

SO ... No matter what the circumstances, you should always take a nap. The Bible says so.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN BALERNO PARISH CHURCH:

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, and chaired by Derek Duncan, the Annual Burns Supper was a huge success. Neil Johnstone addressed the Haggis in fine style. In an amusing updated twist, Nanda gave the Toast to the Lassies and André replied. There was an impressive solo on the bagpipes from Kerr Cowan MBE and Wilma Temple recited 'The Country Lass'. One Bar Rest sang and George Burt gave us Tam o'Shanter. Alan Woodburn gave the Vote of Thanks.

The Kirk Session held their annual Retreat at Polbeth Church, with an inspiring talk by Rev Dr Doug Gay entitled 'Facing the Future – to be radically different and transformative with regard to Mission, outreach, "being church", eldership, membership and limited resources', followed by group work.

NEWS FROM OTHER PARISHES:

One of our previous ministers, Rev Jared Hay, was minister at Mayfield Dalkeith (now Mayfield and Easthouses) before coming to Balerno. The church campus interior has been modernised to create a versatile and flexible space to enable the congregation to serve the local community in more imaginative ways. Costing £450,000, the interior of the Sanctuary is bright and modern and there is a community café with children's play area and charity shop, selling a variety of items including clothing and bric-a-brac, offers the community a place to gather and share refreshments. (After leaving Balerno, Jared went on to be minister at Priestfield Parish Church in Newington, and is now enjoying his retirement playing golf and walking his dog).

A Baptism with a difference...

Rev Martin Fair, minister of St Andrew's Church in Arbroath, recently found himself conducting an unusual baptism service ... on a lifeboat! Michael and Adele Marr are the parents of baby Scarlett, and as Michael grew up in Arbroath going to St Andrew's Church and is a member of the lifeboat crew, they approached Rev Fair and asked if he would conduct Scarlett's baptism on board the '*Inchcape*'. Two people had previously been baptised in the harbour but this was the first service on the lifeboat. Rev Fair said afterwards that it had been a very special occasion ... although he was more accustomed to hill-walking than being on a small boat.

Do YOU have a story to tell about your baptism? Where were you baptised? Maybe it was some exotic place at the other side of the world ... or it may even have been Balerno UF or Parish Church...



'Hello' from The Mill Café.

Woweee! 2019 has gotten off to a fabulous start! The cafe has been buzzing since opening its doors in January. We have been enjoying seeing all our friends and have also welcomed some new faces to the cafe and village.

With the weather still being quite cold we have a lot of people stopping by to warm their bellies with our lovely homemade soup followed by a cheeky wee scone or cake.

Meanwhile, the baking continues... with some new choices in the mix..... Date Tiffin, Crunchie slice and lemon meringue cake to name a few. Our fantastic home baker who bakes gluten free, dairy free and egg free choices has excelled in her variety of tasty and mouthwatering cakes... Cherry gateau, chocolate and peppermint loaf, almond and apricot cupcakes and many more. Of course not everyone has a sweet tooth and our menu offers many savory options too. Baked potatoes, toasted sandwiches and a variety of salads included.

The cafe also offers free wi-fi.

We are always looking for new team members and if you would like to come along, meet us, and have a look around, we would be delighted to see you.

The Mill Café will close 19th April for Good Friday. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter xxx

Lynsey Inglis themillatstjosephs@gmail.com



Dementia Friendly Pentlands – Going it Alone!

With the End of our Grant Year with Life Changes Trust we've made a few changes, moving us forward and into the next phase of developing Dementia Friendly Communities in our 3 villages. This meant bidding farewell to Petra Lipnik, our amazing Development Worker, who is now studying for a Doctorate at Glasgow. She endeared herself to many local people and we hope she will return when her studies permit.

The Evaluation of Dementia Friendly Pentlands year's work with the Grant from Life Changes Trust seemed so daunting. But it soon became a real part of the Project and 3 weeks ago we pressed SEND on the 59 Page Report with 35 accompanying files! You can read it if you wish, on our Website. Make a cup of coffee/ tea first, though! Their Response last week ... well, here it is, from Colm McBriarty at LCT:

"You have given us the best account yet, of how a small community partnership can grow and develop successfully, and it is hugely valuable to us. Last November we started our three year long series of Community and Dementia events which will take us all over Scotland, and after each regional event we will be launching a programme of small grants for projects in that area. Your report has given us a huge amount of information that we can use to support other local organisations, and we are very grateful"

It is most gratifying to know that we have contributed towards future plans for Life Changes Trust, which will encourage emerging community projects like ourselves to develop and grow across Scotland. It has been a huge privilege to gain this Grant Award, which brought the Team at LCT alongside DFP.

But to you our family at Balerno Parish Church where that journey began with the formation of the PALM Cafe 6 years ago, we owe you so much. Your belief in us was the driving force behind these achievements. Never underestimate what that means to a small Volunteer Led Group, at a critical time in their development.

I am happy to say DFP have recruited 3 new Trustees who are all 'Hands On', keen to take part in the Project and offer their time to the various initiatives we have established, which interest them and where their skill sets lie. They are already proving a huge asset to our Team.

The year ahead looks promising as we started 2019 with '**Drop in Sessions**'. Dementia Friendly Pentlands are inviting people to their 'Drop in Sessions' at Currie Library to find out

what it is like to have dementia and how best to support people living with dementia in their own home. Dementia Friendly Pentlands has had considerable recent success helping a range of organisations in Juniper Green, Currie and Balerno engage positively with people living with dementia. At the 'drop in' people living with dementia, family members and anyone interested in learning more can talk to people from DFP. Trevor Adams PhD trained as a nurse and has written widely on supporting people living with dementia and is now a Trustee with DFP says, 'Many families are just not aware of the help and support that is available to people living with dementia and their families. They often feel isolated and stressed and do not know where they can get help. Many people have found our 'drop in' sessions friendly and welcoming and a real help that gives them a positive breakthrough' Future **'Drop in Sessions' at Currie Library between 10-30am & 2-30pm are on 23rd February, 23rd March and 27th April**, when we hope our conversations with local people will prove to be valuable.

Thank you, as ever, for your support as we enable people living with Dementia to lead active lives and to continue to contribute to their communities in a meaningful way.

Kay Latimer, Chair Dementia Friendly Pentlands SC048360

dementiafriendlypentlands.org.uk



Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh Thanks

Dancing to Iain MacPhail and his Band in a packed Gibson Craig Hall, the 2018 Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh raised the fantastic sum of £1,406 for Prostate Cancer Research SC039332. A huge thank you to all those who attended or gave generous donations and raffle prizes. Special thanks also to those who helped set up the Hall, serve refreshments and clear up at the end of a great night, welcoming in the New Year. Best wishes to everyone for 2019!

Viola MacPhail

THE LOUISE DUNCAN BURSARY 2018

In March last year, Rhona Goodarzi was awarded the Louise Duncan Bursary in support of her plan to undertake a year-long voluntary project in a Bolivian anti-torture and state violence NGO. Six months on, she is working in Bolivia and has sent us an account of her experiences so far. As it is quite a lengthy piece, I gave an edited version in the printed edition of The Bridge, but this is the complete original version. It will also be available on the Church website at www.balernochurch.org.uk It makes for sobering reading...

GREETINGS FROM BOLIVIA! *From Rhona Goodarzi*

In late March last year I had the honour of being awarded Balerno Parish Church's Louise Duncan Bursary in support of my plan to undertake a year-long voluntary project in a Bolivian anti-torture and state violence NGO. Thanks to the Church's generous donation I have now spent six months thus far doing just that, and while it is no small task to summarise in so few words such an experience of living and working on the other side of the globe and the equator, I hope to point out some of the fascinating tasks which this award has allowed me to take part in.

Settling into a role in such an organisation, whilst it wasn't by any means without its challenges, was made far easier by being surrounded by a small team of greatly empathetic and capable colleagues. Working alongside a doctor, a psychologist, a psychotherapist, a psychosociologist, an administrator, an accountant and a communications officer, with myself acting as a jurist, I have had the incredible opportunity of being involved in virtually all aspects of the organisation's operations.

One of our most all-consuming yet rewarding projects which we have carried out since my arrival has been a several month-long course aimed at educating judges, public prosecutors, lawyers and police officers on how torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatments are perpetuated, their biopsychosocial effects and how such acts can be denounced and ultimately prevented. By focussing on attaining the participation of individuals in these sectors, we have succeeded in directly engaging and informing the institutions which are most often responsible for or complicit in such crimes.

Under the auspices of this NGO, I have furthermore had the opportunity to take part in many meaningful public gestures, such as the designing and inauguration of a memory space in the city centre for those who were killed or who disappeared during the era of Bolivian dictatorship, the production and public presentation of a magazine revealing young people's testimonies of their treatment within a juvenile detention centre and attending the high school graduation of a teenager who my colleagues treated as a toddler for mental trauma, alongside his mother, after he received a bullet to the head.

On an individual level, I have best been able to contribute to the organisation as a law graduate and as a linguist. My language skills, in addition to allowing me to quickly build a close relationship with my colleagues and to truly explore and understand my new surroundings, helped me to improve our channels of communication with our current and potential English- and French-speaking sponsors and partner institutions and to broaden the accessibility of our webpage and publications which seek to raise awareness of torture and state violence issues in Bolivia and further afield.

My background in law has resulted in one of my main functions in the office to be providing my legal perspective on the cases of often wrongly convicted individuals who my colleagues, practicing psychologists and psychotherapists, regularly tend to in local prisons. I have equally been involved in contributing questions and materials for the legal components of our courses aimed at capacitating judicial personnel. At the present moment, I am preparing to participate alongside my Director in the public hearings of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights which shall soon hear issues relating to all forms of current human rights violations and proposed solutions across Latin America.

Over the course of the past half year I have been utterly put to the test. However, my ability to remain positive in the face of culture shock, stomach bugs, robberies and yet more stomach bugs, has made me aware of just how vital and extremely fulfilling I have found working to support such vulnerable groups, above all in light of the inspiring people I have come into contact with along the way. I shall not be any means take my remaining six months in this role for granted, and will endeavour to leave a sizeable impact on the NGO and local community which have already succeeded in leaving an everlasting impact on me.

Thank you Rhona. Extremely difficult work, being done by truly amazing people. We wish all of you well, and will hold you in our prayers.

SOCIAL CARE IN THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND: THE STORY OF CROSSREACH

Social care as we know it today was non-existent 150 years ago, and life in Victorian times was often very harsh for the poor and the disadvantaged. Disease and early death were common and many people lived in terrible conditions. Much of the care that was available came from churches but they only operated locally, until the Church of Scotland set up the (temporary) Committee on Christian Life and Work, launched formally in 1869 under the convenership of the Rev Professor Archibald Charteris. Originally intended to operate for a year, the committee went on to become a vital part of the work of the Church of Scotland –

and still lives on today, through various name-changes, as CrossReach, the Church's Social Care Council, working with the lost and dispossessed in society, which was founded in 2005. Off-shoots of the committee became the Church of Scotland Woman's Guild (now known simply as the Church of Scotland Guild, and open to all), the founding of the Deaconess Training Hospital in Edinburgh in 1894 and also our Life and Work magazine. The Rev Charteris had worked with the poor in his ministry at Park Church, Glasgow, and realised the need for co-ordinating the work being done by separate congregations and bringing focus to this field. In 1904 the Committee on Social Work was founded and the two committees were combined in 1936. Eventide Homes were established from 1946, and in 1962 the Tom Allan Centre opened in Glasgow as a counselling centre of people coping with addiction and other difficulties.

Crossreach has some facilities for children but does important work in caring for the elderly. But overall it is known as one of the country's biggest social service provider, with help for addictions, mental health problems, dementia – including pioneering initiatives such as the Bluebell Project, Scotland's first post-natal service, and the Daisy Project, working with parents and children in Govanhill, Glasgow – and now employs more than 2000 people supporting some of the country's most vulnerable people.

And the future? Crossreach will continue to work with people who find themselves in challenging circumstances. The Church of Scotland can be proud of what has developed over 150 years from the work of a pioneering minister who convened a 'temporary' committee.

LMB

THE VIEW FROM THE PEW.

It's always nice to welcome new members, and especially if they come to us to be baptised as an adult. At our service on 20th January we welcomed Katie Wallace who was baptised by André and also made her profession of faith. Her husband is in the process of joining us, lifting his lines from his previous church. Then André baptised their baby daughter, Olivia Fiona. The sermon, as we begin to think about preparations for Easter, told the story of John preparing the way for Jesus. There was perceived rivalry between John and his kinsman Jesus, but John was well aware of his task of preparation. Jesus explained their positions using a wedding as a metaphor, with John in the position of the Best Man. God gives us talents and wants us to use them – being active, not just supporters, and understanding that supporting another's success won't affect your own. The following week was the Joint Valley Service. Your reviewer was on holiday for the next two weeks.

We are all very familiar with the Lord's Prayer, but are we aware that there are actually two versions? Luke's Greek text, gives us a believers' or disciples' prayer which was used by the early Church. God is addressed as 'Father' - as the head of the family or group, but there is a deeper meaning too, giving honour, respect and glory. Matthew's text is different- we must ask for forgiveness of sin, and forgive debt. Luke's shorter version speaks to a society expected to go the extra mile – we can ask, but it's for God to decide. 'Hallowed be Thy name' is honouring God. Prayer isn't a shopping list! Sometimes it takes longer for God to answer ... respect His time, don't be impatient. Realise when praying that we stand on holy ground, speaking to God... remember, he's only a prayer away ...

The sermon on February 17th centred on the importance of breaking of bread. We may take bread for granted, but this was not the case in Biblical times. John wrote as an invitation to all, Jews and Romans, in the lead-up to Passover. Christ spoke of temporal needs but pointed out that God gave Mana to his people, but will give us the bread of heaven in spiritual fulfilment - faith is a commitment to serve God. We live in a consumer age where money can buy anything – but are we happy? No, we're hungry for love, hope and acceptance. When we feel lost and realise that we need the True Bread, which He will give us as true believers, whatever we need. After the sermon we shared in breaking bread, a reminder that Easter is not far away.

Contributed

ROTAS

FLOWERS:

Date	Given by	Recorder	Arranger
03 /3	Mrs F McAdam/Mrs W Williams	Mrs R Murray	Mrs W Williams
10/3	Mrs M Marshall		Mrs M Todd
17/3	Miss U Connell		Mrs J Mitchell
24/3	Mrs J Booth		Mrs J Tervit
31/3	Mrs J Lindsay		Mrs D Pride
07/4	Mrs P Tait	Mrs J Mitchell	Mrs P Tait
14/4	Mrs M Lindsell		Mrs C Campbell
21/4	EASTER		EASTER
28/4	Mrs A Shaw		Mrs C Adam

CARS:

Date	Driver	Phone	Driver	Phone
03/3 am	Joan Graham	2379	Bill Black	6707
03/3 pm	Sally Lindsay	4987	Malcolm Ogilvie	6985
10/3	Ken Bisset	5812	Ian Alexander	6739
17/3	Kay Latimer	6186	Anne Shaw	3874
24/3	Christine Graham	4181	Brian Buchannan	5378
31/3	Jim Goodbrand	4517	Graham Lorimer	5099
07/4 am	Alison Petty	4175	Richard Henderson	4484
07/4 pm	Ian Gidney	6919	Anne Johnstone	2930
14/4	Judy Savage	5016	Susan McDonald	5756
21/4	Hector MacDonald	07419 784262	Emma Crichton	5230
28/4	Elaine McCullough	5876	Sandra Lyall	4375

FOOD BANK Fortnight beginning:

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What's on in APRIL 2019

Monday, 1st 2.30pm Monday Club, 'Our Charity' in St Joseph's Hall

7.30pm Finance Committee meeting in the Shepherd Room

Tuesday 2nd 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Thursday, 4th 6pm Presbytery Guild Council Meeting in the Church & St Joseph's

Sunday, 7th 10am Sunday Service followed by refreshments. No Sunday Club

Tuesday 9th 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Wed, 10th 7.30pm Kirk Session Meeting in St Joseph's

Saturday, 13th 10am Farmers Market Coffee Morning in St Joseph's

Sunday, 14th 10am Palm Sunday Service followed by refreshments. No Sunday Club

Monday, 15th 2.30pm Monday Club, Iain McPhail and Scottish Country Dance Music

Tuesday 16th 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Sunday, 21st 10am Easter Sunday Service followed by refreshments. No Sunday Club

4.30pm Afrikaner Service followed by refreshments

Tuesday 23rd 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Wed, 24th 7.30pm Dinner Discussion Meeting in St Joseph's

Friday, 26th 7.30pm Balerno Village Screen

Saturday, 27th 2.30pm & 7.30pm Balerno Village Screen

Sunday, 28th 10am Sunday Service followed by refreshments. Sunday Club

Tuesday 30th 10am-12noon Vestry Hours, an opportunity to meet with the Minister

Tuesday, 30th 2.30pm PALM Café in St Joseph's

6.30pm Youth Group in the Ogston Hall

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