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# FROM OUR MINISTER



## **DEAR FRIENDS,**

**A Christian preacher of a bygone era, F W Boreham tells of lovely story told to him by his mother while they sat around the fireplace one evening.**

As a young woman of seventeen, she had set up an appointment to meet her cousin in Canterbury, near the Cathedral. She went as planned but her cousin wasn't there. Somewhat disappointed about this broken appointment she wasn't in the happiest frame of mind.

A man with a very intellectual countenance but a gentle presence who had seen her walk up and down offered to show her around while she waited and explain some of the Cathedral's features and its history. He had a wealth of knowledge and was fascinating to listen to. As they parted he gave her his card and without looking at it, she slipped it into her purse. It turned out that her cousin been unable to come due to illness. On her way home in the train, she took out the card. It simply said, 'Charles Dickens'. She gasped when she realised that she had been face to face with one of the greatest story tellers of all time. Regretfully, she was so preoccupied with waiting for her cousin that she didn't take more of the opportunity to spend time with this great man.

Sadly, at Christmas time we too can become so preoccupied with the season's rush and busyness that we fail to spend time with Christ, not only the greatest story teller of all time, but the Saviour of the world. This has been true throughout the pages of history. Think for a moment about that first Christmas; the baby lying in the manger was the answer to all of life's hopes and fears. A carpenter, a humble maid, a band of shepherds and perhaps a few ordinary people were there to welcome Jesus into the world. The vast majority of those who lived in and around Bethlehem were too busy to give a thought to what was going on in a nearby stable.

Today there are many people enjoying Christmas without realising whose birthday is being celebrated. For them it is a time of festivity with family and friends; the buying and exchanging of gifts; and indulging in good food and fine wine, whilst the reason for the season is not considered or becomes overshadowed. Of course, Christmas can be a time for great celebration but for some it can be tinged with sadness. Yet if we take a moment to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas we know that in all circumstances Christ is with us.

While trusting in him, we can experience the love, forgiveness, joy and peace that the Saviour brings. It is then that Christmas becomes very real and truly meaningful.

May I wish you a very blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**ALEX**

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# SERVICES



2nd December 10:30am

Sacrament of **HOLY COMMUNION** at Craigmillar Park Church

9th December 10:30am 2nd Sunday in Advent

## **GIFT SERVICE**

16th December 10:30am 3rd Sunday in Advent

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE** with coffee and mince pies after the service.

23rd December 10:30am 4th Sunday in Advent

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

24th December 4:00pm

## **FAMILY CAROL SERVICE**

24th December 11:30pm

## **CANDLELIT WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**

25th December 10:30am

**CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY WORSHIP**, children, please bring toys

30th December 10:30am

## **END OF YEAR MORNING WORSHIP**

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**REMOVAL** by Certificate of Transference

Mrs Eileen Thomson (29) to Duddingston Kirk

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## **PIZZA**

Good King Wenceslas phoned for a pizza. The salesgirl asked him, 'Do you want your usual? Deep pan, crisp and even?'

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# ALL IN THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER**

**200 YEARS AGO**, on 24th December 1818 that the popular Christmas carol 'Silent Night' was performed for the first time, at midnight mass at a parish church in Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. It had been written just a few hours earlier by teacher and church organist Franz Xaver Gruber, to lyrics by priest Joseph Mohr. (The lyrics were actually a poem Mohr had written two years earlier.)

**175 YEARS AGO**, on 19th December 1843 that Charles Dickens' novella A Christmas Carol was first published.

**100 YEARS AGO**, on 14th December that the historic British general election of 1918 took place. It was the first time that women (over 30) and all men (over 21) were eligible to vote.

**75 YEARS AGO**, on 22nd December 1943 that Beatrix Potter, the children's writer and illustrator, died. She had created animal characters such as Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Jemima Puddle-Duck and many more.

**70 YEARS AGO**, on 19th December 1948 that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

**60 YEARS AGO**, on 5th December 1958 that Britain's first motorway, the Preston By-Pass, was opened. It is now a part of the M6 motorway.

**30 YEARS AGO**, on 21st December 1988 that a Pan Am jet exploded and crashed onto the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing 259 passengers and crew and 11 people on the ground. The bomb had been planted by Libyan terrorists.

**20 YEARS AGO**, from 16-19th December that Operation Desert Fox took place. US and British forces launched a major four-day series of sustained air-strikes against Iraq after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein refused to cooperate with UN weapons inspectors.



# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

## FROM DR HAZEL HASTIE



In her poem *Advent*, Elizabeth Jennings uses a lovely phrase that captures the mood of the Christian Year, as it turns from one year to the next: **"possibilities blossom about us."** She reminds us that Advent and Christmas (and the secular New Year when it arrives) is full of fresh things, new opportunities and possibilities,

providing a chance to become part of the world God is bringing into being.

Hers is another way of putting the preacher's message, that the theme of all the festivals Christians celebrate at this time of the year is HOPE. Advent and Christmas is centred on the hope God offers the whole human race. Moreover, it is a "sure and certain hope" because God delivers his promises himself by coming into the world to share it with us.

These wonderful festivals, which we all relish and enjoy, provide the grounds for Christian hope, the hard evidence for what we believe. Around us there is indeed darkness, which includes our growing anxiety about so much casual and irrational violence; about the threat of war; about increasing lawlessness and disregard for the civilising values which we value but have probably taken too much for granted. Nevertheless, Christians are not negative. We do not predict collapse. Instead we point to an alternative - a better way.

There are other possibilities which are creative and strangely powerful when we come to God. He enables them to blossom and bring fulfilment, joy and hope into a bleak world.

On Christmas night Christians do indeed sing:

***"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.***

- Handel's *Messiah* (Isaiah 9:2)

Precisely because most people find it difficult to come to God through self-motivation, God seizes the initiative and comes to us. That 'Coming of God' into the midst of all creation is the source of all the happiness, excitement and fun of the days ahead.

So, to use another poem by Elizabeth Jennings:

***"Put memory away and watch a world  
Grown almost still because a baby can  
Convince us he is born as God and Man."***

- *Carol for 2000*

May each of us know and share together all the blessings Christmas brings.

## EXPENSIVE **CHRISTMAS CRACKER**



If you are looking to splash around a vast amount of money this Christmas, why not contact The Royal Mint? It has just launched Britain's most expensive ever Christmas crackers - which include a solid gold bar and gold diamond necklace.

A pack of six of the crackers will set you back £5,000, but at least they also include a traditional hat and joke. Fortnum and Mason have previously sold sets for about £500.

There is a large demand for the £5,000 crackers, which form the Mint's first gift range in its 1,100 year history. And if for any reason you don't want to spend £5,000 on six Christmas crackers, the other gifts on offer range from a sixpence spoon set to a gold teddy bear. Go to: <https://www.royalmint.com/gifts/>

## **ROOM** (LUKE 2:6,7)

*There was no room for Him.  
There is no room.*

*In a world full of  
grasping, acquiring and keeping,  
of rights and demanding and self-  
centred living,  
there is no room for Him,  
the Child who is God.  
The world is full.*

*And yet...without Him,  
without Jesus,  
this full world is empty.*

*Make room.  
Invite Him in.  
Make room.  
Find life in all the fullness  
Christmas offers -  
Love and hope and joy and peace.  
Emmanuel,  
God with us and in us, always.*

*Make room!*

**DAPHNE KITCHING**



Don't forget our  
**FAMILY  
CAROL  
SERVICE**  
24th December 4pm

# THE LONELINESS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

With Christmas coming and with it the annual 'celebration' of family happiness and parties and get-togethers, many of our young people will be feeling even more lonely than ever. And that is very lonely indeed.

A recent survey has found that 16 to 24-year-olds experience loneliness more often than any other age group. Two in five admit to being lonely often or very often, as compared with only 29 per cent of people aged 65 -74.

The survey was conducted by BBC Radio 4's *All in the Mind*, in conjunction with the Wellcome Trust. Claudia Hammond, the presenter, said she believes the research reveals an 'epidemic of loneliness'. 'To help them to connect with others, young people today have social media. They are more connected than ever before. But this can bring its own problems. If you're feeling lonely, looking at pictures of other people appearing to have endless fun isn't going to help...'

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## FLOWERS IN CHURCH



### DATE

**4th NOV**

**11th NOV**

**18th NOV**

**25th NOV**

**2nd DEC**

**9th DEC**

**16th DEC**

**23rd DEC**

**30th DEC**

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Christmas arrangement

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*I've reprinted the November list because when it was published last month, the information was incomplete. [Editor]*

## CAP IS WORTH MILLIONS TO UK ECONOMY

Recent research by the London School of Economics has found the debt charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) contributes £32 million to the UK economy. It seems that for every pound the Christian debt charity spent, it benefitted the wider society four times as much. The LSE also said CAP provides 'crucial' face-to-face support and goes far beyond simple debt advice.

Christians Against Poverty was founded by John Kirkby in Bradford in 1996. He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help the poor. Over the past 22 years, CAP has negotiated with creditors, set up budgeting systems and offered a lifeline to those trapped in debt.

Nowadays, CAP runs 645 various projects with churches across the UK, including job clubs and debt advice.

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## HOW A MOUSE GOT INTO THE NATIVITY

If you are looking for something different for your children this Christmas, you could try a new film from Bible Society called 'The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour'. It places a mouse detective at the heart of the action - in the stable at Bethlehem, where he slowly discovers who Jesus really is... Emmanuel, Rescuer and King. You can download the full film for free at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/2018/the-mystery-of-the-new-noisy-neighbour/>

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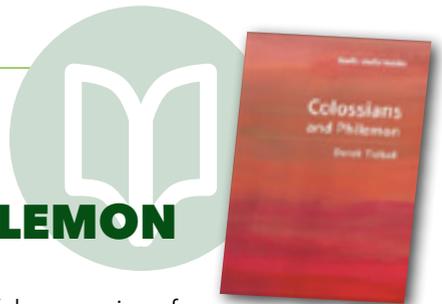
## BOOK REVIEW

### REALLY USEFUL GUIDES: **COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON**

by Derek Tidball, BRF, £5.99

This is the first New Testament title in a very useful new series of short, accessible guides to books of the Bible. Each Really Useful Guide focuses on a specific biblical book, bringing it to life for the reader, enabling them to understand its meaning and apply its truth in their day-to-day lives.

Neither commentary nor introduction, each volume offers valuable background and context, along with a user-friendly summary of the key messages of the text in question. Aimed at the general Christian reader, the easy-to-read format has clear headings and bulleted lists.



# DOOR DUTIES



## **2nd DECEMBER**

Diane Craik, Geeta MacKay  
In charge: Robin Jones  
*Welcome table: Ann Jones*

## **9th DECEMBER**

Sheila Capewell, Susan MacKay  
In charge: Ian Beckett  
*Welcome table: Lesley Beckett*

## **16th DECEMBER**

Anne Burgess, Douglas Mathieson  
In charge: Elizabeth Mathieson  
*Welcome table: Graham Clark*

## **23rd DECEMBER**

Linda Farrer, Morag Reid  
In charge: Stevie Douglas  
*Welcome table: June Wylie*

## **30th DECEMBER**

Gillian Brown, Jacky Harris  
In charge: Graham Annan  
*Welcome table: Liz Suttie*

## **6th JANUARY 2019**

Suzanne Dalziel, Lindsay Wood  
In charge: Alistair Dalziel  
*Welcome table: Joyce Rosie*

## **13th JANUARY**

Mary Allan, Joyce Rosie  
In charge: Stephen Thomson  
*Welcome table: Alison Masson*

## **20th JANUARY**

Siobhan Gilliland, Douglas Mathieson  
In charge: Elizabeth Mathieson  
*Welcome table: Rose MacKenzie*

## **27th JANUARY**

Diane Craik, Joyce Rosie  
In charge: Robin Jones  
*Welcome table: Ann Jones*

## **3rd FEBRUARY**

Graham Clark, Morag Reid  
In charge: Stevie Douglas  
*Welcome table: Liz Suttie*

## **10th FEBRUARY**

Suzanne Dalziel, Alison Macleod  
In charge: Alistair Dalziel  
*Welcome table: June Wylie*

## **17th FEBRUARY**

Richard Black, Hazel Melrose  
In charge: Ian Beckett  
*Welcome table: Lesley Beckett*

## **24th FEBRUARY**

Anne Burgess, Susan Mackay  
In charge: Graham Annan  
*Welcome table: Graham Clark*

## **3rd MARCH**

Sheila Capewell, Geeta MacKay  
In charge: Stephen Thomson  
*Welcome table: Alison Masson*

## **10th MARCH**

Gillian Brown, Jacky Harris  
In charge: Stevie Douglas  
*Welcome table: Joyce Rosie*

## **17th MARCH**

Mary Allan, Lindsay Wood  
In charge: Robin Jones  
*Welcome table: Ann Jones*

## **24th MARCH**

Linda Farrer, Douglas Mathieson  
In charge: Elizabeth Mathieson  
*Welcome table: Rose MacKenzie*

## **31st MARCH**

Suzanne Dalziel, Joyce Rosie  
In charge: Alistair Dalziel  
*Welcome table: Graham Clark*

# CHURCH IN NIGER'S CAPITAL RANSACKED AND BURNED

Attackers recently ransacked, looted and burned a church in the Kossey district of Niger's capital Niamey, leaving the building a charred shell, its floor covered with debris and broken and blackened musical instruments.

Niger's tiny Christian minority make up less than 1% of the population, but it had traditionally lived peacefully and unthreatened alongside the large Muslim majority. The rise of jihadist groups in the Sahel region, including Boko Haram, Islamic State in West Africa and groups affiliated with Al Qaeda has led to an escalation in tension.

In 2015, more than 70 churches in Niger were destroyed by Muslim mobs. There were a number of further attacks on churches in 2017, which resulted in the deaths of four Christians and in January 2018, three church leaders were kidnapped.

## THE DEMISE OF **FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES**

A small number of members of the congregation are still using Free Will Offering envelopes. As a result of the cost of having the envelopes printed, it was decided by the Congregational Board to no longer provide this facility for giving. The preferred method is by paying directly to the Reid Memorial Church's bank account by means of a bank standing order. I am happy to provide bank details for those who can access internet banking or provide a standing order form for completion and sending to your own bank. This method allows easy reclamation of Gift Aid from HMRC for the taxpayers amongst us. Loose cash in the collection bags does not allow positive identification of the donor thus we are unable to claim Gift Aid.

A few people have not responded to previous appeals and I respectfully ask that they get in touch to discuss the matter so that I can address any concerns. The financial support given to Reid Memorial by every member of the congregation is greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that if you have not reviewed your level of giving for some time, you might give it some thought in the near future. With grateful thanks, **STUART HOUSTON**



## 'WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE'

At the time he was writing "We Three Kings" in 1857, John Henry Hopkins Jr. was serving as the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Hopkins studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and was ordained a deacon in 1850.

During his final year of teaching at the seminary, Hopkins wrote "We Three Kings" for a Christmas pageant held at the college. Verses 2, 3 and 4 were to be sung as solos by the individual kings. It was extremely uncommon that Hopkins wrote both the lyrics and music; contemporary carol composers usually wrote either the lyrics or music but not both. Originally titled "Three Kings of Orient", it was sung within his circle of family and friends. Because of the popularity it achieved among them, Hopkins decided to publish the carol in 1862 in his book *Carols, Hymns and Songs*. It was the first Christmas carol originating from the United States to achieve widespread popularity, as well as the first to be featured in *Christmas Carols Old and New*, a "prestigious" and "influential" collection of carols that was published in the United Kingdom in 1916. "We Three Kings" was included in the *Oxford Book of Carols* published in 1928, which praised the song as "one of the most successful of modern composed carols."

*1. We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and  
mountain,  
Following yonder star.*

*[Refrain:  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.]*

*2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.*

*3. Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high.*

*4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.*

*5. Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies*

# THURSDAY CLUB

On 13th December we will be having our Xmas Lunch at Northfield House Hotel - 12.30 for 1pm. We will be resuming on 10th January at 2.30pm in the Small Hall, when Kim Ritchie will be speaking to us about Borders Search & Rescue Unit. On 24th January, Sheana Stephen will be coming to talk about her great-aunt - 'Celebrating Jessie Stephens - Suffrage Pioneer - the Edinburgh connection'. So why not come along and join us and enjoy tea, biscuits and chat after our talks.

**ALISON MACLEOD**



## **THANK YOU LETTER FROM YOUNG CARERS:**

### **'Reducing the Impact of Caring on Young Carers**

**Lives:** Thank you for your recent donation of £500. We are very grateful for your generous donation in support of our work supporting young carers. We work with some of the most vulnerable young people who care for family members who experience alcohol and substance misuse, and their chaotic lifestyles mean that outings and trips that other children may take for granted are not always possible for young carers. We provide opportunities for young carers to take part in activities that give them time to focus on themselves and make friends with young carers in similar situations. Thank you once again for your support and I look forward to providing a short report on our activities.

Yours sincerely, **MARGARET MURPHY** Chief Executive

'Some of you will know that I have been helping to serve the refreshments after the Sunday services for the past three months. This has been for the volunteering element of my Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. I have really enjoyed getting to know the community at the Church and I wanted to say thank you for having me and making me feel so welcome. To complete my bronze award, I will also be playing cricket and cello as well as going on an expedition, so I will be kept quite busy. But I am definitely going to come back to visit when there is a coffee morning!' **ANNA** (If you don't know me, I'm Stuart and Marjorie Houston's granddaughter)

# FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

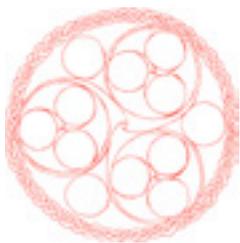
**Well what can I say?** Queues of people in the corridor waiting to buy tickets, running out of seats in the Large Hall, visitors sitting in the Library to have their coffee – yes it was our busiest and best ever **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 17th November. Almost 130 visitors came along to join us on the day with lots of new faces as well as our regulars. Our catering team were run off their feet to keep up with the demand for coffee and cakes!

Thanks to your very kind donations we were able to make up 39 hampers this year for the Prize Draw which raised a fantastic amount in excess of £450. We had a really good mix of stalls which included: Fair Trade, Bric-a-Brac, Home Baking, Flower Ladies, Craft and Chat Ladies, Book Shop, Jewellery, Cards and Soaps: something for everyone. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who made donations, to all the stall holders, to Martyn on the piano, to the catering team, to those who laid out the hall, washed up the dishes, to those who tidied up afterwards and of course to all our loyal supporters and friends who come along to these events. The final total came to £2,191.15, our very best sale amount ever!

The **Book Shop** and **Dusty bin** continue to do well with this year's totals standing at £832 for the Book Shop and £158 for Dusty Bin. I would like to say grateful thanks to the Book Shop Team who keep the supply of books neat, tidy and in order. The team comprises Rena Davidson, Alison Masson and Richard Black. There have been a number of changes to the Fundraising Team recently; the new and experienced team for 2019 comprising: Sheena Richardson, Katrina Russell, Mary Allan, Suzanne Dalziel, Ali Dalziel, Stevie Douglas, Siobhan Gilliland, Jemima Harrison, Michelle Harrison, Susan Mackay and Isabel McMichael, a great team to take us into the new year. Many thanks as always for your on-going support. **GRAHAM ANNAN**

## **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE WITH HOME BAKING**

On Sunday 4th November, despite the lower than usual turnout through for coffee after the service, we raised £126.20 bringing our new total to £620.92. This means that we will give a cheque for £500 to the Drum Riding Centre for the Disabled before Christmas. The balance of £120.92 will start the collection of £500 for Hop Scotch, a charity that offers respite care for children and young people. Please note; our next Home Baking Sunday will be Sunday 9th December due to the joint Service at Craigmillar Park on Sunday 2nd. As always there will be no Home Baking Sunday in January so the first Home Baking Sunday of 2019 will be Sunday 3rd February. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.



# NEWINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER (BASICS BANK)

## **NCT**

You are all invited to join in the **CAROL SINGING** on Sunday 9th December at 12.45pm in Nicolson Square Gardens. Praise will be led by the Salvation Army Band. So come along and join us and look out for the poster.

On Sunday 20th January at 4pm, again at the Methodist Church, there is to be a **SERVICE** for the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity during which it is proposed to hold short interviews with the Cameron Toll Chaplains, Life Skills; Christians against Poverty and Campus ministry.

There are to be **LENT STUDY GROUPS** next year and Justin Welby's 'Dethroning Mammon' is to be the book they will be using. Books will be available on 20th January.

The **AGM** is to be held on Monday 4th February in Reid Memorial.

## **BASICS BANK**

We are going to be handing out extra food/toiletries staggered over the next few weeks to cover the two weeks we will be on holiday. Contributions of tins of ham, corned beef, tuna, tinned macaroni and tinned rice pudding would be appreciated and packets of noodles. At the moment we have around 10 clients and I would ask that you continue to pray for our clients and helpers. Many thanks again for all your support.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year. **ALISON MACLEOD**



< This appealing tableau is a wee glimpse of the massive rows and piles of shoeboxes I saw when dropping off the Reid's donation last month at Longstone Kirk, where volunteers for Blythswood were preparing them for distribution. Thank you very much for responding to the World Church committee's appeal for filled shoeboxes - they will undoubtedly touch someone's life for the better. **DAVID WHITE**

# **GREATER LIBERTON'S HERITAGE**

## **Maps, Buildings, and People**

Saturday 19th January 2019  
Anderson Hall Liberton Kirk



*10 - 10.30 - Coffee*

*10.30 - Welcome - Chairman Ms. Pearl Kelly*

*10.40 - Maps, History and the Edge of the City - Bruce Gittings*

*11.15 - Mapping the City over time - Prof. Richard Roger*

*12-12.45 - Sandwich Lunch*

*12.45 - The Hunt for the Royal Chapel - Dr. Margaret Colligwood*

*1.39 - Sarah Rankin of Orchardhead - Alison Macdonald*

*2.15 - Edinburgh's Link to the Slave Trade - Prof. Sir Geoff Palmer OBE*

*3.30 - Close*



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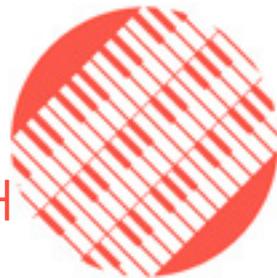


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# NOTES

## FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



**MARTYN STRACHAN**, Organist and Choirmaster

### **2nd DECEMBER**

Joint Communion Service at Craigmillar Park Church

### **9th DECEMBER**

*Chorale Prelude 'Puer Natus in Bethlehem'* - Dietrich Buxtehude

*Chorale Prelude 'In dulci jubilo'* - Dietrich Buxtehude

*Prelude in G major BWV 541 (a)* - J S Bach

### **16th DECEMBER**

*Menuet and Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique* - Leon Boëllmann

*Toccata from Suite Gothique* - Leon Boëllmann

### **23rd DECEMBER**

*Chorale Prelude 'Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme' BWV 645* - J S Bach Chorale

*Prelude 'Nun komm der Heiden Heiland' BWV 645* - J S Bach

*Chorale Prelude 'Vom Himmel hoch'* - J S Bach

### **24th/25th DECEMBER**

*Fantasy on Two Well-Known Christmas Carols* - John E West Chorale

*Carillon de Westminster Op 54 No.6* - Louis Vierne

### **30th DECEMBER**

*La Nativité, No. 2 of Trois Poèmes Evangéliques Op 2* - Jean Langlais

*Bells, No.3 of Three Characteristic Pieces (Homage to John Stanley)* - Jean Langlais

**Dietrich Buxtehude** (1630–1707) was organist of St Mary's, Lubeck for 38 years where he succeeded Franz Tunder. It was a condition of his appointment that he marry Tunder's daughter. Buxtehude is regarded as the most distinguished composer of the Baroque era before J S Bach. It is said that Bach walked some 200 miles to hear Buxtehude play. His most innovative music is to be found in the free organ works, namely those that did not use a chorale melody as an integral part of the construction, where his approach may be said to be more conventional. These examples using Christmas chorales are entirely typical.

**J S Bach** (1685–1750) was an innovator in every form of music in which he worked. There is a considerable variety in his approach to the Prelude and

Fugue, ranging from the introspective to the virtuoso concert piece. The Prelude in G major is one of the more extrovert examples, being a reasonably brief toccata-like movement where the movement does not cease from the beginning to the end. The well-known Prelude on 'Wachet auf!' is a transcription of a movement from the Cantata of the same name. The other two Advent chorales are respectively contemplative and that on 'Vom Himmel Hoch' is a short fugal movement.

**Leon Boëllmann** (1862–1897) was choirmaster then organist of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul in Paris and a pupil of his uncle, Eugene Gigout. The Suite Gothique is his best-known work, but it is not really typical of his style, other examples being of arguably greater musical merit. However, it appeals strongly to audiences, particularly the Prière and the concluding Toccata.

**John E. West** (1863–1929) was organist of St Augustine's Queen's Gate, London and an editor and musical adviser to the publisher Novello, for whom he made numerous arrangements. His Fantasy on Two Well-Known Christmas Carols is based on 'The First Nowell' and 'Good King Wenceslas' and was written in 1917.

**Louis Vierne** (1870–1937) was organist of Notre Dame Paris, having been Widor's assistant at Saint-Sulpice. He was a noted improviser and composed much music for his own instrument as well as symphonic and chamber music. The sets of pieces from which this item is taken are primarily intended for concert use, but Vierne makes it clear that he expected them to be used in the context of worship as well. The Carillon de Westminster is one of the most often played and is dedicated to the organ builder Henry Willis on the occasion of the completion of the organ in Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral in London. It uses the Westminster Chimes, but either Willis or Vierne got the theme slightly wrong, but this does not detract from the piece in any way.

**Jean Langlais** (1907–1991) of a number of organists who were born blind, he was a pupil of Mahaut and Andre Marchal, both themselves blind. He became organist of the Church of Sainte-Clotilde from 1945 to 1987, when ill health forced him to retire. A noted improviser and composer, most of his music was for his own instrument. The first piece is a tone-picture of the Holy Family and the second, while being homage to another blind organist, John Stanley, is based on a bell-like motif.



# VACANCY UPDATE

**There is little that we can report at this stage but please do not despair.** The nature of ministerial recruitment means that we cannot disclose any details at all - you will understand, I'm sure, that potential applicants have to feel confident that their existing congregations do not learn through the grapevine of their interest in another congregation. That would be very unsettling for everyone. The Nominating Committee is, though, very happy with the progress that is being made and we will share information with you as soon as possibly can. We have, most unfortunately, lost our convener, Lindsay Wood, due to ill health. The Committee continues to hold Lindsay in its thoughts and prayers. The Kirk Session of Reid Memorial has appointed Elizabeth Clark to take Lindsay's place on the committee. Ian Beckett was appointed as the convener by the committee.

In the meantime, the Kirk Sessions of both Craigmillar Park and Reid Memorial have met jointly and have agreed to explore a number of collaborative ventures. The first of these is a joint Holy Communion on 2nd December 2018, the first Sunday of Advent. It will be held in Craigmillar Park, at 10.30am. It would be wonderful to see a good turnout from both congregations at the service, our first opportunity to share this symbol of God's love and peace with one another. We hope to hold regular joint services and also to consider prayer meetings to allow the congregations to pray for the work of the Interim Moderator and the Nominating Committee, and for the minister and MDS post-holder when appointed. Members of both congregations are to be invited to join Advent study groups and we have agreed to improve our communications with each other, including having regular articles in each other's newsletter. Joint social events would also be welcome; if you have any ideas for such events, then please do let the Session Clerk know.

We remain deeply grateful to Hazel Hastie, the Interim Moderator, who is devoting large chunks of her precious time to us and to the Rev Betty Smith and Rev Alex Douglas our tireless Locum Ministers, who has done so much to promote faithful worship and caring pastoral support.

Your prayers for all involved in ministry and leadership in both congregations are always needed and are deeply appreciated. **PAULINE WEIBYE AND**

**ELIZABETH CLARK**

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