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SERVICES



3rd April at 11:15am

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Led by Rev Alex McAspurren

10th April at 11:15am

PALM SUNDAY

led by Rev Dean Batchelor

Thursday 14th April at 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Celebration of Communion followed by a simple supper

17th April at 11:15am

EASTER SUNDAY

led by Rev Alex McAspurren and Rev Dean Batchelor

24th April at 11:15am

SUNDAY WORSHIP

led by Rev Alex McAspurren

LOST TOUCH



Unfortunately, we've lost contact details for Jeff Simpson. Does anyone know? We're also wanting to contact a friend of The Reid - Mrs J M Hargreaves. We believe she may have a St Andrews connection. If anyone can help with these please contact Alasdair afs@trinityfactors.co.uk. 0131 452 8304



DO YOU NEED **A BREAK?**

I wonder how many of us, reading that question, will answer 'yes'. We may

need a break from the busyness of the

daily routine. It may be a break from voluntary roles or paid work. We may need a break from the

noise and dirt of the city. But do we ever feel that we need a break from the world? If, like me, you read the news daily then weariness is something that you will know well. It is not the act of reading that tires, but the seemingly endless stories of war, terrorism, natural disaster, and mankind's inhumanity to each other. It all makes holiday on the moon seem most attractive. If only...

In the midst of all this bad news we need some form of relief; we need some good news. At one time, many years ago, I seem to remember the evening news always ending with a positive story; likewise, the 'normal' television programming also ended with 'Late Call'. The purpose of both was the same; it was to send people off to bed with thoughts of hope and positivity irrespective of what was happening in the world. Perhaps we should campaign to bring them back. In the world of today we also have the option, if you have internet access, of seeking out those rare sites that share only positive news stories.

Yet, in the above we omit the potential of the season in which we now find ourselves. It will soon be Easter, a time of both hope and rejoicing. It is a time of Good News. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus we are reminded of a compassionate God. This is the God, so the Gospels tell us, that wants none to be lost >

> but all to be saved. This is the God who spared no cost to open the doors for our return to Him. This is the God who today continues to keep the way to Him open.

This is a world where we are surrounded by bad news. Strangely, many seem to enjoy it that way. But this is a world that has been touched by Good News too. In the midst of the current crises let us allow ourselves to be touched by this Good News of Christ's resurrection. Let us also share it with the world. Let it brighten the lives of all. Let it transform darkness into light. Let it bring hope.

YOURS IN CHRIST, **ALEX**

WHO CAN BRING HOPE? WE CAN!

Again and again, year after year, Reid Memorial Church has brought hope and practical on-the-ground assistance to many of the world's poorest people, through Christian Aid Week. This year we will return to giving in those familiar envelopes in Orders of Service on 15th and 22nd May, and there will be a page for online donations like in the past two years. Look out for more info by email and in next month's magazine.

DAVID WHITE WORLD CHURCH COMMITTEE



DOOR DUTIES

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

Lesley Beckett, Sheila Capewell
In charge: Ian Beckett

SUNDAY 10th APRIL

Geeta Mackay, Gillian Brown
In charge: Linda Farrer

SUNDAY 17th APRIL

Elizabeth Clark, Joyce Rosie
In charge: Stephen Thomson

SUNDAY 24th APRIL

Douglas Mathieson, Lindsay Wood
In charge: Stevie Douglas

SUNDAY 1st MAY

Alison MacLeod, June Wylie
In charge: Susan Mackay

SUNDAY 8th MAY

Siobhan Gilliland,
Sheena Richardson
In charge: Linda Farrer

THE BEST POSITION IN WHICH TO PRAY

Three theologians at a conference centre sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," said one, and backed up his claim by quoting a number of New Testament texts on humility in Greek.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." He quoted a few texts on praise in Latin.

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." He quoted a few texts on penitence in Hebrew.

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Sorry to interrupt," he said, "but the best praying I ever did was in English, hanging upside down from a telephone pole!"

ALL IN THE MONTH OF **APRIL:**

IT WAS 150 YEARS AGO, on 2nd April 1872 that Samuel Morse died. This American artist and inventor helped develop commercial single-wire telegraph systems and co-developed Morse code.

125 YEARS AGO, on 3rd April 1897 that Johannes Brahms, German composer, piano virtuoso and conductor, died.

100 YEARS AGO, on 3rd April 1922 that Joseph Stalin became leader of the Soviet Union, in succession to Vladimir Lenin.

90 YEARS AGO, on 23rd April 1932 that the Royal Shakespeare Theatre opened in Stratford-upon-Avon, replacing the one that burnt down in 1926.

75 YEARS AGO, on 1st April 1947 that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

65 YEARS AGO, on 24th April 1957 that the first episode of the British astronomy series *The Sky at Night* was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world's longest-running TV series with the same presenter (Patrick Moore) until his death in December 2012. The series then continued with new presenters.

40 YEARS AGO, on 2nd April 1982, that the Falklands War began when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. A British victory, although Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over the islands.

30 YEARS AGO, from 5th April 1992 to Feb 1996 that the Siege of Sarajevo took place, during the Bosnian War.

Also **30 YEARS AGO**, on 27th April 1992 that Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of the House of Commons.

25 YEARS AGO, on 5th April 1997 that the Grand National steeplechase was disrupted after the IRA sent coded bomb >

> warnings. 60,000 people were evacuated from the Aintree course and the race was postponed until Monday 7th April.

Also **25 YEARS AGO**, on 13th April 1997 that the American golfer Tiger Woods, aged 21, became the youngest player to win the US Masters championship, and the first African American to win.

20 YEARS AGO, on 1st April 2002 that the Netherlands became the first country to legalise euthanasia.



APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Over two Sundays we have collected a total of £1,800 for Ukraine which I will send to Save the Children Fund this week. Please note that this included a donation of £700 and one of £200 from individuals. In addition, the coffee money from the Spring Fair £145 and £50 from the Knit & Natter group was donated to this appeal. After the recovery of Gift Aid, it's been decided to make up the collection to £2,500 from church funds. If we get any further donations, I will send them on next month with the relevant Gift Aid.

We have an extremely generous congregation.

JUDITH SMEATON TREASURER



MISSION DEVELOPMENT REPORT



LEND AN EAR

The project continues to be run as a phone call only service, on a Thursday, manned, for now, by myself only. Unfortunately, the uptake from the Church family and wider community remained disappointing with only a handful of calls being received.

I have spoken to third parties about the service and their opinion was supportive, that there is a severe need in our community, but that the limited phone service that we were offering was unlikely to see a lot of callers. The nature of the issue is that they require a service that is available as when and almost immediately, that they want to use it. They were much more confident that face to face opportunities, especially in café like environments would be more effective.

Training is still available, but the feeling from the group of volunteers was that they would rather have some practical experience of using the skills they have learned so far, before committing to advanced training.

The huge plus from the initiative has been the bonding of the group of volunteers, drawn from across the three congregations. All were hugely appreciative of the training they had been provided with, and many commented that they have used these skills in many face-to-face situations either in Church situations, or in related pastoral work. This all bodes well, in my opinion, for when we are able to begin exploring face to face opportunities in the future.

I see opportunities emerging for face-to-face "listening time" >

> with some of the initiatives discussed below, namely, the drop in café, dementia café, and the foodbank.

OPEN DOORS CRAIGMILLAR PARK

After discussion with Alex, the lack of suitable volunteers, coupled with practical building issues such as toilet accessibility, made this initiative one which remains on hold, at least until Covid restrictions are relaxed. Their session meeting has since met and have decided to explore advancing this initiative.

DEMENTIA CAFÉ AND SENSORY GARDEN REID MEMORIAL

The issue of a sensory garden area is ultimately dependent on costs, and more importantly the proposed Presbytery Plan and its intentions for the building.

It is hoped that the Dementia Café proposal can gain strength and support as a result of work to be carried out by the consultant for the multi congregational initiative being funded by the Tor Foundation, focusing on provision of support and services for the elderly in our community.

FOODBANK PRIESTFIELD

As Covid restrictions ease, the foodbank, which was only closed during the first lockdown period, proposes to explore offering tea/coffee to clients, as well as debt counselling, and they are also keen for us to offer the services of our Lend an Ear volunteers, This, could be an exciting missional opportunity for us.

DROP-IN RECOVERY CAFÉ

This has now progressed to the stage that a proposal was presented to the session at Priestfield, and passed, for the use of their Lounge, and sanctuary, for use by the Solace Recovery Café, with support from Change Grow Live (CGL). Aimed specifically at those in recovery from various addictions. This proposal includes >

> provision of space for quiet reflection, and prayer, and a monthly informal "Church Café" style service. Lend an Ear volunteers, in time would be able to offer face to face chats, in a safe environment.

It is planned for the café to open in the spring, initially for a six-month trial period.

To help with the running costs of hosting this initiative, mainly heating and lighting costs, it is planned for fund raising coffee mornings to be held by the café volunteers and supported by the three Church congregations. It would be ideal if each of the three congregations could commit to hosting at least one of these mornings during the six-month trial period.

PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE TOR FOUNDATION

This project, which is in its infancy stage may reveal future missional opportunities and we shall be providing support and information to the consultant employed to work on this project. It is proposed that this work be completed by mid-summer. A steering group has been set up, and I have been asked to be a member in my MDS role working across three parishes.

If anyone has any questions or wants to discuss any of the initiatives in more detail, then of course please get in touch with me and we can chat.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this update.

GOD BLESS, **MICHAEL McMULLIN**

While driving in the countryside, a family caught up to an old farmer and his horse-drawn cart. The farmer obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: 'Ecologically efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step on the exhaust.'



PRAYERS ACROSS EUROPE FOR **PEACE IN UKRAINE**

Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop in Europe, has been to Ukraine many times, as the Anglican church has a chaplaincy in Kiev. Here he calls on Christians in the UK and across Europe to pray for their brothers and sisters in Ukraine:

“Our little church in Kyiv is right at the centre of this crisis,” he explained. “Some of them have fled the city by car, others are still there. These are our people, our brothers, and sisters, and of course we are very concerned for their wellbeing and safety.

“In the face of military action and aggression, we feel powerless. What can we do? One thing that we can all do is pray.”

“The situation in Ukraine is very deeply troubling. President Putin is leading a completely unjustified and aggressive war against Ukraine, a war which many ordinary Russians deeply deplore.

Leaders from many Christian churches, including the Ukrainian Orthodox (Russian Patriarchate) Church have condemned the invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts cry out for justice and peace. We are most especially concerned for the wellbeing of those in Ukraine who are directly affected by the war.

This includes particularly the members of our own congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv. The Churchwarden there, Christina, messaged us this morning saying: ‘Please pray for us as we are standing here for our land and for our roots. The battle for Kyiv has begun; it is fierce and intensive. Pray for us.’

In the face of military action, we can easily feel powerless and >

> fearful. But one thing we can do is pray. We can pray in solidarity with those most affected. We can pray that God will yet overrule in the hearts and minds of those with power and authority. We can pray that the victims will be few and that the innocent will be protected. We can pray that peace will come through justice and not through the infliction of the will of a stronger party on a weaker.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND RESPONDS TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CRISIS



The Church of Scotland is supporting the Reformed Church in Hungary Aid emergency response and, across Scotland, presbyteries and congregations are collecting and distributing many thousands of pounds in donations to charities working in the region, who have the personnel and logistics in place to ensure aid reaches the people who need it most.

So far Church of Scotland congregations have collected £75,000 for the Reformed Church in Hungary Aid (RCHA) emergency response as well as donating thousands of pounds to other aid organisations including the Disasters Emergency Committee, which is coordinating relief efforts across the region. (DEC)

Hungary shares a border with Ukraine and RCHA run by a Church of Scotland partner, is providing food donations, hygiene equipment, information, spiritual assistance and accommodation.

Staff members and volunteers are receiving refugees at border stations and train stations. >

> Since the conflict began, Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly, and Very Rev Dr Susan Brown, convener of the Faith Impact Forum, have repeatedly called for peace-making in addition to urging the UK Government to offer a generous welcome to refugees by removing all barriers to those seeking sanctuary in the country.

Last week, Lord Wallace wrote to Home Secretary Priti Patel MP to directly urge her to develop a humanitarian response that matches the scale of the crisis unfolding in Ukraine which has seen millions of people flee for their lives.

He wrote: "The outpouring of kindness and generosity of British public who raised £100 million in just four days has been admirable.

"As churches here in Scotland and the UK we are united in our desire to play an active role in welcoming the stranger and supporting those most in need.

"Now, more than ever, it is time to strengthen, not weaken, our commitment to the UN Convention on Refugees and ensure that all who need it, and have lost everything, are provided protection.

"We want our country to respond generously, to reflect the kind of society we aspire to be."



All history is incomprehensible without Christ.

- Ernest Renan

Who delivered up Jesus to die? Not Judas, for money; not Pilate, for fear; not the Jews, for envy; but the Father, for love!

- Octavius Winslow



FABRIC COMMITTEE'S REPORT 2021

The Fabric Committee are Linda Farrer, Hazel Melrose, Ian Beckett, and Stevie Douglas (Convenor). Marjorie Houston retired at the end of 2020 and Ian Beckett joined at beginning of 2021.

SUMMARY

It has been a tough and busy year for Fabric. On top of the normal demands of a grade A listed building we had:

- Regular Covid19 regulation changes which resulted in many risk assessments and re-assessments, not just for our Congregation but also for all our church hall users.
- Presbytery Plan building requirements which created significant demand for external building assessment reports and external audits
- Work delayed in 2020 (deemed non-essential) adding to our work list in 2021.
- The addition of our church as a rental space which increased our day-to-day activities.

Despite all the challenges, our Fabric spend came in under budget. We spent £9,211.77 against a budget of £13,200. Our working budget for 2022 is £13,200.

There is always still more to do, and a particular focus for this coming year will be to look at reducing our carbon footprint further and hopefully minimising the impact of rising energy prices. We will of course continue to do the essentials for our buildings - keeping them safe, secure, watertight, and welcoming.

I would like to thank the small team who do much to keep the >

> lights on at the Reid - Linda Farrer, Hazel Melrose, and Ian Beckett. Also, thanks to Susan for her support, Joyce for her understanding and Trinity Factors for looking after our church officer house and Manse.

STEVIE DOUGLAS 15th MARCH 2022

Here is a list of work carried out in 2021:

PRESBYTERY REQUIREMENTS

Planning Toolkit: Linda, Susan and Stevie D delivered a positive response to presbytery on all our buildings. Our Presbytery Planning Toolkit response was circulated separately to the Kirk Session and Congregational Board in May.

Property Register: We completed our 2021 presbytery annual report, including updating our Property Register which covers our Fabric responsibilities. Our Property Register is available in the office for all to see. Presbytery inspection of records will follow (when lockdown regulations relax)

Building Audit: On Monday, 17th January, we had an Asset Management Building Audit or AMBA as it is affectionately known. This audit was used as input into Proposed Presbytery Plan discussions. This audit evidenced some of the items that were submitted in the Planning Toolkit we completed for the Presbytery Plan (which was a self-assessment). Our Auditor was Anne Steele, from Mayfield Church. We were asked to produce evidence around Gas Safety Certificates, Electrical Installation Condition and PAT tests, Fire Safety, Emergency Lighting, Lightning Conductors, Water management (legionella), Asbestos and Health and Safety Management. We were able to cover most items with exception lightening Conductor certificates and Asbestos register. Both now in hand. >

HEALTH & SAFETY

Covid regulations and guidance from CoS continued to change throughout the year, allowing Linda to take appropriate positive action for our Church and Halls. We were even able to have two fund raising events at the end of the year and managed the risks associated with 3 days of consecutive Christmas services. At the end of the year there were 28 Risk Assessments in place for external groups and 11 Risk Assessments for internal use of the church and halls. Building and hall closure and restart activities were successfully carried out allowing us to close and re-open when normal activities were allowed.

Linda and Stevie attended CoS Fire Safety training webinars. We successfully held a fire evacuation test during a Sunday service for the first time ever. In September, our fire extinguishers were inspected, replenished, and replaced as required.

Joyce Ian and Stevie continued with regular inspections of our buildings throughout the year to keep an eye out for any building issues and ensuring we were compliant with our building insurance requirements. These regular inspections ceased in October 21.

We had three minor risk events, and these were reported on, logged and appropriate action taken.

ROOFS AND GUTTERS

Tower Repairs identified in 2017 Presbytery Inspection Report were carried out in June 21 at a cost of £1,276+VAT. Ian and Lesley did a good job during the summer of keeping our lower gutters free from debris. We still have a broken gutter in the cloister and that will need replaced as it has been mended a half dozen times (we have a quote for £1,246 + VAT). Church and Hall annual roof maintenance was carried out in Feb 21 (roof, slates, gutters, downpipes, and small repairs). We have asked our regular roofers to propose an >

> annual maintenance contract for this work. Raggles at main west door repaired (intermittent leak).

HEATING

Heating controls were adjusted weekly to match our increasing hall and church usage. Inspections have highlighted a couple of radiator leaks that are being managed until we have sufficient work to bring a plumber in. Annual maintenance of all three gas central heating boilers undertaken in October. Boilers are in good condition. Large radiator in small hall fixed.

SMALL HALL UPGRADE

Linda arranged for Ian Clyde to redecorate the small hall (same colours). All this cost was the price of the paint, brushes, and sandpaper. (Ian, very kindly offered his services to us as a painter free of charge as a way of thanking us for keeping him on paid up furlough terms during lockdown). New Kristofferson hard wearing flooring suitable for Art, Drama, Guides, Yoga, Thursday Club, ad-hoc church meetings and occasional events (e.g., Pop up café), laid at cost of £2,653. Already good feedback received from hall users. It looks fabulous.

LIGHTING AND ELECTRICS

Motion sensors for our automated hallway lighting cleared of debris and outdoor lighting issues resolved enabling safe access for large hall users. PAT testing completed by Fairshare in September.

GARDENS AND GROUND:

Ian has developed a good relationship with Mike Phillips our gardener and we have found him much more responsive this year. All the benches in the cloisters have now been stained/varnished, a job well done by Lesley, Joyce Rosie, and Sheila Capewell. The gardens have looked very attractive this year and are well used by our community including St Crispins. We are still waiting for >

> feedback from blacksmith regarding lanterns and main gates repair work. One of our cloister walls coping tiles cracked, split, and fell onto the ground. This was repaired and we surveyed all tiles and secured any at risk at a cost of £1,500+VAT.

Outside Christmas Tree erected with the help of three local community gentlemen. Successful tree lighting event held on Sunday 12th at 6pm (thanks Susan for lights and mulled wine) - which was well attended.

SECURITY

The large bush that obscured the West Savile terrace external access door (where the garden bins are) was pruned for security reasons (any break in attempts now highly visible). Our regular Piano Tuners were added to our list of suppliers who can access our buildings using the key safe. We installed a large hall key safe for hall users. These combination codes will be changed annually. We installed dummy video cameras in cloisters (youth deterrent). The men's choir window catches were secured.

MOTH INFESTATION

Malcolm Smith, our Piano Tuner, let us know that when tuning piano in church, they discovered moths active under the keys. Any flyers were killed, and two treatment strips applied, however as a precaution we engaged a Moth specialist. No infestation found in church, but issues found in our office. One application of repellent applied in October, second and last in December.

GENERAL

Smoke alarms batteries replaced. Mouldy kitchen fridge cleaned and plugged into the correct under counter socket (thanks to the Becketts)

REGULAR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Linda has put together a yearly planner with all our essential >

> activities and dates. It is in the office. It covers things like boiler maintenance, PAT checks, fire extinguishers, Emergency lighting testing etc.


STRUCTURE

We have what looks like movement above our south exit door at the back end of the church. We do not have the technical knowledge whether this significant or not, so we have asked James Clydesdale for help as he was involved in previous work related to render cracks in our church.

MANSE AND CHURCH OFFICER HOUSE

Both buildings are being managed and maintained by Trinity Factors. Trinity provides annual inspection reports on building condition and any work carried out. These reports are reviewed. Having a reputable factor managing these buildings mean that our small fabric team can focus on our church and halls.


QUIET IN CHURCH



A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place, and he will have to start the sermon all over again." It worked.

NO SUNBEAMS

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his anxious mother, he explained: "This morning they told me that Jesus wants me for a sunbeam. But I want to be a train driver!"



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



SPRING FAIR

On Saturday 19th March we held the Spring Fair and for the first time had the stalls and refreshments together in the church. It involved some extra work but having everything together seemed to work well. Our thanks to Anne and Fiona for providing the catering. Also, thanks go to Martyn who kept us entertained with his piano playing and for the surprise duet with John Knox from Craigmillar Park Church on the cello.

At the time of writing, the total raised was £830 with £140 raised from tea/coffee donations going to Ukraine Save the Children Charity. A tremendous amount and a big thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this.




We were able to have home baking because a number of us have the Food Hygiene Certificate. This stall made £144, thanks to all our bakers and to Lesley and Joyce who staffed the stall.

The Scouts came along and helped on the door and serving refreshments. They are a very welcome addition, and we very much appreciate their help.

Thanks go to Elizabeth and Barbara who staffed the craft stall, to Mary for her jewellery, to Michelle and Isobel for Bric a Brac and to Sheena who stepped in to do the Fairtrade and marmalade stall as well as all the organisation of banners, floats etc.

A mention also goes to Dean and his sons who helped and to Linda who put the church in order for Sunday morning service. >



POPUP CAFÉ Thursday 5th May

We hope to have our pop-up café again, initially on the May Election Day, Thursday 5th May from early morning to afternoon. The café will be situated in small hall with takeaway also available.

We are planning a further Popup café on Friday 24th June from 10am to 12noon in the small hall. This gives the community a chance to get together and meet new friends. Please come along and support this.

EDINBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The ESO have kindly agreed to stage a dress rehearsal in the Reid on Wednesday 1st June 2022. This is a concert not to be missed so put the date in your diary. It will be in the evening and actual times will be announced later.

PLATINUM JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

We are planning this garden party on Saturday 11th June from 2pm to 4pm. The actual format is still being discussed but it definitely will be an event not to be missed.

CRAFTERS FAIR /COFFEE MORNING

This event is on Saturday 24th September from 9am to 1pm and will be held in the church with lots of different crafters' stalls in addition to our own stalls.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Another date for your diary is the Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November from 9am to 1pm in Church and Large hall. A good opportunity to get those special Christmas gifts.



TEDDIES FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

If anyone is able to knit any teddies or has yellow and blue wool, please leave them at the back of the church. We are not selling them as they will be given to the children arriving in Scotland. Can these all be brought to church by end of June, please? Thank you.



Knitting Pattern

- Double knitting wool
- Main colour for head and paws
- Trouser colour
- Jumper colour
- Scarf colour
- Size 10 (3 1/4) needles



Method

- Cast on 10 stitches in main colour. Knit 10 rows
- Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows
- Knit another leg
- Then knit across all 20 stitches and work a further 16 rows
- Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows
- Change to main colour and stocking stitch (one row knit one row purl) for 6" (15 cm)
- Change to jumper colour and continue to knit in the reverse order.
- Stitch down the sides of the head

Arms

- With jumper colour pick up 8 stitches each side of the neck join (16 stitches)
- Knit 20 rows then change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws, repeat for the other arm

Scarf

- Cast on 75 stitches, knit 4 rows. Cast off loosely
- Weave in all loose ends and sew up the teddy leaving an opening in the crotch for stuffing
- Sew across the top corners of the head to make ears before stuffing. Stuff your teddy with clean, new polyester stuffing (BS1425/BS5852)
- Run a thread through the knitting to make a neck and draw it in, knot the ends and weave in the excess
- Embroider a smiley face. Use small stitches, (back-stitch and stem-stitch) and ensure all the ends are firmly finished
- Sew the scarf to the back of the neck of the teddy



NEWINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER **SERVICES & EVENTS IN HOLY WEEK 2022**

Everyone living in or visiting Newington is welcome to any of these.

MON 11th APRIL - FRI 15th APRIL

Holy Week morning services with breakfast, from 7:45am

Each morning one of five ministers from NCT's nine churches will lead a short service of worship at Craigmillar Park Church, EH16 5LZ. This will be followed by breakfast of juice, cereal, rolls, tea & coffee in the adjoining hall.

THURS 14th APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Celebration of Communion: 7:30pm

Priestfield Parish Church, EH16 5HW

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, EH8 9PE

FRI 15th APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

Walk of Witness: 9:30am

The Walk of Witness will visit four NCT churches, stopping outside each for a short time of reading, singing and prayer. It will start at 9.30am at Craigmillar Park Church, EH16 5LZ, then proceed to St Columbas Catholic Church, EH9 1SN, then to St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, EH8 9PE, to arrive finally at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, EH8 9BX.

Services: 7:30pm

Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, EH9 1TQ: evening service

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, EH8 9PE: with the choir singing

St John's Passion (Heinrich Schutz)

Editor: Many thanks to Jenny Lowe (a member of the Reid congregation) for sending this poem. I've included the contents of her email as I found the whole message quite moving.

'Below is a poem I received today from Betty Warnes, an old schoolfriend of mine in Bungay (a small town in Suffolk). Like me, she is in her mid-80s and over the past few years has written a lot of topical poems. When she emailed me the poem her email subject heading was 'Instead of church this morning I wrote this' - something she has done on other occasions when not well enough to go along to a service (she is Anglican). The poem doesn't have a title. I have asked Betty whether it would be OK for me to forward to you just in case you think it might be of any value or relevance in Reid On.'

*Is it over? Has it finished?
Has the Covid shadow passed?
Not according to statistics,
Be prepared for one last blast.*

*But we know these times are kinder,
Vaccines now control our fate.
Shall this year see Covid finished?
We can only pray and wait.*

*Larger troubles now surround us,
War and fighting fill the news.*

*Refugees are seeking shelter,
In their plight, who can refuse?*

*We, in comfort, must try harder
To help those who are in need.*

*We, who're safer now from Covid,
Must support by word and deed*

*As the green of Spring reminds us
Of new birth and Easter joys,*

*Let us pray for peace and solace
To those whose life this war destroys.*

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