



May/June 2019

Issue 240

Scottish Charity SC000785

GRAPEVINE

Mayfield Salisbury Parish (Edinburgh) Church of Scotland



CARING FOR CREATION

SERMON: WHO WAS JUDAS ISCARIOT?

TO AFRICA WITH LOVE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

www.mayfieldsalisbury.org

Dear Friends,

Brother Lawrence was the name in religion of Nicholas Herman of Lorraine. His spiritual classic work, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, is known all over the world. In August, 1666, he spoke of his conversion to Christianity. It was said of Brother Lawrence:

That in the winter, seeing a tree stripped of its leaves and considering that within a little time the leaves would be renewed, and after that the flowers and fruit appear, he received a high view of the Providence and Power of God, which has never since been effaced from his soul. That this view had set him perfectly loose from the world, and kindled in him such a love for God, that he could not tell whether it had increased in above forty years that he had lived since.

For Brother Lawrence, our business as followers of Jesus is to love and delight ourselves in God. He spoke of 'our perfect abandonment to God' and that prayer was 'nothing else but a sense of the Presence of God'.

It can help us to increase of our awareness of the Divine by, with the eyes of faith, seeing God on every journey we make, during each day. As it is in the Gospels, the morning sunrise is a powerful and inescapable symbol of Christ's presence, Risen from the dead. We can give thanks for birdsong, flowers and trees, and the friendship and kindness of others.



Nicholas Herman of Lorraine

We may also give thanks for the very mundane things of life: the tap bringing us hot water or fresh cold water; the car that starts each time we turn the key; and, the lift that carries us to upper floors. The words of the poet and hymnodist, Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, *For the beauty of the earth*, equally evokes an awareness of the overwhelming, ever-present Presence.

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parents, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Every blessing,

Scott

Cyclone Idai The special collection raised £3,567.13. Thank you for the generous response to this appeal.

Christian Aid Week 12 - 18 May This year's theme is 'We believe in life after birth'. The Christian Aid Service will be held on 12 May when we will be joined by Nadia Cunden of the Philanthropy Team of Christian Aid.

WAYS OF GIVING

- Sponsor a Street – Please 'sponsor a street'. Please add your name against a street of your choice (lists are displayed just inside the W. Mayfield entrance from Sundays 28 April to 19 May). You will be given a CA envelope for your donation.

- Respond to the CA envelope appeal – envelopes will be available with Orders of Service on Sunday 12 May and will be collected (and dedicated) the following Sunday 19 May – please place in CA buckets or in the collection plates. If you will miss being in Church, please hand your envelope to someone who will be

there. If you can (if you are a tax payer), please complete the CA form attached to each envelope and HMRC will increase your personal donation by 25% each time. This in itself is a free donation to Christian Aid.

MOST IMPORTANTLY

- Please join us for **BIG BREKKIE** on Sunday 12th May between 10.15 and 10.45 – tickets are available at the Christian Aid table after Services on 28th April and 5th May. Breakfast is free - but we would ask for a donation to Christian Aid. All donations will be dedicated during the 10.45am Service on Sunday 19 May.

SAVE THE DATE

5 October 2019 HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding another Harvest-themed festival this year with proceeds going to Christian Aid. As last year, there will be craft stalls and activities suitable for all ages. Further details of this event will follow.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Read: Revelation 7:9 – 17

Praise God for Christian Aid Week and for the collectors, event organisers, Big Brekkie chefs and many more who make this the biggest week of Christian witness across the UK and Ireland.

Pray for health and happiness for young

mother Tenneh and her baby boy, of Sierra Leone. She will benefit from the building of a better health centre facility in her neighbourhood, created by the local CA partner organisation, so more mums can deliver their babies safely. Pray for all the young mums and children featuring in the Christian Aid Week stories this year.

Parent God, we praise you for the blessings you shower upon us. Bless the lives of our sisters and brothers and their precious children, in Sierra Leone. AMEN.

TO AFRICA WITH LOVE



There's a busy lady in our Congregation who loves knitting! Almost every Sunday, for many months, Kristin Tulloch has handed over a week's output of woollen baby hats to another industrious person at Mayfield Salisbury who sews them up and finishes them off.

One day it was suggested that the collection totalling 107 colourful hats might go abroad to keep babies warm. And amazingly, within a week, they had been packed in the luggage of two members of our Congregation who happened to be returning to Malawi for medical assignments in different hospitals!

For visitors, Malawi nearly always lives up to its description as 'The warm heart of Africa'. Yet, economically, it is the seventh poorest country in the world and for many people living there, hunger remains a real threat, as when recent floods destroyed crops of maize just before harvest time.

The Special Care Baby Unit in Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre provides intensive care to babies of very low weight and is always busy. When brought to hospital by their mothers, older babies are often suffering from severe hypothermia

and in urgent need of warm clothing. And so these knitted woollen hats are ideal! The nursing staff of the Special Care Unit were immensely grateful to be given a gift of these warm knitted hats which were used at once and we were told that the cheerful colours brightened the resource-challenged wards and brought smiles to mothers and their wee ones.

In rural central Malawi at Nkhoma CCAP (Christian Churches of Africa Presbyterian) Hospital a couple of weeks later, the second batch of hats was safely delivered to the clerk to the Paediatric Ward and Maternity unit. Within a very short time, the first ones had been given to new mothers for their tiny babies. Nkhoma was so pleased to receive these beautifully knitted and colourful hats as their aim is always to give one to every new-born babe.... and they were running out! Each one is an expression of love and when worn must feel like a warm hug for such vulnerable babies.

Thank you - and keep knitting, Kristin!

*Douglas Blackwood
Heather Cubie
Anne Sturrock*

PASTORAL CARE

We are aware that pastoral care is the responsibility of all our members and that we all need to be vigilant in noticing if someone hasn't been at church for a little while and alerting the ministry staff or one of the Pastoral Coordinators.

If you know that someone is having a special birthday, anniversary or perhaps a bereavement then please let us know so that our flower team may respond.

If you feel that you would like to have a pastoral visitor, then please speak to Scott, Kay or one of our Pastoral Coordinators. If you would like to volunteer as a visitor then speak to Kay, our Pastoral Assistant.

Our Pastoral Assistant, **Kay McIntosh DCS**, may be contacted on 07903 266 307 or kay@backedge.co.uk

Contact details for PV group coordinators:

Dorothy Cloughley

0131 667 3565

dorothycloughley@googlemail.com

Wendy Mathison

0131 447 5562

wsmdance3@gmail.com

Anne Mulligan

0131 664 3426

mulliganne@aol.com

Maggie Ross

0131 668 3859

maggiejeanross@btinternet.com

Hilary Watkinson

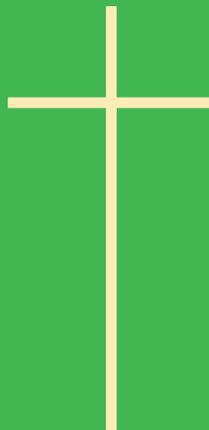
hilary.watkinson@btinternet.com

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

Kay

SPIRITUAL GROWTH FUND

The congregation has a fund administered by the Kirk Session, the purpose of which is to resource spiritual growth. One use of the fund is to support individuals who wish to undertake courses designed to help with personal spiritual growth, such as silent prayer, Spiritual Direction or Ignatian Spirituality. To be eligible, applicants need to explain how undertaking such a course would be beneficial to them and Mayfield Salisbury or the wider Church. You can apply for a grant from this fund by contacting the Minister (in confidence).



CARING FOR CREATION

As Christians, we are called upon to be good stewards of the beautiful and fragile world we live in, but within the past fifty years human activity has led to an unprecedented rise in the temperature of the planet with incalculably serious consequences which are likely to be gravely damaging for all living creatures.

This was the uncompromising message from David Bethune, Coordinator of ECO-congregations Scotland, when he addressed a meeting on 23 February. Hosted by our neighbours at St Columba's RC church, it was attended by members of several denominations from across Edinburgh and beyond, including a strong contingent from Mayfield Salisbury.

Around 450 churches are registered as ECO congregations, but while there is a general understanding of the issues at a basic level, so far only a minority can indicate that they are taking serious action in support of their commitment.

As individuals, problems such as the melting of the Polar Ice Caps, the threat of drowning of low lying countries, the extinction of species and mass migration by climate refugees, can seem so huge and terrifying as to be beyond our personal ability to tackle. However, we are called upon for action not despair.

Much can be done within the church community to inform and encourage members in making positive lifestyle choices; and to reduce energy use and carbon emissions in our homes, and in our worship and prayer life. The link between Christian faith and environmental



concerns should be regularly reflected.

Christians should be informed and actively engaged as citizens, supporting those charities and agencies which work to mitigate the effects of climate change at a national and global level, and ensure that our elected representatives and policy makers are made aware of our concerns. Small actions taken by large numbers of people have the potential to do great good and should not be underestimated.

The world we will bequeath to our children and grandchildren has been damaged in so many ways by the combination of ignorance, lethargy and ruthless greed.

We need to do more, much more, to preserve it.

Colin Mackenzie

THE DIADEM PROJECT



Photo from The Church of Scotland website

When the congregations of Stenhouse St Aidan's Parish Church and Gorgie Dalry Parish Church united they had a vision to do something exciting with their redundant buildings. Working along with Bethany Christian Trust, the pews have been removed and replaced with single beds with colourful sheets and blankets. An extension block now houses toilets and showers for men and the vestry and smaller rooms provide similar facilities for women. It is a safe haven for up to 75 rough sleepers. Volunteers from Edinburgh congregations cook a two course meal in the kitchen each evening. A light breakfast is served in the morning and clean clothes and underwear etc made available.

might otherwise sleep in doorways know that the centre is there for them every evening from 9.00pm to 6.30am and it is hoped it will soon be open all year round. Representatives from different support services visit the centre on a regular basis to offer specialised help and advice to clients to help them move on.

The building has been renamed the Diadem and a service of dedication took place in April. Isn't it marvellous to see a redundant church building being put to such good use? Of course the Church of Scotland continues to be active in working with the Government in eradicating the causes of rough sleeping and homelessness in our cities.

Over the winter months people who

Anne Mulligan

WHO WAS JUDAS ISCARIOT?

There is more to this character than meets the eye

Sunday 7 April, 2019

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 Philipians 3: 4b – 14 St John 12: 1 – 8

Prayer of Illumination

Let us pray.

Holy God, whose creativity is illimitable, whose love is incalculable, bless and enrich our meditations, that we may be one with You. Amen.

Judas Iscariot, the one who was about to betray Jesus, said, ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor?’ The author of the Fourth Gospel added: Judas ‘said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief’. Who was Judas Iscariot, this disciple of Jesus who stole from the common purse?

It was Judas Iscariot who asked the chief priests how much they would give him to betray Jesus of Nazareth. Thirty pieces of silver was offered and accepted. In his sacred oratorio, St Matthew’s Passion, Johann Sebastian Bach wrote of ‘the silver price of blood’. Once Jesus had been condemned to death by the authorities, Judas repented. Full of shame and remorse, he gave back the pieces of silver to the priests, throwing them down scattering them across the floor of the temple, then departed and hanged himself. Judas died just hours before Jesus did. Who was this betrayer, Judas Iscariot?

struggled to picture Judas Iscariot. Wilde wrote:

In prison, I had the chance to read the Christ story. Over and over, it seemed to me the greatest story I ever read. But it had one flaw. Christ is betrayed by Judas, who is a stranger. Judas is a man he doesn’t know well. It would be artistically truer if he were betrayed by John. Because John is the man he loves most.

Oscar Wilde believed that for betrayal of Jesus to have true potency, the betrayer would need to be the Beloved Disciple. For Wilde, the Gospels say almost nothing about the man who would in the end play a vital role. For Wilde, there is something about the character of Judas that does not work. Who was Judas Iscariot?

Iscariot means a man from Qeriot, a man from the town or city. In contrast to the Galilean fishermen, Judas was from the city, almost certainly the city of Jerusalem. He is the only disciple with a first and ‘second’ name. From the outset, he was an outsider.

Judas is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Judah or Yehuda. Through the many centuries of the Jewish people, it was the tribe of Judah which became the principal tribe. All the kings of the



The Arrest of Christ (Kiss of Judas) by Giotto di Bondone (1267 - 1337) No. 31 Scenes from the Life of Christ

Davidic line came from Judah. Yehudi is the Hebrew word for 'Jew'. If the name Judas meant anything at all, it meant Jew.

In the Gospels, we are told on more than one occasion that Judas was the one who betrayed Jesus. Strictly speaking, the word 'betray' does not appear in the Gospels nor in the letters of Paul. The Greek says 'gave up' or 'handed over', neither of which have the sinister stench of betrayal. In the Gospels, Judas handed over Jesus to the chief priests and the Roman authorities. However, in the writing of St

Paul, which is much earlier than the Gospels, it is not Judas who handed over Jesus but God. St Paul wrote, 'Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to the benefit of all'. Paul does not mention Judas at all. I hope that you are beginning to see that there is more to the Judas story than meets the eye.

In our Gospel lesson this morning, we are told that Judas was offended by the extravagance of the oil poured over the feet of Jesus. In the earliest Gospel, the Gospel of Mark, in a similar story, we are



Judas being paid thirty pieces of silver, for the betrayal of Jesus. 16th c fresco on the vault in the Saint Sébastien Church, in Planpinet

told that ‘some who were there’ were offended. In the later Gospel of Matthew, it was ‘the disciples’ who were offended. By the Gospel of St John offence and outrage were expressed only by Judas, the Jew.

In the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus said to the disciples that one of them would betray him, hand him over, each one

became distressed and, in turn, each one said, ‘Surely not I, Lord?’ Each disciple said, ‘Surely not I, Lord?’; all except Judas. Judas replied, ‘Surely not I, Rabbi?’ Only Judas used the Jewish term, *rabbi*. Is it possible that the use of the term ‘*rabbi*’ by Judas is a denial of Jesus as ‘Lord’?

We are told in the Gospels that many Jews were deserting and believing in Jesus. Though Jesus is the very centre of our faith, the foundation of our faith, we ought not to be blind to the fact that the Gospels are, to some extent, polemical writing: the Early Church was defining itself against others, against the Jews and against the Pharisaic/rabbinic tradition. Is it possible that the Judas story is a construct, a midrash drawing on the Old Testament?

In the Book of Genesis, Joseph was sold as a slave to the Midianites by his brothers; in particular, by his brother, Judah (or Judas). In the Book of Zechariah, Israel, the Jews, were paid thirty shekels of silver for betraying the covenant with YHWH, with God. Later, the coins were thrown back into the temple, scattering across the floor.

What of the trial of Jesus? Given that Jesus and his disciples were in the temple precinct every day, why would it be necessary for the army of the High Priest to enlist the help of Judas? It was known that Jesus and his disciples regularly met in the Garden of Gethsemane. If Judas was

a traitor, a man who had vital evidence to convict Jesus, why was he not called as a witness in the trial of Jesus?

It is possible that Judas was a historical character. It is possible that he is a construct which served to show that the Jews betrayed Jesus; it was the Jews who handed over Jesus to the Roman authorities. One scholar has said that the ‘expansion of Judas’ money-corruption was a most fateful development for the history of anti-Semitism’. This is difficult ground for us as Christians because the Bible is sacred soil, but I believe it is possible to be open to Scripture’s cultural and contextual flaws while, at the same time, drawing from it the spiritual nourishment it offers.

With an open heart, then, what do we hear in the story of the anointing of Jesus in the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary? The story begins with the words, ‘Six days before the Passover’. Six days is suggestive of the six days of creation. It was on the sixth day that God created humanity. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God will recreate humanity: in Jesus, humanity is born again.

The story is set in Bethany. ‘Bethany’ means the home of the broken, of the afflicted. It brings to mind the Parable of the Wedding Feast when the poor, the lame, the crippled and the blind are invited to the table. In the home of Martha and Mary, a dinner, a feast, is served and



*Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde (1854 - 1900)
Photograph taken in 1882 by Napoleon Sarony*

Lazarus is at the table with them. The very mention of Lazarus places resurrection at the centre of the story. Before anything is said, before anything is done, we know this is a narrative about the reign of God, the values at the heart of the kingdom of God. It is a story about spiritual birth. For me, we not only have to understand the significance of what is being said, we have to feel it, live it: let

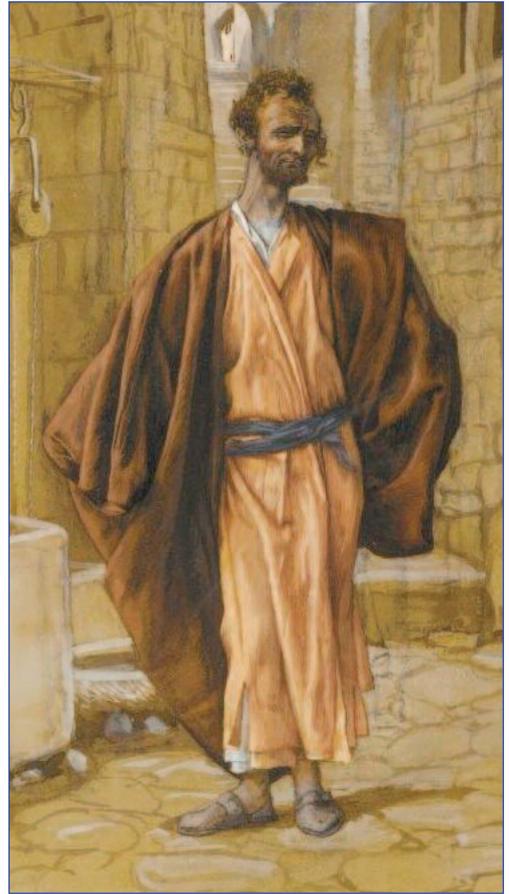
God's recreation and resurrection be born in you. Sit in the room and soak up the atmosphere.

The costly perfume that is used to anoint the feet of Jesus fills the whole house with its fragrance. The scene oozes abundance, extravagance and richness; it is a vision, an experience, of heaven. It reminds me also of the abundance seen in the story at the beginning of John's Gospel when water is turned into hundreds of gallons of the finest wine. Surely, these are images, metaphors, to express the illimitable, endless love of the Eternal. The perfume of the pure nard banishes the stench of death from the tomb of Lazarus. Believing in Jesus overcomes death; it lets us taste eternal life in this life, today.

In defending Mary, a female disciple, Jesus said, 'You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me'. These words seem to jar with what we know about Jesus but context is important. In the Jewish tradition, it was believed that care of the dead was to be praised above care of the poor. In other words, at the heart of this story, we are reminded of the death of Jesus. Yet even as death is mentioned, the fragrance of resurrection is more powerful.

St Paul spoke of knowing Christ as his Lord. He said to be in Christ was everything, everything else; every merit, status, everything he possessed in the world, counted as nothing. The apostle said, 'I want to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection'. This is spiritual rebirth. Christ is all-consuming.

Recently, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams was asked, 'Who is Jesus for you?' With only a



Judas Iscariote on display at the Brooklyn Museum by James Tissot (1836-1902)

fleeting pause, he replied:

The ground of all my hope; the definition of what I long and pray to grow into, in terms of obedience and intimacy with God the Father; the One who holds together a human race that is always trying to tear itself apart, who gives the breath of His Spirit so that we share life, not fight over it; One whose death and resurrection are the centre point of all human history.

Amen.

SESSION MATTERS

Kirk Session Met on 26 March 2019 when the following were discussed:

Attestation of the safeguarding register The Safeguarding Congregational Register was duly circulated and attested.

Approval of annual trustees' report and accounts 2018 The Treasurer thanked Martin Little and Senga Andrews for their assistance in preparing the Accounts, and William Mearns for compiling and printing the Report and Accounts. The Treasurer directed attention to the back page of the shortened version containing a summary of the financial position for the year ended 31 December 2018. That showed that the income was slightly higher than expected and the expenditure slightly lower than expected. This was due, in part, to increased rental income for the base tower and salary expenditure being a bit lower than budgeted. There was also an unexpected and significant rebate on the water rates (included within the heading of 'utilities'). On the other hand, the maintenance figure was rather higher than in the budget because around £10,000 was spent on refurbishment of the Bill McDonald Hall in readiness for its re-dedication during 2018.

The Treasurer then presented the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

2018; stating that they had been approved by the Independent Examiner. There was nothing of substance to report to the meeting in that regard. The Business Committee had examined the Annual Report and Accounts and the Treasurer was happy to recommend to Session that they be approved.

The Moderator asked if Trustees were happy to approve the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 and they unanimously approved them.

The Moderator thanked the Treasurer for the huge amount of work which he had done to compile the Accounts and also thanked all of those who were involved in the preparation of the Report and Accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner It was agreed that, subject to her agreement, Anne Dobson of Greenbank Accountants be appointed Independent Examiner for the Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019.

The meeting was then followed by the Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation where the Report and Accounts were received by the Congregation all in accordance with Church law.

The Web & The Word

A selection of sermons in audio and text, preached by Scott, can be found on the web at: mayfieldsalisbury.org



Divine comedy

Christians are not known for their sense of humour. We are often viewed as judgemental killjoys; party poopers rather than the life of the party.

This, despite the efforts of comedians such as Harry Secombe, Adrian Plass, Tim Vine, Milton Jones and Paul Kerensa.

It's a shame! We are called to be Jesus to people, and I believe that the Son of God was the very opposite of a dour and humourless son of man. Instead, I imagine that He was fun to be with, charismatic and full of joy. God created us in His image, so it stands to reason that, if we have a sense of humour, God must have one too.

Don't believe me? Try watching a nature documentary with a straight face; proboscis monkeys with their long pink noses, penguins waddling along an ice

shelf, birds of paradise performing their comical mating dances. Goodness gracious, just look at the duck-billed platypus!

Laughter is a gift from God. It brings joy to the heart (Proverbs 17:22) and is proven to have health benefits.

A tense situation can often be softened through the use of humour. Being able to laugh at ourselves keeps us humble. Not all jokes are funny and not everything funny is good — there's a big difference between laughing with people and laughing at them. But, as children of God, we should be known for our commitment to good humour, laughter and the spreading of joy. I referred earlier to Jesus' use of humour. You may not have noticed it, and I certainly hadn't until recently. I was raised to read the Gospels with reverence but, in doing so, I missed some of their lightness.

Unfortunately, the translated words we read have lost some of the nuance and light-heartedness that appear in the original language. However, when Jesus spoke to people in first century Judea and Jerusalem, he used puns, wit, irony, hyperbole and a variety of humorous effects. Take the comic image created by Jesus of a man with a plank in his eye trying to remove a speck of dust from somebody else's (Luke 6:42).

Admire the wordplay involved in Jesus' comments about straining out a gnat ('galma' in Aramaic) while swallowing a camel ('gamla') in Matthew 23:24.

Enjoy the exaggeration Jesus employed when telling the story of a servant in Matthew 18:23-34 who owed his master 10,000 talents (about 200,000 years' worth of wages for a day labourer); a truly vast sum!

Appreciate the tongue-in-cheek pun Jesus used to provide Peter with the nickname 'rock'. (Although the impetuous Peter was hardly like the highly focused wrestler turned actor Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, the Greek word for Peter meant 'rock'.)

Even the Pharisees were stumped when they heard Jesus' reply to their question about whose authority He was under (Luke 20:1-8). You can almost hear the laughter from the crowd listening to His clever response.

Okay, so Jesus wasn't dropping one-liners and puns in every sermon. He hadn't been trained to start each talk with a humorous anecdote to warm up the crowd. Yet there's no denying that Jesus knew how to use subtle, funny and yet probing humour to engage with people.

An MAF pilot recently recalled how he had been taught to treat flying as a serious business. Quite right too! Attention to detail, single-mindedness and focus are key requirements for our staff.

However, in focusing so intently on this, he had neglected the counsel he'd been given to connect with the people in the communities he served. One day, he landed on a jungle airstrip in Ecuador and decided to tell some jokes. But he soon realised that what is funny in the USA doesn't work well in the Amazon jungle. Here, in his own words, is what happened next:

'While weighing cargo bundles to load, I grasped a two-pound package.

'Instead of lifting it, I pretended to strain, shake and groan as if it was stuck to the ground. Finally, panting, I let go and declared it too heavy for me. "I need help!" I said. 'I surveyed the crowd and asked a kid to load it for me. When the child lifted the parcel, I picked him up and carried both to the plane. After he placed it inside, I set him down, saying, "I couldn't have done it without you!"

'The kids whooped. The adults guffawed. In their eyes, I suddenly morphed from sky wizard to human being. As I tried variations at other villages, my prayer became that the open door crack they could now peer through would reveal Christ's light shimmering on the other side.'As we pray, let's do so joyfully!

Let's be known as 'funny Christians' for the right reasons. Let's spread the joy of the Lord wherever we are and with everyone we meet.

NEWS

INCHCOLM PILGRIMAGE

David Booth

booth378@btinternet.com

On Thursday 1 August there will be a pilgrimage to Inchcolm - a great family event for the summer holidays, including a sail on Maid of the Forth; after the service in the Abbey we have a picnic lunch. Put it in your diary!

MAYFIELD RADIO

Dilys & John



Please note that no audio cassette tapes of the Sunday morning service will be available from Sunday 28 April to 2 June inclusive.

FLOWERS

Jane Main

0131 667 1711

Christyne Patterson

0131 662 4506



During March and April the flowers were donated by Kristin Tulloch, Aileen Nimmo, Christina Somerville and Eileen Watson. They were arranged by Aileen Nimmo, Christina Somerville and Jane Main. Sincere thanks to the small band of faithful flower arrangers and distributors who step up regularly but, on a few occasions the flowers have to be supplied by a florist. Any new recruits to the arranging or distribution teams would find a very warm welcome.

Chrisitan Aid Book Sale



Anne Sturrock

You will recognise many helpers from Mayfield Salisbury at the mega BOOK SALE for Christian Aid at St Andrew's and St George's West Church, 13 George St, on Saturday 11 May & Monday 13 to Friday 17 May.

Many thousands of quality second-hand books of every kind, with special paintings, collectables, toys, printed ephemera, special linen, sheet music, stamps and postcards, records/DVDs/CDs - and much else! To be seen to be believed.

FIVE MINUTES' PEACE



0793 173 0805

a.macgilchrist@gmail.com

Alastair MacGilchrist

Escape from the hustle and bustle of life to enjoy the peace and beauty of the sanctuary at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church.

The sanctuary at Mayfield Salisbury Church is open as a place for peaceful meditation, without a church service, anytime on Tuesdays from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.30am.

We invite people of all faiths and none to come and enjoy five minutes' peace.

Everyone is always most welcome at our next Afternoon Service on Tuesday 14 May, 2.30pm to 3.45pm - during **Christian Aid Week**

Our mid-week services are especially appreciated by the less mobile in our parish community. Assistance is given on arriving and leaving and we all remain seated at our tea tables throughout the afternoon with tea and fellowship following the service.

If you haven't joined us in the past and would appreciate further information or if you require extra assistance to be able to attend please contact Pastoral Assistant Kay McIntosh, your own Pastoral Visitor (PV) or Anne Sturrock, early in March.

The next afternoon service is on Tuesday 9 July.

We are looking to recruit leaders for our Cub Scout Pack. Cub scouts are aged 8-11 years and the Pack meets on a Wednesday evening.

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community. Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can be a valued member of our team.

Please contact Alan Dickson if you are interested or want to learn more.

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 or Scott.

SAVE THE DATE

An afternoon of book readings, poetry and storytelling for adults, teens and children. A chance to buy a once-loved book and refreshments in aid of CrossReach Perinatal services. Tickets available soon. Offers of help with home baking etc gratefully received (please speak to Ailsa Garland or Barbara Mole or any member of the CrossReach committee).

AFTERNOON SERVICE



Bill McDonald Hall
via West Mayfield level access

Anne Sturrock



Alan Dickson
alanjdickson@live.co.uk

Headquarters:
Mayfield Salisbury Church
Scottish Charity Number: SC006141

Morning Prayers



CrossReach Fundraising Event

Saturday 1 June
2.30pm to 4.30pm
Ailsa Garland

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

From the Church of Scotland website

The General Assembly is a significant annual event in the Church of Scotland calendar. Throughout the week, commissioners to the General Assembly examine its work and laws and make decisions that affect the future of the Church.



People enjoy watching the proceedings for the passionate debates, special guests, festivities and large-scale worship.

The Assembly does not shy away from discussing the big political topics of the day. In recent years the Assembly has received national and international attention for debating Brexit, same-sex relationships, the war in Syria, and fossil fuel divestment.

The 2019 General Assembly will be held in the General Assembly Hall on the Mound in Edinburgh. It opens on Saturday 18 May and closes on Friday 24 May.

The public gallery will be open for members of the public who wish to watch the Assembly.

Moderator of the General Assembly 2019 Revd Colin Sinclair. A Stirling University economics graduate who spent three years living out of a car in Zambia has been chosen to be Moderator of the Church of Scotland's General Assembly for 2019.

Rev Colin Sinclair, who is the minister for Palmerston Place Church in Edinburgh, will take on the year-long role of ambassador for the Church of Scotland in May 2019 at the General Assembly, succeeding the 2018-19 Moderator Rt Revd Susan Brown.

Lord High Commissioner

The Queen has re-appointed the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry as the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly in 2019.

Get involved

Heart and Soul is a public celebration held in Princes Street Gardens to celebrate the life and work of the Church. Join us on 19 May 2019.

Fringe events Events hosted by Church departments and other organisations, to complement the main business of the Assembly, informing, entertaining and educating.

More information at the Church of Scotland website: www.churchofscotland.org.uk



I want to recommend the website of the Jesuit Media Initiatives. It is an excellent website to aid personal prayer. It gives guidance on preparing to pray, an eight minute review of the day and prayers for each day. The format usually involves a short meditation with spoken word, silence and music. The website also has information on retreats and Ignatian spirituality.

From the website:

Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc.

A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer.

Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes,

it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Our aim is to help you to:

- become more aware of God's presence in your life*
- listen to and reflect on God's word*
- grow in your relationship with God*

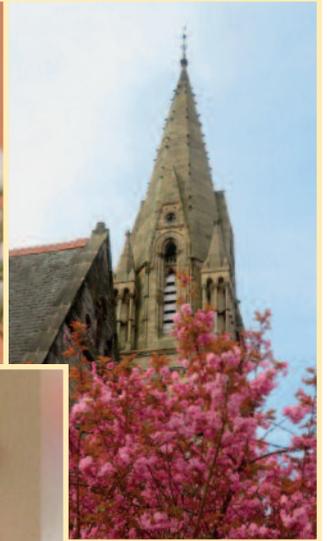
The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality. It is produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, with material written by a number of Jesuits, both in Britain and further afield, and other experts in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Although the content is different every day, it keeps to the same basic format.

We also have a number of prayer tools, retreats and resources to help supplement your prayer life.

Why not visit www.pray-as-you-go.org

Scott S. McKenna

Easter Sunday



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

We are aiming to save 100 paper copies; that's 2,400 pages! Please help us by offering to receive your copy of *Grapevine* electronically.

All you have to do is send your email address to the Church Manager, William Mearns at churchmanager@googlemail.com As soon as a new issue of *Grapevine* is ready (and before hard copies are even printed!), you will receive a blind copy email with a *Grapevine* attached in PDF format.



MAYFIELD MILERS UPCOMING WALKS

May

Thu 9 Clintmains to St Boswells (via Mertoun) 4mls Laura Ross 01835 822 941
9.10am Cameron Toll for Borders Bus number 52 to Kelso

Tues 14 Walk through Bluebell Woods, Dalkeith 4mls Christine Anderson 662 4042
10.00am at Church

Wed 15 **7.30pm Planning Meeting – Church House. If anyone has ideas for walks but is unable to be present, please send suggestions to Jenny McCallum 667 2888 or to Bob McNie 667 9391**

Mon 20 Abbey St Bathams Circular 6mls Jenny McCallum 667 2888
10.00am at church. Car Travel, please offer drivers £1.50 per 10mls outward

June

Sat 1 There is a choice of two walks. Both walks meet at Waterloo Place at 9.30 for X7 East Coast Bus to East Linton

1) Ascent of Traprain Law ascent c.700ft 7mls Susan Wooding 667 2754

2) Hailes Castle Circular 4mls BobMcNie 667 9391

Mon 10 Liberton Park to Liberton Dam 3mls Morley Sewell 672 2077
Meet at Church at 10.00am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

- Sun 5 9.30am All-Age Worship: Agape (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Third Sunday of Easter (SSM)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (SSM)
- Tues 7 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 12 9.30am All-Age Worship (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Christian Aid Sunday
7.00pm Evening Service (Kay McIntosh DCS)
- Tues 14 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
2.30pm Afternoon Service (KM)
- Sun 19 9.30am All-Age Worship (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Fifth Sunday of Easter (SSM)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (SSM)
- Tues 21 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 26 9.30am All-Age Worship (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Sixth Sunday of Easter (SSM)
7.00pm Youth Worship(HL)
- Tues 28 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary

JUNE

- Sun 2 9.30am All-Age Worship (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Ascension Sunday (SSM)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (SSM)
- Tues 4 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 9 9.30am All-Age Worship (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Pentecost (SSM)
7.00pm Evening Service (Kay McIntosh DCS)
- Tues 11 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 16 9.30am All-Age Worship (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: Trinity Sunday (SSM)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (SSM)
- Tues 18 9.30am Prayers in the sanctuary
- Sun 23 9.30am All-Age Worship: Variety Sunday (SSM)
10.45am Traditional Worship: First Sunday after Trinity (SSM)
7.00pm Communion round the Table (SSM)

Tues 25	9.30am	Prayers in the sanctuary
Sun 30	9.30am	All-Age Worship (SSM)
	10.45am	Traditional Worship: Second Sunday after Trinity (SSM)
	7.00pm	Youth Worship (HL)

JULY

Sun 7	10.00am	Morning Worship (Very Revd Dr Gilleasbuig Macmillan)
	7.00pm	Evening Service (tbc)

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths

Elizabeth Wood
Dugald Gardner

Departures

John and Fiona Sturrock

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

MAY

May 6 II Samuel 1,2 / Psalm 50
 May 7 II Samuel 3-5 / I Corinthians 3
 May 8 II Samuel 6,7 / I Corinthians 4
 May 9 II Samuel 8-10 / I Corinthians 5
 May 10 II Samuel 11,12 / Psalm 5
 May 11 II Samuel 13,14 / I Corinthians 6
 May 12 II Samuel 15,16 / I Corinthians 7
 May 13 II Samuel 17,18 / Psalms 52-54
 May 14 II Samuel 19,20 / I Corinthians 8
 May 15 II Samuel 21,22 / I Corinthians 9
 May 16 II Samuel 23,24 / I Corinthians 10
 May 17 I Kings 1,2 / Psalm 55
 May 18 I Kings 3-5 / I Corinthians 11
 May 19 I Kings 6,7 / I Corinthians 12
 May 20 I Kings 8,9 / Psalms 56,57
 May 21 I Kings 10,11 / I Corinthians 13
 May 22 I Kings 12,13 / I Corinthians 14
 May 23 I Kings 14,15 / I Corinthians 15
 May 24 I Kings 16,17 / Psalms 58,59
 May 25 I Kings 18,19 / I Corinthians 16
 May 26 I Kings 20,21 / II Corinthians 1
 May 27 I Kings 22 / Psalms 60,61
 May 28 II Kings 1-3 / II Corinthians 2
 May 29 II Kings 4,5 / II Corinthians 3
 May 30 II Kings 6,7 / II Corinthians 4
 May 31 II Kings 8,9 / Psalms 62,63

JUNE

June 1 II Kings 10-12 / II Corinthians 5
 June 2 II Kings 13,14 / II Corinthians 6
 June 3 II Kings 15,16 / Psalms 64,65
 June 4 II Kings 17,18 / II Corinthians 7

June 5 II Kings 19,20 / II Corinthians 8
 June 6 II Kings 21,22 / II Corinthians 9
 June 7 II Kings 23-25 / Psalms 66,67
 June 8 I Chronicles 1-3 / II Corinthians 10
 June 9 I Chronicles 4-6 / II Corinthians 11
 June 10 I Chronicles 7-10 / Psalm 68
 June 11 I Chronicles 11-14 / II Corinthians 12
 June 12 I Chronicles 15,16 / II Corinthians 13
 June 13 I Chronicles 17,18 / Galatians 1
 June 14 I Chronicles 19-21 / Psalm 69
 June 15 I Chronicles 22,23 / Galatians 2
 June 16 I Chronicles 24-27 / Galatians 3
 June 17 I Chronicles 28,29 / Psalms 70,71
 June 18 II Chronicles 1,2 / Galatians 4
 June 19 II Chronicles 3-5 / Galatians 5
 June 20 II Chronicles 6,7 / Galatians 6
 June 21 II Chronicles 8,9 / Psalm 72
 June 22 II Chronicles 10-12 / Ephesians 1
 June 23 II Chronicles 13-15 / Ephesians 2
 June 24 II Chronicles 16,17 / Psalm 73
 June 25 II Chronicles 18-20 / Ephesians 3
 June 26 II Chronicles 21-23 / Ephesians 4
 June 27 II Chronicles 24,25 / Ephesians 5
 June 28 II Chronicles 26-28 / Psalm 74
 June 29 II Chronicles 29,30 / Ephesians 6
 June 30 II Chronicles 31,32 / Luke 1: 1-38

JULY

July 1 II Chronicles 33,34 / Psalms 75,76
 July 2 II Chronicles 35,36 / Luke 1: 39-80
 July 3 Ezra 1,2 / Luke 2
 July 4 Ezra 3,4 / Luke 3
 July 5 Ezra 5,6 / Psalm 77
 July 6 Ezra 7,8 / Luke 4

WHO'S WHO IN MAYFIELD SALISBURY

Mayfield Salisbury Parish (Edinburgh) Church of
Scotland Scottish Charity Number SC000785

Minister

Revd Dr Scott S McKenna scottsmckenna@aol.com 0131 667 1286

Pastoral Assistant

Kay McIntosh DCS kay@backedge.co.uk 0790 326 6307

Youth Worker

Hillary Leslie Hillary.MayfieldYouth@gmail.com 0745 372 2224

Church Manager

William Mearns churchmanager@googlemail.com 0131 667 1522

Organist

Kate Pearson kate.q.kate@gmail.com 0744 238 2296

Session Clerk

Charles Garland charles.edin@gmail.com 0131 668 4296

Treasurer

John Graham culkein@btinternet.com 0131 667 6331

Gift Aid Donations & Roll Keeper

Hugh Somerville hs.somerville2@gmail.com 0131 466 2446

Church Office

18 West Mayfield,
Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ
0131 667 1522 or
churchmanager@googlemail.com

Pastoral Care

For Home or Hospital visits,
please contact the Minister, Revd
Dr Scott McKenna, on 0131 667
1286 or scottsmckenna@aol.com

Mayfield Radio

mayfieldradiounit@gmail.com
0131 667 7742

Grapevine Submissions

William Mearns 0131 667 1522
churchmanager@googlemail.com

Print Run Web

Grapevine Distribution

Kirstine Baxter 0754 991 3813
churchmanager@googlemail.com

Staff Days Off

Minister: Monday (generally)
Pastoral Assistant: Friday and Saturday
Youth Worker: Friday and Saturday
Manager: Monday PM & Friday

Social Media



www.facebook.com/MayfieldSalisbury



www.youtube.com/user/MayfieldSalisbChurch



www.flickr.com/photos/98063709@N06/



@ScottSMcKenna



www.mayfieldsalisbury.org



Copy date for next issue: 7.00pm on Friday 21 June 2019