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Mayfield Salisbury Parish (Edinburgh) Church of Scotland



YOUTH UPDATE

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It's a great pleasure to have been appointed Interim Moderator for Mayfield Salisbury since Scott's departure for pastures new in October. It's a very different sort of connection from the one I enjoyed as a divinity student attached to the congregation in 1988/89! After that I went on to complete my studies at New College in 1990 and spent the following probationary year as Assistant Minister in New Kilpatrick,



Bearsden, after which I was ordained and introduced into the Royal Army Chaplains' Department. This led to service as regimental chaplain to the Scots Guards then the Black Watch and postings in Germany, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong and Winchester before leaving to take up the rural parish of Alyth, Perthshire in 1998. Eight years later I was inducted as Minister of Canongate Kirk, the Kirk of Holyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle, and have been there ever since, living and working towards the foot of the Royal Mile these last thirteen years and more.

From Mayfield Salisbury's perspective this is not really a time for looking back however, rather is it a time for looking ahead in faith and in hope. My role as Interim Moderator is to support the Kirk Session and congregation in various ways

through these coming months and whilst I shall mainly be behind the scenes, I'm reassured – as I'm sure you are – that 'front of house' the congregation will be in the safe hands of Helen Alexander, Kay McIntosh and Hillary Leslie amongst others. And I'm grateful to each of them for the vital roles they are already fulfilling. The best thing members of the congregation can do at this stage in a vacancy is

to keep supporting your church by attending its many services and events to help maintain the strong position Mayfield Salisbury finds itself in as a result of Scott's imaginative and effective ministry here. We want to stay in a strong position to attract a worthy successor!

That will take a while. It always takes longer than people want or expect. But there are a number of stages to the process, and several steps to be taken before we can get to the point of electing a Nominating Committee and formally advertising the post. Consultation with Edinburgh Presbytery's Deployment of Resources Committee has already begun and meetings with a Presbytery Advisory Committee will follow. The Kirk Session needs to take decisions in the light of legislation that is new since Mayfield

Salisbury was last in this position. These things all take time. Even without the inevitable hiatus of Christmas and New Year!

Advent comes first of course, appropriately enough a season of watching and waiting and wondering. A time for looking ahead in faith and in hope. May I

simply commend to your interest and support the various Advent and Christmas services advertised elsewhere in this publication, and wish you all, when the times comes, a very Happy Christmas.

With every blessing

Neil Gardner

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

As I write this we are approaching advent and Christmas and it will be my second Christmas with you here at Mayfield Salisbury. This can be a difficult time for many in our church family due to the early darkness and weather preventing people from going outside.

Remember we have volunteer drivers who help bring our members to church on a Sunday morning and we are always looking for new volunteer drivers. Contact person for this is Diana Tudhope telephone 669 4819.

If you know of someone having a special anniversary or birthday or suffering a bereavement then please let us know so that the flower team may respond accordingly.

Do you now feel that you would like to be allocated a pastoral visitor? If so, please get in touch with me or one of our pastoral coordinators and we can start that process for you.

In the sixth century St Columba founded the first community at Iona and this prayer is attributed to him. May we find the focus of peace and hope in his words helpful, as we seek to support one another.

*Bless to me the sky that is above me,
Bless to me the ground that is beneath me,
Bless to me the friends who are around me,
Bless to me the love of the Three
Deep within me and encircling me. Amen*

Please notify me if you are going into hospital and would like to have a pastoral visit. I can be contacted on 07903 266 307

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Changes of address etc. should continue to be passed to the roll keeper, Hugh Somerville.

Kay

WELCOME FROM CHARLES



The Interim Moderator

Revd Neil Gardner - 03/11/2019

This morning we are delighted to have Revd Neil Gardner with us to lead our worship. Neil is our Interim Moderator, and he, along with Rev Helen Alexander, will guide us through our vacancy period. He is Minister of Canongate Kirk and so his Sundays are already busy. Most of Neil's work with us may therefore be in ways which may seem less visible, at least to those who are not elders. He will Moderate our Kirk Session meetings, and will advise us on the creation, and then the work, of the Nominating Committee, whose job it will be to identify a suitable nominee to be our new Minister. There will be more information on that in the coming weeks. Of course, this is a process that we have not been through for many years now, and Neil's guidance will be invaluable and also a great pleasure for us. We look forward to working with you. For today, we are very grateful to you for being with us to take our service, and you are most welcome.



About Neil

Neil has been Minister of Canongate Kirk (The Kirk of Holyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle) since 2006. During that time, he has extended the Kirk's involvement in the Parish and in the wider community and has led the modernisation of the Kirk's approaches to congregational and community fellowship, while maintaining the Kirk's liturgical and historic traditions.

Neil was inducted to Canongate Kirk in June 2006 after seven years as minister of Alyth Parish Church in rural Perthshire. Prior to that he served with the Royal Army Chaplains' Department in Germany, Hong Kong, Northern Ireland, Surrey, and Hampshire.

Locum Preacher

Revd Helen Alexander - 27/10/2019

Good morning and welcome! Today, as you know, marks the start of our vacancy period after Scott's induction at St Columba's in Ayr last Thursday. Those of

you who were able to go will have seen the warm and heartfelt reception he received. The church was absolutely full. The congregation was clearly eager for him to begin his time with them. We also discovered that the internet's prediction of 1 hour 40 minutes for the trip to Ayr will only apply if you have police outriders the whole way. But we arrived in the nick of time, and many thanks to the Ian McCallum Fund, and to Wendy for organising the bus and for providing us with sandwiches and biscuits in the traffic jams. So on this, his first Sunday as minister in Ayr, we wish Scott well.

However, we need a continued source of sustenance and nurture to ensure that we thrive in this transition phase. We are therefore absolutely delighted that Revd Helen Alexander has agreed to join us. She will be preaching today and most Sundays during the vacancy, and Revd Neil Gardner, our Interim Moderator, will be with us next week. Helen has generously come to us having retired earlier this year after a decade as Assistant Minister at St Giles. I have tried in vain to find a dictionary which defines 'retirement' as taking up a new post, and so we are enormously grateful to you, Helen, for giving up your time for us. We are looking forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks and months, and to you leading our worship through our transition period. You are most welcome!

About Helen

Revd Helen Alexander was born and brought up in Edinburgh. She trained in Social Work before graduating in Divinity

at the University of Glasgow. She was Assistant Minister in St Giles' Cathedral from 1980 to 1983 and was ordained there in 1981. She was later Minister of the East Church in Kirkwall and served as a University Chaplain in Edinburgh, as well as undertaking training in psychotherapy. Following a period of ministry with the Uniting Church in Australia, she returned to Edinburgh and to St Giles' as Assistant Minister in 2009. Helen retired from St Giles' in May 2019.

We also welcome back Hillary and Craig after their wedding in the US last weekend. Many congratulations!

Now, as we walk along the pavements this week, and spend time in the parks, the trees are a very visible sign of the season. Green leaves are becoming yellow, red and orange, then swirling in the gusty air to the ground. The branches become barer and we begin to see the structure of each tree, all trunk and bark and branch, as it prepares for winter and for next year. Is that a bit like the process we are going through? Scott has left, and we are now getting ready for a new phase of our collective life here. In this process, we retain our core selves - our trunk and branches. In fact all of that becomes more visible. We can see better who we are as a church community, which will be so important in our search for a new minister.

Charles Garland
Session Clerk

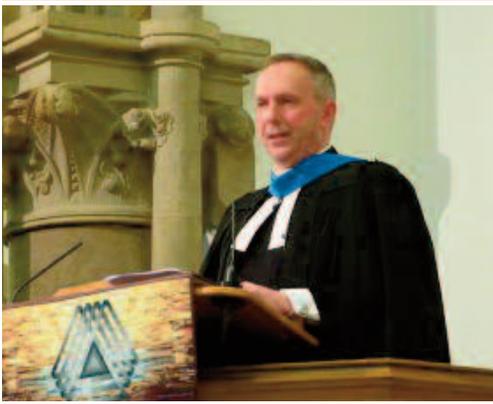


Sunday 6 October, 2019, was Revd Dr Scott McKenna's last Sunday as minister of Mayfield Salisbury before he leaves to become minister of St Colomba, Ayr. Both morning services are always well attended, but in recognition of this special day, this was especially true of this Sunday.

At the start of each service the Session Clerk, Charles Garland, spoke on behalf of us all. He said how Scott had been with us, leading us and travelling with us, for nineteen years. For some, like his own family, this spanned the whole of their time here; others were of course already here and were able to welcome him and Shelagh when they arrived, but for all of us the changes which Scott had brought about here have been huge and hugely beneficial. After detailing some of these,

such as the all-age 9.30am worship, the festivals and the pilgrimages, Charles ended by saying, "So today we want to say "Thank you, Scott," for all that you have done for us and with us. We are deeply grateful for the time you have spent with us and wish you all the best for your continuing ministry in the future.' He then presented Scott, on behalf of the whole congregation, with a gift, and at the earlier 9.30am service, the young people presented their own gift and for Shelagh a bouquet of flowers.

In reply Scott said that he and his wife, Shelagh and son, Murdo, leave Mayfield Salisbury and the manse at Seton Place with many good, great and happy memories. He spoke of how vividly he remembered applying for the post and the



excitement and thrill of being called as our minister. He went on to thank the office bearers, Kirk Session, congregation and the members of the staff team, and in particular the Church Manager, William, for all their support and encouragement. He spoke of the pleasure of worshipping in such a beautiful sanctuary, and the immense privilege it had been to lead worship and preach to this congregation each week. He finished by speaking of his indebtedness to his wife, Shelagh, both personally and professionally, and how, at the end of nineteen years, all he wanted to say to us all was 'It's been great – thank you.'

At both services hymns were sung which were Scott's special favourites e.g. at the 9.30am 'Who would true valour see' as it is the only hymn which mentions

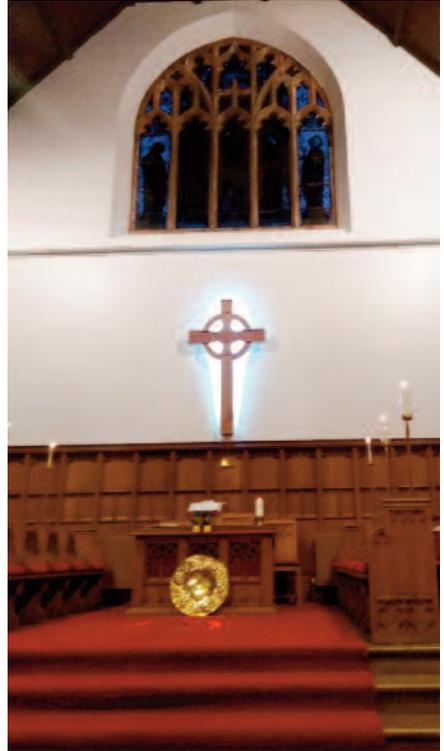
hobgoblins! The readings chosen were Bible passages which hold special significance for him, and he finished his sermon with one of his favourite quotes: Thomas Mann's 'Myth is the way things never were, but always are'. Finally, at the close of the 10.45am service, after the benediction, there was a lovely surprise. The choir sung John Rutter's beautiful setting of the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6: 24 - 26) 'The Lord bless you and keep you...': a sentiment in all our hearts. Both services were then followed by a time of fellowship in the Bill McDonald Hall with coffee and special cakes.

Scott's last sermon at Mayfield Salisbury is available in video and text on the church website. Alternatively, please contact the Church Manager.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
PRESBYTERY OF AYR
AYR ST COLUMBA CHURCH



INDUCTION
of
The Revd. Dr. Scott S. McKenna
BA, BD, MTh, MPhil, PhD
Thursday 24th October 2019



On 24 October a strong contingent of Mayfield Salisbury members travelled to Ayr for the induction of our former minister Scott McKenna to his new charge at Ayr St Columba church, arriving just in time for the service after struggling through the rush hour traffic.

The Revd Mandy Ralph preached on the theme of unity and cooperation within the church and Scott was charged 'to be himself, to keep the faith, to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable'.

After the service there was a welcoming social when presentations were made to Scott as well as to the ministers who had

assisted during the vacancy. We then moved to the hall where the Edinburgh visitors were warmly welcomed with tea and refreshments before boarding our bus home. We returned shortly before midnight, confident that Scott is among friendly and hospitable folk. We wish him every success and happiness in his new responsibilities.

Special thanks are due to the Ian MacCallum fund for sponsoring the Mayfield Salisbury bus, and to Wendy Mathieson for her careful shepherding of the party, and provision of refreshments on the outward journey.

NEWS

During the ministerial vacancy at Mayfield Salisbury, we welcome the **Revd Neil Gardner**, Minister of Canongate Kirk as **Interim Moderator**. Neil may be contacted by email: ngardner@churchofscotland.org.uk or by phone: 0131 556 3515.

We also welcome the **Revd Helen Alexander**, formerly Assistant Minister at St Giles' Cathedral, as Locum Preacher. Helen will principally conduct the Sunday services during the vacancy period. She may be contacted by email: HAlexander@churchofscotland.org.uk or by phone: 0131 346 0685.

During this time, please contact the Pastoral Assistant, **Kay McIntosh**, for pastoral enquires email: kay@backedge.co.uk or phone: 0790 326 6307.

For all other general enquiries, please contact the Church Manager, **William Mearns** in the first instance by email: churchmanager@googlemail.com or phone: 0780 801 1234.

The Morningside Justice and Peace Group exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large. Meetings are held every Wednesday during the autumn and spring months from 10.30am to 11.30am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road in Edinburgh. These meetings are open to all and consist of a short talk on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion.

Tea and coffee are available.

To cover costs, a contribution of £2 is requested at each meeting.

All are welcome. The current programme is on our website.

Advent Sunday was the day of our annual Gift Services. Warm thanks to all of the donors of gifts, cash and Gift cards. They are deeply appreciated by the organisations we pass them onto.

VACANCY



William Mearns

MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

'The Tree of Peace has its roots in Justice.'

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Barbara Darcy

GIFT SERVICES

Anne Graham

YOUTH CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTU- NITY



Hillary Leslie

Mayfield Salisbury runs a Youth Club on Sunday evenings for ages P6 to S1 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and S2 to S6 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in becoming a part of the team. Volunteers will be helping our youth leader run each session with a variety of activities, including sport, games, craft, discussion, etc.

To find out more about this opportunity, **please contact our Youth Worker, Hillary Leslie at Hillary.mayfielddyouth@gmail.com** . Volunteers must be 18 or older; PVG required (the church will help with this process).

SUNDAY WELCOME TEAMS



Honey Ballantine

At present we have seven teams of six volunteers who, on rotation, provide a friendly and helpful presence on Sundays, a welcome which is very much appreciated by regular attenders and visitors alike!

However, we are always looking out for new people to join a team, particularly as team members retire or move on to other things. Newer members of our congregation are especially encouraged to think about this service. If you feel that you would like to be part of this very important Ministry of Welcome and join one of our Welcome Teams, please contact either Honey Ballantine (honey@balhend.com) or Anne Sturrock (sturrocks@uwclub.net), either of whom would be delighted to give you further information, and equally delighted to welcome you into one of our welcome teams!

FLOWERS -



Jane Main
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Christyne Patterson
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Flowers during October and November were donated and arranged by Aileen Nimmo, Sandra Carter, Diana Tudhope, Eilie Blackwood, Deirdre Eustace and Jane Main. From Advent Sunday there will be Advent wreath with candles in the Sanctuary instead of a fresh flower arrangement but flowers may still be supplied if requested for distribution.

Wishing all our donors, arrangers and distributors a very Happy Christmas. Thank you all for your hard work during 2019.

Poppy Scotland thanks the congregation of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church for their contributions this year which totalled £185.23.

The Edinburgh Police Choir & The Edinburgh Guitar and Mandolin Orchestra will be performing at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church on Saturday 25 January 2020 at 7.00pm. We will be raising funds for a charity called **Scotland Na Kenya Pamoja for Children** (Scottish Charity number SCO47082). This charity provides resources to educate and empower the children and young people of Kenya.

Edinburgh Police Choir began 10 years ago as a work place choir. As well as serving and retired police officers, forensic, laboratory and admin staff, the choir welcomes members from the wider community and from a wide range of backgrounds. EPC has performed both at home and abroad, sung at choral festivals and been highly placed in competitions. With their unique mix of musicality, performance and vocal excellence under the direction of MD Michael Longden, they bring an exciting and friendly face of the police service community. No tickets, donations at the door. All welcome!!!

By the time you read this we will have held our St Andrews's Day/Advent coffee morning. We hope that you managed to find something for your Christmas Pantry and to catch up with friends over coffee and cake. Our next fund raising activity is the Marmalade sale in and then Christian Aid Week in May. The committee has recently taken the opportunity to reassess how we are supporting the work of Christian Aid and the best way for the whole MSPC community to engage with Christian Aid. More will follow in the New Year.

POPPY SCOTLAND

CHARITY CONCERT



Kate Chiswick

CHRISTIAN AID



Catriona Spratt



MORNING PRAYERS ON TUESDAYS

Morning prayers take place in the Sanctuary each Tuesday morning from 9.30am. This provides an opportunity to pray in silence for those known to us who are ill or who are passing through difficult times. If you, or someone known to you, would like to be remembered this way in prayer, please inform Kay.

MAF - DEALING WITH DORIAN



On 1 September 2019, Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas. The category 5 storm, with winds exceeding 185mph and storm surges of up to 23 feet, was one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes to make landfall and is regarded as the worst natural disaster in the country's history. The storm caused widespread flooding and destruction across Grand Bahama Island, killing at least 50 people and leaving over 70,000 people homeless and in need of humanitarian assistance. Houses, schools and hospitals collapsed, with more than 18,000 children affected.

We are called to mourn with those who mourn (Romans 12:15) but we can still give thanks that, in times of crisis, MAF's Disaster Response team was able to mobilise within hours after the hurricane struck and provided life saving help,

working together with organisations including the Christian charity, Samaritan's Purse, and MAF partner, Missionary Flight International (MFI).

MAF Disaster Response Manager John Woodberry, responsible for co-ordinating flight operations, and MAF Caravan Pilot Brent Palmer, supported medical teams and transported equipment to get the 40-bed hospital in Freeport set up. They also assisted teams carrying out emergency relief projects on Abaco and the surrounding islands.

Hannah from Samaritan's Purse said that, in Freeport, more than 100 churches received relief supplies to give to their communities. We praise God that, while ill and injured patients were being treated at the hospital, personnel from Samaritan's

Purse could build relationships with them and their families, and finding opportunities to share the Gospel.

On Abaco Island, where an estimated 4,000 people required shelter, the distribution team — aided by Dutch Marines — distributed tarpaulins, hygiene kits, generators, solar lights and jerry cans for door-to-door distribution. Desalination units providing clean water were given to communities in need.

At the time of writing, MFI's 49 MAF co-ordinated flights had flown 279 passengers and transported about 230,000lb of relief aid — with 244 flights carrying 599 passengers conducted by Samaritan's Purse, who had distributed about 89,000 litres of clean drinking water.

Please remember in prayer MAF's team, along with all the other relief workers, such as the Salvation Army staff who received 24 tonnes of clean water, food and personal hygiene supplies for urgent distribution. Pray for good health among the workers distributing much needed aid. Pray too for those who have lost everything as a result of Hurricane Dorian, the people trying to rebuild their lives and the numerous medical needs among those who have survived the hurricane.

*Extracted from MAF - UK News
for Prayer 601, October 2019*

Morley Sewell

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid Committee

Prayer Thoughts

Read: Matthew 1: 18-25

This Christmas pray for all those who have been forced from their homes in Afghanistan and are experiencing extreme hardship. Pray for Bibi Aisha, a 26-year old widow living in a camp with her two children. Pray that they would be protected from violence and have enough to eat. Give thanks that Bibi feels safe in the camp. Pray for our partner RAADA, which helped Bibi find shelter and gives hope to all in the camps of a bright future for their children. On Christmas Eve, join people praying for peace in the Holy Land.

www.actpalestine.org/apf-ecumenical-prayer-vigil

A fulfilment of a promise.

A reality not a dream.

We give you our thanks,

not only our plea,

for the grace of Emmanuel

God being with us –

in the weak and weary moments

of longing for home.

Amen.

Ellie Blackwood

ALL SAINTS

Sunday 3 November 2019

Psalm 149

Romans 8: 31 - 39

St Luke 6: 20 - 31

St Luke 6: 27 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Well, it is over thirty years since I last occupied this pulpit as a student attached to the late Bill McDonald, and as many of you know I have remained attached to him

and to his memory, to his example and his influence and his inspiration ever since. But I hadn't expected to be invited back quite so soon! So it is a very personal privilege to have been asked to serve as Interim Moderator in the forthcoming vacancy here at Mayfield Salisbury, to be able this morning to bring greetings from my own Kirk Session and congregation at Canongate Kirk, the Kirk of Holyroodhouse and

Edinburgh Castle, and to have this opportunity to reconnect with this congregation after all these years. I'm rather glad the Gospel reading set for today is not the parable of the Prodigal Son, or you might have been left wondering what on earth I'd been up to since I moved out of my student basement flat just round the corner in Glenorchy

Terrace in 1988. Let's leave that for another time...

For the moment the season of All Saints is

appropriate enough, as it allows and encourages us to look back on all those who have influenced and inspired us over the years and to give thanks for them. And it allows and encourages us to sing the great hymn which will bring today's service to a close. That last hymn we've just sung, *Praise to the holiest in the height*, is not traditionally a hymn for All Saints tide but it was written by John

Henry Newman, who was recently officially elevated to the status of saint at a service in St Peter's Square led by the Pope and attended by The Prince of Wales. He wrote it as a mere catholic priest in 1865, having famously and somewhat controversially converted from the Church of England some twenty years before, and it was part of his dramatic poem *The*

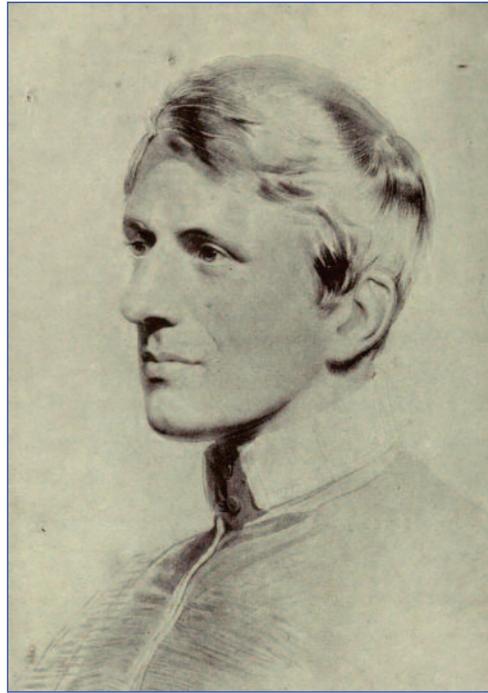


Very Revd William J G McDonald - Bill

Dream of Gerontius which was eventually set by Edward Elgar towards the end of the century as a great symphonic oratorio. The story is of the spiritual journey of a pious man, Gerontius, as he comes towards the end of his life, and then dies and is carried by his guardian angel into the presence of God for judgement. As they approach the inner sanctuary, angels sing this hymn. Praise to the holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise. The tune we usually sing it to is not Elgar's arrangement, but that of another Victorian composer and cleric, John Bacchus Dykes, who in the first and last verses cleverly matches the word height with a high note and the word depth with a low note – the heights and depths of the life on which Gerontius would surely have reflected as his soul approached the judgement seat, high notes and low notes with which we can all identify.

In the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible the sub title of the Gospel reading set for All Saints this year is *Blessings and woes*, which might be considered a more Biblical expression of high notes and low notes. St Luke's 6th chapter includes his considerably shortened version of the Beatitudes that are traditionally associated with All Saints tide but usually in the fuller form that we find in St Matthew at the beginning of the

Sermon on the Mount. The third gospel spends less time on the beatitudes than the first, but moves quickly on from words to ways as Newman might put it. 'But I say to you that listen: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who abuse you'. Speaking at a relatively early point in his ministry, Jesus was primarily addressing his own disciples here, his inner circle. They were the ones who would be blessed as they followed him, they were the ones too whose woes would come from being hated and cursed and abused for his sake,



Cardinal John Henry Newman

they were the ones who would find high notes and low notes, heights and depths as they embarked on their own spiritual journey with Jesus. But Jesus' advice was not just for them, it was just as much for those who were crowding round, hoping to hear him. Do to others as you would have them do to you. The teaching was for everyone, everyone that would listen.

In our epistle, the teaching of St Paul was for the Christians in Rome who were experiencing more woes than blessings, more lows than highs, suffering hardship and distress, persecution and famine, peril and the sword at the hands of their cruel oppressors who treated them simply as sheep to be slaughtered. But even in all these things 'we are more than conquerors', St Paul

assures them, 'more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Nor height nor depth.

*Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise, -
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.*

In Saint John Henry Newman's text Gerontius is everyman, and all saints is about remembering and giving thanks for every man and every woman who have made that same spiritual journey through death to new life. But it's also an opportunity for us all to pause and reflect on the high notes and low notes, the heights and depths of our own journey, as individuals and as a congregation. For some members of a congregation a vacancy can be a bit like a bereavement. In this vacancy already there have been emotional services of what might be called 'letting go', both here on Scott's last Sunday and at his induction at Ayr St Columba's ten days ago, when I was more than conscious of how the representatives of Mayfield Salisbury would be feeling, a strange mixture of highs and lows as we saw Scott and his family warmly welcomed by his eager new congregation and then we came back on the bus to come to terms with it all and to readjust. And now the bus journey of congregational life continues, people get off, people get on, but the road rises to meet us just the same. In St Luke's version of the Beatitudes Jesus doesn't



allow his hearers to ponder for long, but urges them to action; and at the end of the original Sermon on the Mount according to St Matthew Jesus came down from the mountain top and promptly got on with his ministry and mission. From words to ways.

*Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise, -
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.*

May his ways be our ways, and may neither height nor depth separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And now may God bless to us this preaching of his most holy word, and to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

MAYFIELD SALISBURY EMAIL LISTS



Stay up-to-date on news, programs, and events at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church with our email lists

Mayfield Salisbury maintains several email lists to help distribute information throughout the congregation. The lists are as follows:

0930 Service list

Information pertaining to the Sunday 0930am All-Age Worship and related events.

Youth Newsletter

Hillary Leslie, our Youth Worker, sends out a Youth Newsletter to parents of P6 - S6 youth. This keeps the parents and their kids in the loop about important youth-related events and activities

Congregational list

General information relevant to the entire congregation. This includes general news, notices of lectures & special events and,

importantly, details on the forthcoming ministerial vacancy.

Grapevine list

The parish magazine, *Grapevine*, which is sent out seven times per year in PDF format. See separate notice about this in the news section.

Should you be interested in receiving these informative emails, please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page or email me direct at the address supplied. If, after reflection, you change your mind I can remove your address from the list quickly - just let me know.

Your information is secure and will not be shared with any third party. All emails are sent out privately to you only in a bcc'd (address not visible to others) email.

If you would like any additional information then please do get in touch. I am very happy to discuss any aspect of the office administration (or anything else Mayfield Salisbury related!).

William Mearns
Church Manager
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churchmanager@googlemail.com

Please add my email address to the following distribution lists:

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Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please return this form to; *William Mearns, Church Manager 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ; place in the Church Manager's pigeonhole in the entrance hallway or email direct to churchmanager@googlemail.com*



The first term of the year has been full of fun activities for the youth at Mayfield Salisbury!

We kicked off the start of the year with an **all-church BBQ** which both our 9.30am and 10.45am service attendees could enjoy together. The youth helped serve up sausages, fruit salad and dessert. It was a beautiful day to enjoy fellowship with one another. The youth were also able to raise some money from the event to go toward the 2019 to 20 youth budget.

New for Youth Club this year, each month has a weekly rotation of **Social, Service and Discussion nights**. On **social nights** we plan an activity (i.e. bonfire, sport, quiz night etc.) focused on having some time together to chill and chat. On **service nights** we focus on both local, and international service projects and

organisations either with guest speakers, or by getting engaged in the work as a group. On **discussion evenings**, we spend the night talking about our faith together. New this year, we have a 'Question Time' discussion night with special guests. Youth can submit questions before the evening for an engaged conversation with experts on the chosen topic.

So far at Youth Club this term, we have had a pizza 'icebreaker' night, a quiz night, a bonfire, a discussion night about 'God' and other terms which define our faith, and our first 'Question Time' exploring Biblical Literalism with Revd Dr Scott McKenna.

Last week we held our second annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** – complete with turkey and veggie sausages, and all the



trimmings! I think I've gotten (almost) all the youth to like pumpkin pie! It was a fun evening, and we even were able to collect very generous donations for the Edinburgh Northwest Foodbank.

At **Breakfast Club** over the last few weeks, the 12 to 16s have been exploring our relationship with prayer, and how it enhances our relationship with God. We're excited for our first Breakfast Club outing on 15 December!

Our youth also got involved with our **Youth Worship Service** on 24 November, showing off their amazing musical talents as we celebrated the beginning of the season of Advent together.

As we begin to enter the busy Christmas season, we have a few more exciting



events on the horizon.

A few of our teens are participating in **The World's Big Sleep Out** this year in Princes Street Gardens on 7 December. We held a bake sale to raise some funds for the event, as well as to bring awareness to the great work that Social Bite is already doing in Edinburgh.

December also brings with it another evening joining in the **Writes for Rights** campaign with Amnesty International, **Question Time** exploring Science & Religion, and our annual Youth Club Christmas Party. As always, our Christingle Service will be held on 23 December – come along for lots of singing and some yummy hot chocolate!

We hope to see you around this Christmas season!

THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Is it really that bad?

An emphatic 'Yes!' was the answer to this question by Dave Gorman, Director of Social Responsibility and Sustainability at Edinburgh University at a well attended talk given in the church on 6 October.

The scientific evidence is overwhelming that climate change presents the greatest threat that the world has faced in recorded history. The concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is the highest it has been since humans first appeared on earth. The past summer has seen its quota of extreme events-fires in The Arctic and in the Amazon forests, floods, storms and mass die-offs, and alarming signs of warming of the oceans. Occurrences once considered extreme and exceptional now take place all too frequently.

He drew particular attention to the fact that, while the developed world has profited most from the profligate use of global resources, and has contributed most heavily to greenhouse gas production, it is the poorest inhabitants of the poorest countries who are most vulnerable to the immediate and damaging consequences of climate change.

As individuals, we have choices to make with regard to what we eat, how we travel, what we buy and from whom we buy. When goods seem too cheap, all too often there is a hidden cost in exploited and oppressed workers, and environmental degradation.

We can bring pressure to bear on those who make public policy and influence the commercial decisions of large companies. We can help to raise awareness, and provide moral and practical support to those whose activism has drawn upon themselves the fierce hostility of powerful vested interests.



Dave Gorman's message is a stark one. To save the world from the environmental calamity towards which it is rushing will require us to make uncomfortable changes in the way we lead our lives, and the longer we delay the more drastic and unpleasant the changes will have to be.

Those interested in joining an 'Eco Group' in the church to consider ways we might act as a congregation are invited to contact Alastair MacGilchrist a.macgilchrist@gmail.com

THURSDAY CLUB

December

- 5 Christmas Singalong and party *The Dunns*
12 **CANCELLED - due to the General Election**

January

- 9 Scottish Songs *Caroline Hood*
16 Talk –title TBC *Margaret Collingwood and Alison MacDonald*
23 Birding and Beetling Ladies *Catherine Booth*
30 A trip to South America *Senga Andrews*

February

- 6 Budapest *Boyd McAdam*
13 The Changing Botanics *Heather McHaffie*
20 My Famous Aunt! *Sheana Stephens*
27 Singalong *George Ross and Susan Wooding*

March

- 5 Remarkable Ruins: Angkor and Persepolis *John Graham*

MAYFIELD MILERS UPCOMING WALKS

If you require any further information about these walks please contact Jenny McCallum on 0131 667 2888 or at jennymccallum15@gmail.com

December

- Mon 2 Christmas Meal and walk 2-3 mls Jenny McCallum 667 2888
For the walk 11.00am meet at Church. Meal at The Charnwood 12.30pm for 1.00pm
Sat 14 Dirleton - Gullane Circular 6mls Jean McGilchrist 447 6648
10.00am at Church for car travel.

January

- Wed 8 North Berwick Shore Walk 2-3 mls Jenny McCallum 667 2888
10.15am Waterloo Place for 10.23am bus to North Berwick X5 East Coast buses.
Wed 15 AGM and Planning meeting 7.30pm in Church House
Suggestions for walks to Jenny McCallum 667 2888 or Molly Woolgar 667 2688
Thu 23 Flotterstone and Glencourse 4mls to be decided
9.35am Morningside Clock no 102 Stage Coach bus at 9.47am to Dumfries.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

New Members

Anne Pritchard
Colin Pritchard
Vivien Coltherd

Departures

Scott McKenna
Shelagh Laird
Cassandra Lama

Deaths

Grace Wilson
Iain MacLaren
Mairi Mitchell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Sun 1 9.30am All-Age Worship & Gift Service (Revd Helen Alexander)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Advent Sunday & Gift Service (HA)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (Revd Neil Gardner)
- Tues 3 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 8 9.30am All-Age Worship & Communion (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Second Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion (HA)
7.00pm Evening Service (Anne Mulligan DCS)
- Tues 10 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
7.30pm Kirk Session (Bill McDonald Hall)
- Sun 15 9.30am All-Age Worship (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Third Sunday of Advent (HA)
7.00pm Evening Service: Godly Play (Eilie Blackwood)
- Tues 17 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 22 9.30am All-Age Worship (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Fourth Sunday of Advent (HA)
7.00pm Evening Service (Kay McIntosh DCS)
- Mon 23 6.30pm Christingle Service (Hillary Leslie)
- Tue 24 9.30am *NO Prayers in the sanctuary*
11.10pm Carol-Singing in church
11.30pm Watchnight Service
- Wed 25 10.45am Christmas Day Family Service (Kay McIntosh DCS)
- Sun 29 9.30am *NO early service*
10.45am Traditional Worship: Nine Lessons & Carols (KM)
7.00pm *NO evening service*
- Tue 31 9.30am *NO Prayers in the sanctuary*

JANUARY 2020

- Sun 5 9.30am All-Age Worship (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Epiphany (HA)
7.00pm Evening Service (KM)
- Tues 7 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 12 9.30am All-Age Worship (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Baptism of the Lord (HA)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (HA)
- Tues 14 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary

- Sun 19 9.30am All-Age Worship (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Second Sunday after the Epiphany (HA)
7.00pm Evening Service (AM)
- Tues 21 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 26 9.30am All-Age Worship (HA)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Third Sunday after the Epiphany (HA)
7.00pm Youth Night Worship (Hillary Leslie)
- Tues 28 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
7.30pm Kirk Session (Bill McDonald Hall)

FEBRUARY

- Sun 2 9.30am All-Age Worship (TBC)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (TBC)
7.00pm Evening Service (TBC)

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Dec. 1 Hosea 3-6 / Revelation 1
Dec. 2 Hosea 7,8 / Psalms 137,138
Dec. 3 Hosea 9,10 / Revelation 2
Dec. 4 Hosea 11,12 / Revelation 3
Dec. 5 Hosea 13,14 / Revelation 4
Dec. 6 Joel 1,2 / Psalm 139
Dec. 7 Joel 3 / Revelation 5
Dec. 8 Amos 1,2 / Revelation 6
Dec. 9 Amos 3,4 / Psalms 140,141
Dec. 10 Amos 5,6 / Revelation 7
Dec. 11 Amos 7,8 / Revelation 8
Dec. 12 Amos 9 / Revelation 9
Dec. 13 Obadiah / Psalms 142,143
Dec. 14 Jonah 1,2 / Revelation 10
Dec. 15 Jonah 3,4 / Revelation 11
Dec. 16 Micah 1-3 / Psalm 144
Dec. 17 Micah 4,5 / Revelation 12
Dec. 18 Micah 6,7 / Revelation 13
Dec. 19 Nahum 1-3 / Revelation 14
Dec. 20 Habakkuk 1-3 / Psalm 145
Dec. 21 Zephaniah 1-3 / Revelation 15
Dec. 22 Haggai 1,2 / Revelation 16
Dec. 23 Zechariah 1,2 / Psalms 146,147
Dec. 24 Zechariah 3,4 / Revelation 17
Dec. 25 Zechariah 5,6 / Revelation 18
Dec. 26 Zechariah 7,8 / Revelation 19
Dec. 27 Zechariah 9,10 / Psalm 148
Dec. 28 Zechariah 11,12 / Revelation 20
Dec. 29 Zechariah 13,14 / Revelation 21
Dec. 30 Malachi 1,2 / Psalms 149,150
Dec. 31 Malachi 3,4 / Revelation 22
Jan. 1 Genesis 1,2 / Matthew 1
Jan. 2 Genesis 3,4 / Matthew 2
Jan. 3 Genesis 5,6 / Matthew 3
Jan. 4 Genesis 7,8 / Psalms 1,2

Jan. 5 Genesis 9-11 / Matthew 4
Jan. 6 Genesis 12,13 / Matthew 5
Jan. 7 Genesis 14,15 / Psalms 3,4
Jan. 8 Genesis 16,17 / Matthew 6
Jan. 9 Genesis 18,19 / Matthew 7
Jan. 10 Genesis 20,21 / Matthew 8
Jan. 11 Genesis 22,23 / Psalms 5,6
Jan. 12 Genesis 24,25 / Matthew 9
Jan. 13 Genesis 26,27 / Matthew 10
Jan. 14 Genesis 28,29 / Psalms 7,8
Jan. 15 Genesis 30,31 / Matthew 11
Jan. 16 Genesis 32,33 / Matthew 12
Jan. 17 Genesis 34-36 / Matthew 13
Jan. 18 Genesis 37,38 / Psalm 9
Jan. 19 Genesis 39,40 / Matthew 14
Jan. 20 Genesis 41,42 / Matthew 15
Jan. 21 Genesis 43,44 / Psalm 10
Jan. 22 Genesis 45,46 / Matthew 16
Jan. 23 Genesis 47,48 / Matthew 17
Jan. 24 Genesis 49,50 / Matthew 18
Jan. 25 Exodus 1,2 / Psalms 11,12
Jan. 26 Exodus 3,4 / Matthew 19
Jan. 27 Exodus 5,6 / Matthew 20
Jan. 28 Exodus 7,8 / Psalms 13,14
Jan. 29 Exodus 9,10 / Matthew 21
Jan. 30 Exodus 11,12 / Matthew 22
Jan. 31 Exodus 13,14 / Matthew 23
Feb. 1 Exodus 15,16 / Psalms 15,16
Feb. 2 Exodus 17,18 / Matthew 24
Feb. 3 Exodus 19,20 / Matthew 25
Feb. 4 Exodus 21,22 / Psalm 17
Feb. 5 Exodus 23,24 / Matthew 26
Feb. 6 Exodus 25,26 / Matthew 27
Feb. 7 Exodus 27,28 / Matthew 28
Feb. 8 Exodus 29, 30 / Psalm 18

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