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FROM THE MANSE

Dear friends,

As someone with a keen interest in the 'golden age' of polar exploration, today (9 March 2022) is an extraordinary day. The news has been announced that a team of navigators, scientists, historians and crew aboard the discovery vessel 'Aguilhas II' has identified 'Endurance' at a depth of around three kilometres in the waters of the Weddell Sea, north of the Antarctic continent. The video of the ship underwater reveals that it has been 'frozen in time', remarkably preserved from the day that it sank around 107 years ago. 'Endurance' was the lead ship of the 1914 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by the charismatic Ernest Shackleton. Held fast by pack ice before the expedition reached the mainland of Antarctica, the destruction of the ship in the ice initiated an epic and gruelling journey of survival for the 28 men then abandoned to their fate without means of rescue. Their journey first involved being camped on ice floes; then in the open sea in two lifeboats to reach the grim, uninhabited Elephant Island; and then for six of the men to sail in those boats across the towering waves of the South Atlantic, only to be forced when they reached land to climb over unmapped mountains and glaciers in South Georgia to the safety of a whaling station; before eventually returning to rescue all of the remaining men. It is the most extraordinary story in recent history of determination, resilience, inspirational leadership and heroism; indeed, of 'endurance'.

What does the discovery of the ship 'Endurance' tell us, beyond the brilliance of the modern day team who have located her? It reminds us of the inspirational leadership of Shackleton – that his achievement in leading the whole party to safety is equally as important and 'successful' as those of Amundsen or Peary



['Endurance' crushed in pack ice, Antarctica, November 1915](#)

in reaching the Poles. It reminds us too of the heights that human beings can reach when they work collaboratively, when each pulls together using his or her gifts for a common goal. That out of disaster can come strength, courage, and hope – that from seeming doom, life might still flourish in all its fulness. And that the human spirit can still burn brightly and triumph, even in the face of great adversity.

I am reminded today by the example of Shackleton and all those on the expedition of two other situations that are very much in the present day. Firstly, the journey of Lent which has just begun, towards the Passion of Christ in Holy Week, the cross on Good Friday, and the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. A journey for Jesus of great pain, struggle and self-sacrifice, ultimately leading though to a place of resurrection, new life and hope for all humankind. That through the darkest of

times, in persecution and suffering, the Easter story also tell us that there is a light in the darkness which will never be extinguished.

And that leads my thoughts, as they are centred for all of us in these days, to the people of Ukraine – invaded and bombarded by deadly weaponry in an outrageous act of terror and barbarism that desecrates the sanctity of human life, without reason or justification. In the suffering of the Ukrainian people, and the response of their neighbours, we have seen also the resilience of the human spirit in the midst of disaster, and glimpses of hope for humanity.



The train station in the small town of Przemysl in Poland, eight miles from the Ukrainian border, is packed with refugees now arriving. The mayor said the other day, "We have had 180,000 refugees in 10 days. If it carries on like this, we'll have had half a million people coming through by the end of the month." In the station, locals hold up signs offering support for onward travel or temporary local accommodation in houses and hostels. You may have seen the poignant photo from the station of a row of empty prams, donated by the population for anyone arriving from Ukraine who has fled with a baby.

The Bible Society reports that many who have taken shelter in the underground stations of the major cities have been sharing the words of Psalm 31 for prayer and support. It begins:

'1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.2 Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.3 Since you are my rock and my

fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.4 Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.5 Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.'

As Jesus said in Matthew 25, the act of welcoming the stranger is an act which is done for Jesus himself. Cathy Ross argues that the church should have open doors of hospitality to all; to be a 'mother with an open heart'. We can only hope and pray that the UK will give as many refugees as possible the place of deliverance, welcome and safety, to be the avenue for their refuge and rescue for as long as it takes, and that we can look to find ways to support that, either practically or financially. We can hope and pray too that the madness of violence and killing will cease soon, and that peace will rest once more on Ukraine. And give thanks to God as well for the strength and courage being shown, for the 'endurance'. It reminds us that ultimately good will triumph over evil, even in the darkest of times, and that within the hope and new life of the Easter story is a promise in which we can trust.

God bless,

Sandy

PASTORAL CARE

Love (III) by George Herbert

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eye'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here';
Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.



Our pastoral care team visit many people for many different reasons. It is always a relationship of two people. Most believe that it is a worthwhile and uplifting relationship to experience. Someone to journey with over the weeks and months.

If you would now like to receive a visitor or have regular telephone calls, please contact Kay for more information.

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Blessings *Kay*

PRESBYTERY CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE

The Church of Scotland – indeed most churches – have been tested in recent years with the challenges of reducing congregations and resources. This has required thought on the part of church leaders and at the General Assembly. The Presbytery of Edinburgh has published a consultation document on how the geographical presence of the Church of Scotland might be reconfigured in Edinburgh.

Many of you by now may have picked up that by 2025 it is proposed that the congregations of Priestfield, Craigmillar Park and Mayfield Salisbury come together in a new union. Similar scales of union are proposed across not just Edinburgh but Scotland as a whole and the suggestions are set out in the papers.

A single document is now available incorporating Part 1 (Vision and Mission) and Part 2 (Structural Changes). The paper is on the church website and from the church office. The message that these proposals are for consultation is welcome.

There will be lots to discuss over the coming year and we will need to tease out what the implications might be. The proposals have to be finalised by the end of 2022 so the clock is already ticking but we do have time to reflect and discuss. So please have a read and reflect.

Contact the church office for more information: 0131 667 1522
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www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/consultation

FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP INTO THE VALLEY

1 KINGS 8:22 - 23, 41 - 43

ST LUKE 9:28 - 36



IMPERIAL FEDERATION: MAP OF THE WORLD SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN 1886.

Map of the British Empire in 1886, the traditional colour for imperial British dominions are marked in pink

When I was young, I was never far away from 'buckling my swash': diving into great adventure stories in books and films that captured the imagination and swept me away to mysterious places on the map where all-action heroes would battle against a wild and unforgiving enemy of so-called savages. And many of them would be set at the height of the British Empire in the late 19th and early 20th Century. King Solomon's Mines, Kipling's *The Man Who Would be King*, John Buchan's *Prester John* and *Richard Hannay* novels, *Sharpe* and *Hornblower*, George MacDonald Fraser's *Flashman*, and films like *the Four Feathers*, *Khartoum* and *Zulu*.

Heroes that were mirrored in the saint-like way that true historical figures of Empire were often portrayed, in life or death, like Scott of the Antarctic, Nelson or David Livingstone. Exemplifying a perceived identity of the meaning and purpose of the British Empire that it was not about conquest, plunder and enrichment, but had a nobler cause of civilisation, honest commerce and Christian values. That this was 'exceptional'. Different from the slaughter of Incas and Aztecs by Spanish conquistadores in South America or the destruction of the Roman legions sweeping across Europe; this was of benefit to the world, and God was on its side. This had pluck and character and honour.



It's only in the last few decades that the legacy of Empire on the identity of the British nation has been re-evaluated in the cold light of day. The legacy of slavery, for example, in the funding of many of our institutions, the naming of our streets, the statues of those who were once lauded as great men.

And a re-evaluation of history casts a colder light on claims of exceptionalism. Whilst glimpses of a positive legacy of Empire do appear (in infrastructure, democracy and the rule of law, in the dedicated service of many who partnered with new nations in skills and talents after WWII). In some ways at its height in the late 19th century the Empire was just as bloody, exploitative and damaging in global terms as any other. Not only through invasion and conquest, but, for example, the subjugation of native people in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, or the taking of valued indigenous artifacts.

Invasion, aggression, occupation, destruction, is, of course, as old as the hills in human history. And 'exceptionalism', that we are superior and God is on our side,

justifying invasion into our 'promised land', war, killing, occupation, exploitation of other peoples is never far away from it, especially if faith is allied to the state and you interpret, or more likely misinterpret, the Scriptures in certain ways. The Exodus narrative to the Promised Land abused by the Great Trek of the Boers and later by the Dutch Reformed Church in apartheid South Africa. The southern states of the USA in the years of slavery, the civil war and beyond. The modern-day nation of Israel and its relationship to the Palestinians. It says, God has given us, by divine right to our people alone, this land over and above these other people, and let no-one take it away.

And now in Ukraine, as an Eastern empire looks to regain what it considers was theirs by right and was lost with the fall of the Iron Curtain. Ukraine and Russia are divided by a common history, both religiously and politically. They both trace their ancestry to the medieval kingdom of Kievan Rus, whose 10th century Prince Vladimir rejected paganism, was baptized in Crimea and adopted Orthodoxy as the official religion. In 2014, Putin cited that history in



justifying his seizure of Crimea, a land he called “sacred” to Russia. Now whilst the breakaway Ukranian Orthodox Church wholeheartedly condemns the invasion and prays for its end, the Russian Orthodox Church looks to the day when its neighbour will be brought back into the fold. Once more, the exceptionalism of an empire nation, seemingly justified by God through the church, is within what is unfolding daily before us and the eyes of the world.

But this is not Scriptural and this is not the Christian God!! Particularly not in the dazzling bright light of revealed identity and meaning of Jesus Christ in the New Testament that we read of today in the Transfiguration, but also in the glimpses in the Old Testament in passages such as 1 Kings 8, which throw open the window of the global scope of God's love, saving grace and care; which breaks down barriers and divisions between peoples, and call for an end to war between tribes and nations.

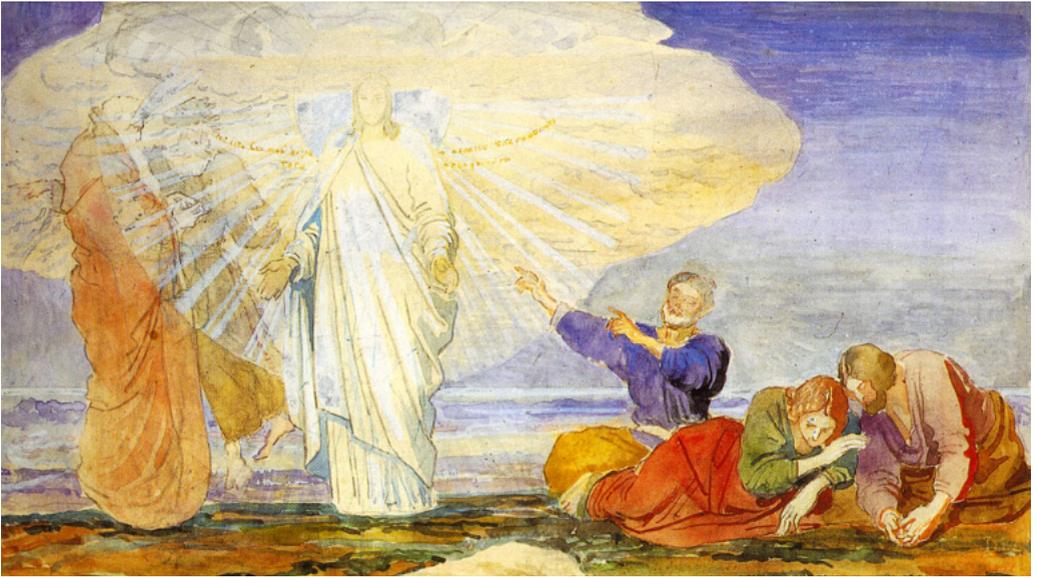
Yes, in the Old Testament there is undoubtedly the dark underbelly of violence against other nations which is said to be divinely sanctioned – for example, in Exodus the killing of the chasing Egyptian soldiers at the Red Sea crossing; in Joshua 3 a promise from God to the people of Israel to drive out other nations from their land. But then we read of the call of God to Abraham and Sarah to be a blessing to all

of the families of the earth; the repeated calls to show hospitality to the stranger, and the visions of the prophets of all nations streaming to God's holy mountain.

A passage like 1 Kings 8 also calls into question the appropriation of claimed divine authority for violence from nation towards nation. For in the passage, King Solomon expects in his prayer that foreigners from beyond Israel will come before God, for this is a God that neither the temple in Jerusalem, the city itself, or the territory of Judah can contain. Foreigners from other nations will pray to God knowing that God will answer them too, and so, verse 43, ‘all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel.’

The whole of Scripture is a developing drama of how people are shaped by moments of revelation of the identity of who God is, and as a result of their own identity as God's people. In God's eyes, the ‘other’ is not to be vilified as the bogeyman, the subhuman. As Paul tells us, there is one body in Christ of many parts. And it is in Jesus Christ that we have the ultimate revelation of who God is – the King of Kings and Prince of Peace. Just as there are transitions in the Old Testament for the people of Israel, in moments of revelation of God's self, flashes of brilliant light that reveal God's love as ignoring borders and national divides, so the dazzling revelation of Christ's fullest identity at the transfiguration on top of Mount Tabor is a sudden moment of transition and a glimpse of what is possible for all humanity.

His identity is confirmed and proclaimed in God's words – ‘this is my Son, my chosen one – listen to him.’ In the presence of Moses, he is linked to the history and tradition of the people. In the presence of the prophet Elijah, he is linked to the end times and the fullest flourishing of God's kingdom on earth. Verse 31, Christ, Moses and Elijah were speaking of his departure which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.



Transfiguration of Jesus by Russian artist Alexandr Ivanov, 1824

This vision is seen by Peter, James and John on the mountaintop. And Jesus is changed forever not in who he is or what he does, but in how he is also seen – how his identity has been revealed. And that transition and identity is indelibly linked to coming down from the mountaintop into the shadows and darkness of the valley, and journeying towards his destiny on the cross in Jerusalem, that journey which we too have begun in Lent.

The transfiguration stands as a transitional point. The transition from that ecstatic moment, the incredible scene on top of Mount Tabor, back down the mountain and onwards into the season of Lent, where the slow and inevitable path leads to Jerusalem.

Down then for us too from the mountaintop into the shadows of the valleys, the shadows of war, the shadows of terror, the shadows of pandemic, the shadows of personal pain and loss. From the mountaintop to valleys but then to Jerusalem, the cross and the empty tomb, to places of resurrection, peace, hope and new life for all humanity. Lent draws us to the invitation to become part of the

discipleship story from the mountain to the tomb, living by faith, trusting the one who promises, stepping out on the Jerusalem road.

And it is a journey which ends in a vision of glory, that will transfigure not only the person of Jesus in dazzling light, but carries the potential that God is at work transfiguring in light a world and all its people mired, then and now, in violence and in death.

That is the vision of God through Jesus Christ, revealed then and now. In and through the whole of this world, no one nation before the other, no one group elected to divine preference and superiority beyond the other, no sacred right to land or power – no preference, no exceptionalism. United and truly internationalist and co-operative. In that God we trust in these dark days for Ukraine and the world, acknowledging the shadowy corners of our own past, and praying for peace and reconciliation amongst all people, both with God and each other. Pray that the violence will cease and the killing will end in Ukraine, and that God will not be invoked in its name. Amen.



Response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine

Patrick Watt, interim chief executive, writes:

Ukraine is witnessing a terrible humanitarian tragedy. After an eight-year war, thousands of lives have been lost and hundreds of thousands have been displaced. All-out war is putting many more at risk.

'Our message is simple: immediately agree a ceasefire and unequivocally commit to protect civilians and key services. All parties must abide by international humanitarian law.'

'The UK Government must also stand ready to support humanitarian efforts, including welcoming vulnerable people. Christian Aid has called for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine, and urged the UK Government to support humanitarian efforts and welcome vulnerable people fleeing the conflict.'

Faced with such an appalling situation, what can we as individuals do? As always, Christian Aid urges us to 'Give, act and pray'.

Give: As conflict intensifies, more than two million people have fled their homes, leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones, they need shelter, food and water.

Christian Aid is working with partner organisations in the ACT Alliance (a global faith-based coalition), to offer assistance to Ukraine refugees fleeing deadly violence. So far, one of their ACT partners has already distributed 28 tonnes of food supplies and other lifesaving essentials to people on the Ukrainian borders. With your help, they can do much, much more.

Christian Aid is a member of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee), which brings together leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently in response to large-scale disasters. The UK government has promised to match donations to the DEC's Ukraine Appeal up to £20 million. You can reach them at DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee here:

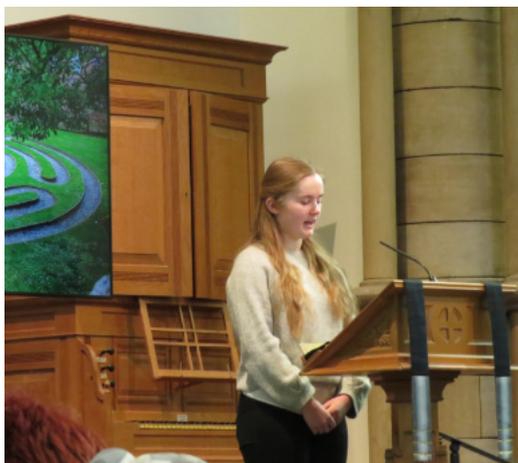
<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> to donate online, by phone or by text. Thank you.

Act: Call on the government to help Ukrainian refugees. You can co-sign a **www.change.org** petition being launched by Together with Refugees member, Freedom from Torture. It calls on the government to provide humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine, and asks for urgent concessions on the Nationality and Borders bill, which is severely detrimental to Ukrainian refugees and others seeking asylum. Sign the petition

A Prayer for Ukraine

*Lord of all people and all nations,
We lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia,
Each girl and boy, each woman and man living in fear
of what tomorrow might bring,
We long for the time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
When weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
When nation will no longer lift up sword against nation,
We cry out to you for peace,
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety,
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones,
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression,
Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace,
Please Lord come and have your way in your world,
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven,
May your peace reign. Now and always,
We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do more than we
can ever ask or imagine,
In the name of Christ our saviour, Amen*

YOUTH UPDATE



Youth Activities have been off to a great start in 2022, and we are excited about all that is on the horizon this year!

In January at Youth Group, we had a board game night, a discussion night about New Year Resolutions and God's plans, and watched Disney's *Encanto* together! In February we have had two more discussion nights: Community and Core Values, and a LGBTQ+ Community & Christianity question time, as well as a sport night. We have had some thought-provoking conversations and have been enjoying spending time together in person in the youth room. We've also been grateful to see the return of our in-person Youth Worship services, which take place on the last Sunday evening of each month in the Bill McDonald Hall. People of all ages are invited to join our young people at this service!

On Sunday 27 February we held our first Youth-led joint morning service, with young people participating in leading the music, readings and prayers. It was wonderful to have the entire church community joined together for worship in the morning! Following the service, we had a Pancake Youth Fundraiser in the halls, with all proceeds going toward the Youth Weekend Away. This was one of our first intergenerational fellowship events that we have been able to hold since March 2020, so all in attendance were thrilled to see the

community together again sharing in conversation and food in this way. We raised £490 at the event! Many thanks again to all the youth, adult and parent volunteers who made this morning possible by offering their many talents and gifts. Thank you also for the very generous donations from all of those in our church community!

We are looking forward to doing a few crafts in our Sunday School groups to decorate the sanctuary during the Easter season, and we will have a joint all ages Sunday School group in the morning on Easter Sunday, bringing back our beloved chocolate egg hunt in the garden. Watch this space, as we are also renaming 'Sunday School' and look forward to implementing the new name on Easter Sunday!

The Youth Weekend Away for P6-S6 youth will be taking place from 3-5 June 2022 at Whitaugh Park, a Rock UK Centre located in Newcastleton. It will be a fun weekend of community fellowship and outdoor activities! There are still spaces available at £125 per youth (scholarships available). The deadline for registering is 15 March. Flyers and registration forms are available!

Meanwhile, we are continuing to have our weekly prayer space on Instagram and offering one-to-one and drop-in café meetings for the S4-S6s.

Hillary Leslie



Lines Written in Early Spring

By William Wordsworth

*I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.*

*To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.*

*Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.*

*The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.*

*The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.*

*If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?*



MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE



Open Door charity, a contribution of £2 is requested at each meeting.

March 9

Dr Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, *Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) 'Loss and Damage due to Climate Change.'*

The Morningside Justice and Peace Group exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large. Meetings were held every Wednesday during the autumn and spring months from 10.30am to 11.30am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road in Edinburgh.

March 16

Dr Jamie Buchan, Lecturer in Criminology, School of Applied Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University. *'Restorative Justice: Another Way of Doing Justice in Scotland?'*

Talks were suspended due to Covid 19. Since February 2021, the talks have been given by Zoom. This will continue until further notice. Please email Barbara Darcy, co-ordinator at b.darcy20@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

March 23

Councillor Lesley Macinnes, Convener, Transport and Environment Committee. 'Edinburgh's City Mobility Plan 2021 – 2030 and the work of the Transport and Environment Committee.'

These meetings are open to all and provide a view on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion. To cover costs and support the

March 30

Terry Levinthal, Director, Cockburn Association. 'Does Edinburgh still deserve World Heritage Status?'

28th BRAID SCOUT TROOP



We completed working on the World Challenge with a talk from one of our Glasgow-based leaders who is an Engineer with Scottish Water. He explained how we obtained our water and how waste water was dealt with. He went on to contrast this with other countries that do not have the benefit of a ready supply of safe water.

The Skills Challenge was started with discussions and activities based on fitness, diet and harmful chemicals found in everyday items. The Scouts now have to work on a fitness and diet programme over the coming weeks. We ended the month with another evening visit to Bonaly Scout Centre and had a series of fun Patrol challenges before a crazy pancake relay race that saw varying degrees of success

in the art of pancake tossing.

Over the next few weeks, we shall be building up to our Sponsored Sleep Out when we aim to raise as much as we can to help Bethany Christian Care who do so much to help homeless people. On the night of 1st April, the Scouts will be constructing shelters out of cardboard boxes and spending the night in them, getting as much shelter as possible from the Church buildings. If you care to donate, the link to our JustGiving page is here:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/28thbraidscouts-sponsoredsleepout

Alan Dickson Scout Leader

Scottish Charity Number SC006141

NEWS

OBERAM- MERGAU 2022



A small group of members from Mayfield Salisbury is travelling to Austria and Oberammergau from 25th May to 1st June for the delayed Passion Play. We are being led by Kay McIntosh and joining with a group from St John's Church in Dalkeith. The trip includes five nights at the Austrian resort of Strobl on the Wolfgangsee, followed by two nights in Oberammergau. McCabe Pilgrimages are now expecting this event to happen.

THERE ARE ONLY FOUR DOUBLE ROOMS LEFT!

If you are interested in joining us, do please get in touch with me and I will deliver a brochure and booking form to you. The cost is £1855 per person sharing and a deposit of £600 is required to secure your place.

Hilary Watkinson
07855 500 635

This promises to be a once in a lifetime experience and we do hope that you will feel able to join us.

PASTORAL CARE NEW CONTACT DETAILS

Please note there is a new phone number and email address for Kay McIntosh DCS and Pastoral Care. Please use these from now on.

07587 043 191 or email pastoralassistantms@gmail.com

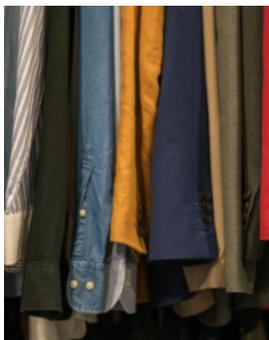
POPPY SCOTLAND APPEAL TOTAL



Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church collection tins raised £123.22 Thank you very much for your continued support.

Sophie McWilliam
Fundraising Assistant - Poppyscotland
www.poppyscotland.org.uk

LENTEN SWISHING



What is this? Swishing is when you change unwanted goods for someone else's. During Lent the Eco Group would like to experiment with this for clothes and accessories. Remember that sale bargain you picked up and will never wear or that Christmas present that is far too small? Well, if you have such an item, bring it along on Sunday mornings during Lent and see if there is anything you might exchange it for. All goods must be scarcely worn and clean and in good condition. If there is something that catches your eye – please help yourself. No cost is involved and all leftovers will be delivered to Bethany after Easter. So in one fell swoop, you get rid of that unwanted item, save a trip to the charity shop, reduce clothes manufacture and help with re-cycling and reducing landfill. What could be better?

ECO GROUP

We can now continue to collect clean, coloured screw-tops from plastic milk bottles. Unfortunately, only tops with a 2 or a 4 in the RIC triangle code are suitable for this recycling project. There is a container for you to drop your contributions off within the West Mayfield entrance area. Many thanks to all – and please spread the word !

SCREW TOPS FROM PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES

Our help is always welcomed at Craigmillar Park church in serving breakfast after the 7.45am service during Holy Week. If you can help with serving and clearing up after, any day between 7.30am and about 9.15am, please contact our coordinator David Booth (0131 667 0582, booth378@btinternet.com)

EASTER WEEK BREAKFAST SERVICES

Thursday Club has returned to the McDonald Hall! The club runs from 2.00pm to 3.30pm each week.

THURSDAY CLUB

Please contact Deirdre Eustace to register a place as we have a maximum of 30 places - 0778 530 1182

Coffee and teas has returned after the services in the Bill McDonald Hall.



COFFEE AND TEA

Single use biodegradable cups will be provide but you are very much encouraged to bring your own cup!

Please note: our safeguarding co-ordinators are Aileen Nimmo and Dougie Robertson. If you have any concerns or questions, they can be contacted on mayfieldsafeguarding@gmail.com or through the Church Office on 0131 667 1522.

SAFEGUARDING

So soon after our March mid-week Holy Communion we remind you that the next short Afternoon Service will be held on **Tuesday 10 May from 2.30pm until around 3.45pm** in the Upper Hall via West Mayfield level access - followed by refreshments and fellowship.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Everyone always made most welcome. If you haven't found the confidence to come back for Sunday services, you might find the intimacy and quietness of this informal worship style a good way to renew friendships and find peace. We all remain seated throughout the afternoon at our tables for 4 – 6 people.

TUESDAY 10 MAY
2.30PM - 3.45PM

If you would appreciate further information please speak with Kay McIntosh, your Pastoral Visitor (PV) or Anne Sturrock.

We will remind you in Sunday Intimations that we will need names of those who intend to be present on this occasion but not until nearer the time.

After May we will meet again in the summer – more information will follow in due course.



COLLECTION



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Hugh Somerville

The majority of Mayfield Salisbury members now support the work of the Church through standing orders, many having revised their method of giving during the period of online services during COVID lockdowns when offerings could not be given through the usual weekly plate collection at Sunday services.

May we again thank all those who have continued to give so generously including members from further afield anxious not to forget their home congregation and those who are now becoming more confident about attending in person. For those who attend and prefer to donate weekly in cash, we invite you to do so at the close of Sunday services, in one of the plates (clearly marked Plate Collection) in either the main vestibule or the halls entrance. There will also be a plate at the Afternoon Services.

Regular and one-off donations, are also possible online through: www.give.net/20311853

If you would like to review or discuss your method of giving please contact our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville, on 0131 466 2446 or hs.somerville2@gmail.com

We do appreciate the generosity of your giving and loyal support of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church.

JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.30AM: ONCE PER MONTH

Following our youth-led service on 27 February, we will be having one joint Sunday service per month until the summer. These will be on the penultimate Sundays of each month - 20 March, 17 April, 15 May and 19 June. The first three will be led by the minister and it will involve music from the Chamber Group. The service in June will be led by our youth worker and young people.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths

Margaret Miller
Robin MacLaine
Morley Sewell



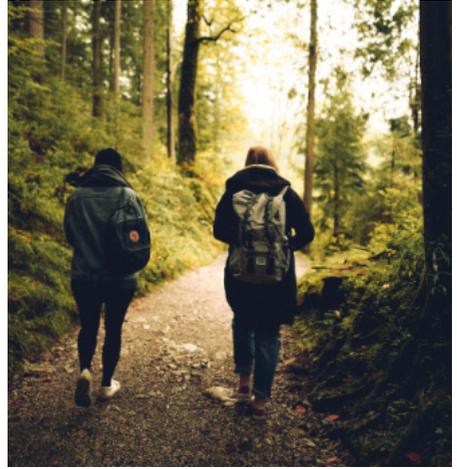
MAYFIELD MILERS

UPCOMING WALKS

If you require further information about these walks please contact Jenny McCallum on 0131 667 2888 or 0742 252 9520 or Jean MacGilchrist 0131 477 6648 or 0771 021 3754.

MARCH

Fri 18 Gorebridge Circular Walk 8mls.
Jean MacGilchrist 0131 477 6648
Travel by car. Lifts can be arranged.



THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

March

1	Numbers	6,7	/	Psalms	26,27
2	Numbers	8,9	/	Acts	16
3	Numbers	10,11	/	Acts	17
4	Numbers	12-14	/	Psalms	28,29
5	Numbers	15,16	/	Acts	18
6	Numbers	17-19	/	Acts	19
7	Numbers	20,21	/	Acts	20
8	Numbers	22,23	/	Psalms	30
9	Numbers	24,25	/	Acts	21
10	Numbers	26,27	/	Acts	22
11	Numbers	28,29	/	Psalms	31
12	Numbers	30,31	/	Acts	23
13	Numbers	32,33	/	Acts	24
14	Numbers	34,35	/	Acts	25
15	Numbers	36	/	Deuteronomy	1 /
	Psalms	32			
16	Deuteronomy	2,3	/	Acts	26
17	Deuteronomy	4,5	/	Acts	27
18	Deuteronomy	6,7	/	Psalms	33
19	Deuteronomy	8,9	/	Acts	28
20	Deuteronomy	10,11	/	Romans	1
21	Deuteronomy	12-14	/	Romans	2
22	Deuteronomy	15,16	/	Psalms	34
23	Deuteronomy	17,18	/	Romans	3
24	Deuteronomy	19,20	/	Romans	4
25	Deuteronomy	21,22	/	Psalms	35
26	Deuteronomy	23,24	/	Romans	5
27	Deuteronomy	25,26	/	Romans	6
28	Deuteronomy	27,28	/	Romans	7
29	Deuteronomy	29,30	/	Psalms	36
30	Deuteronomy	31,32	/	Romans	8
31	Deuteronomy	33,34	/	Romans	9

April

1	Joshua	1-3	/	Psalms	37
2	Joshua	4,5	/	Romans	10

3	Joshua	6,7	/	Romans	11
4	Joshua	8,9	/	Romans	12
5	Joshua	10,11	/	Psalms	38
6	Joshua	12-15	/	Romans	13
7	Joshua	16-19	/	Romans	14
8	Joshua	20-22	/	Psalms	39
9	Joshua	23,24	/	Romans	15
10	Judges	1,2	/	Romans	16
11	Judges	3,4	/	Mark	1
12	Judges	5,6	/	Psalms	40,41
13	Judges	7,8	/	Mark	2
14	Judges	9,10	/	Mark	3
15	Judges	11,12	/	Psalms	42,43
16	Judges	13,14	/	Mark	4
17	Judges	15,16	/	Mark	5
18	Judges	17,18	/	Mark	6
19	Judges	19,20	/	Psalms	44
20	Judges	21	/	Mark	7
21	Ruth	1,2	/	Mark	8
22	Ruth	3,4	/	Psalms	45
23	Samuel	1-3	/	Mark	9
24	Samuel	4-6	/	Mark	10
25	Samuel	7-9	/	Mark	11
26	Samuel	10,11	/	Psalms	46,47
27	Samuel	12,13	/	Mark	12
28	Samuel	14,15	/	Mark	13
29	Samuel	16,17	/	Psalms	48
30	Samuel	18,19	/	Mark	14

May

1	Samuel	20-22	/	Mark	15
2	Samuel	23,24	/	Mark	16
3	Samuel	25,26	/	Psalms	49
4	Samuel	27,28	/	Corinthians	1
5	Samuel	29-31	/	Corinthians	2
6	Samuel	1,2	/	Psalms	50
7	Samuel	3-5	/	Corinthians	3
8	Samuel	6,7	/	Corinthians	4
9	Samuel	8-10	/	Corinthians	5

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Sun 13 Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 7.00pm Evening Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 15 10.00am Morning Prayers

Sun 20 Third Sunday in Lent

- 10.30am Joint Worship Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 22 10.00am Morning Prayers

Sun 27 Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 29 10.00am Morning Prayers

APRIL

Sun 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 5 10.00am Morning Prayers

Sun 10 Palm Sunday

- 9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 7.00pm Evening Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Mon 11 7.45am Morning Service at Craigmillar Park Church Followed by breakfast

Tue 12 7.45am Morning Service at Craigmillar Park Church Followed by breakfast
10.00am Morning Prayers

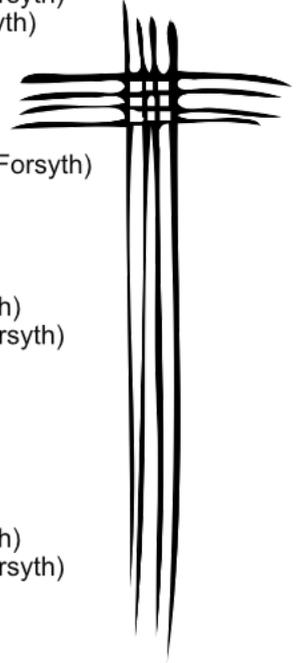
Wed 13 7.45am Morning Service at Craigmillar Park Church Followed by breakfast

Thu 14 7.45am Morning Service at Craigmillar Park Church Followed by breakfast
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Priestfield Church

Fri 15 7.45am Morning Service at Craigmillar Park Church Followed by breakfast
7.30pm Good Friday Tenebrae service at Mayfield Salisbury Church

Sun 17 Easter Sunday (Provisional)

- 6.00am Climb up Blackford Hill for 6.00am sunrise (optional!)
- 8.30am Easter breakfast in Bill MacDonald Hall incorporating informal service at tables
- 10.30am Joint Worship Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)



Tue 19 10.00am Morning Prayers

Sun 24 Second Sunday of Easter

9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 26 10.00am Morning Prayers

MAY

Sun 1 Third Sunday of Easter

9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 3 10.00am Morning Prayers

Thu 5 7pm to 9pm - Edinburgh event of a 'Scottish tour' supported by the Church of Scotland by Jonny Baker, speaking on 'Pioneer Practice'. Tickets Required.

Sat 7 St Andrew's Pilgrimage - Provisional Date. Information to follow.

The 10.45am services will be broadcast live on the church website at:

www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/online

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