



Fairmilehead
Parish Church

CHURCH NEWS

June 2018

Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed how much we talk about time? Some of us seem to have too little of it, while others perhaps at home, less independent, more frail or alone, feel that they have too much time.....and we all know how the seconds just don't seem to go fast enough for children waiting for a happy event!

Yet, in the book of Ecclesiastes, we hear how, "There is a time for everything." How we are given time from God to attend to the things in life that truly matter.

"There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth:" Ecclesiastes 3

So what truly matters to us here in Fairmilehead? How does God want us to use our time? Not just on a Sunday, but also during the week. These are the important questions the Kirk Session spent time discussing last month, during an evening conference.

One thing in the discussions which became clear very quickly, is how we all want and need to spend more time together as one church family - as one body of Christ.

So to make that happen, we are moving to one service only, starting on June 24th 2018 at 10.30am. We will all be together now for Baptisms, at Communion, and we will all see our young children grow and flourish and be part of their lives.

Importantly for me as your minister, I will be able to spend more time with you all over teas and coffees following the service and at the many more lunches we hope to hold, such as the one we held for Christian Aid week. This time together after worship will give me a chance to hear how you are and how your week has been - an important and precious part of my ministry. In the last few weeks we have had new families coming along too and as our church family grows, spending time all together will help us all get to know one another better too.

However church is not just for a Sunday, we are the church every day of the week. So with this in mind I plan to start a midweek service too, as well as begin different church activities. A church book club is planned and a church knitting club. So if you can knit, I'd like to hear from you! We are also looking at setting up a bereavement group and evening activities for teenagers are in the pipeline too! And while we will celebrate all that our young children have been learning over the past year, Young Church won't be stopping for the summer it will continue as 'Young Summer Church' with lots of games and crafts and activities.

Every season of life is purposeful and precious and so in this new season of ministry here in Fairmilehead Parish Church, we want to make every second count. If we let Him, God uses each of the seasons of life to teach us something new about who He is and how much He loves us, and that is a love we want and need to witness to more and share more with others.

So why not invite a neighbour or a friend and bring them along to church with you over the summer, or bring them along to one of our new church activities starting in September?

May God bless you and keep you. *Cheryl*

Come and join our Holiday Club at Fairmilehead Parish Church!

Suitable for all primary ages, whether only just starting Primary 1 or going into Primary 7, All Are Welcome!

Holiday Club runs from 9.30am - 12noon, Monday - Friday, 6 - 10 August.

In addition this year we are offering an optional **Breakfast Club**** from 8.30am. Breakfast will be provided and will run straight into Holiday Club.**

There will also be an optional **Lunch Club**** following Holiday Club until 1pm. Just bring along a packed lunch and join us for an extra hour at the end of the day.**

We hope to see you there!



Young Church Appeal



1 in 3 people worldwide don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet.

Please help us to raise money so that we can twin our toilets and help people have access to safe sanitation, clean water and hygiene education.

We are collecting money until 17 June and donations can be added to the 'toilet block' outside the church office.

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Protecting Your Privacy

A new piece of legislation on data privacy comes into effect on 25 May 2018. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will give people greater control over how companies and organisations use their personal information. This means that you have the right to know:

- What kind of information is being collected
- How it may be used
- When it may be shared

We have updated our Data Privacy Notice to clearly set out how we will handle your personal data. You can read the notice on our website, www.fhpc.org.uk or pick up a copy from the church office.

Social Committee

Our next event will be a Golf Afternoon followed by Supper at Mortonhall Golf Club on Friday 20 July. Tee off time is 3.00 pm with Supper 7 for 7.30 pm. Non-golfers are encouraged to come along for supper. Names should be passed to Aileen Brannan.

Looking ahead, we will be offering a tour of the City Chambers in September and hosting a concert by Edinburgh Telephone Choir on Friday 19 October. Further details of both these events will be published in Church News and the Order of Service nearer the time.

Pentland Walking Group

On Tuesday 12th June we are walking near Peebles at Manor Bridge, this is a circular walk and will leave at 6.40pm. On Tues 26th June we have a picnic walk to Redpath-Dryburgh; this walk will leave at **10.00am**. Both walks will leave the church car park promptly at the stated times.

More from the Eco-Congregation Group...

Earlier this month, 5 children from Young Church sowed natural Scottish wildflower seeds which are bee-friendly and butterfly-friendly in a prepared flowerbed by the lawns at the back of the halls. We hope this will attract plenty of bees and butterflies!



St Catharine's Mercy Centre

St Catharine's closes during the months of July and August to allow staff and volunteers a well earned break. It also affords the opportunity for essential cleaning. We would value donations of cleaning materials such as floor and toilet cleaners, bleach or disinfectant and rubber gloves. However, meals will continue to be served throughout June. We require foodstuffs such as Tea and Sugar, Rice, Pasta or Lentils and tins of Ham or Tuna. There is always a need for basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Goods can be placed in the box in the Church Hall Foyer.

Thank you for your support.
Sarah Wilson.

Christian Aid Week 2018

Many thanks to the volunteers who distributed and collected envelopes, to the home-bakers and to everyone who came along to the 'Big Brunch' on 20 May. Our total raised in Fairmilehead this year is £2993.06.



Eco-Congregation Steering Group

A workshop has been organised by Stop Climate Chaos and Christian Aid. This takes place on Sunday 3rd June 2.00 - 4.30pm at: Grassmarket Community Project 88 Candlemaker Row Edinburgh EH1 2QA

The workshop will give us more information on Scotland's new Climate Change Act and how we can get involved in the campaign for climate justice

The workshop will be followed by a screening of **Not Without Us** that follows frontline activists in the fight against climate change.

Entry to the workshop is free, the film costs £4. Register for the workshop through:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-action-now-campaign-workshop-film-screening-edinburgh-tickets-44644496892>

June 2018

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| Sun | 3 | 0945 | Worship Now! Baptism & Young Church |
| | | 1100 | Morning Worship |
| Mon | 4 | 1930 | Join the Journey House Group |
| Tues | 5 | 1900 | Fairmilehead Community Council |
| Wed | 6 | 1000 | Pop Up Café |
| Sun | 10 | 0945 | Worship Now! & Young Church |
| | | 1100 | Morning Worship |
| Mon | 11 | 1930 | Holiday Club Meeting |
| Tues | 12 | 1840 | Pentland Walking Group |
| | | 1930 | Business Committee |
| Wed | 13 | 1000 | Pop Up Café |
| Sun | 17 | 0945 | Worship Now! & Young Church |
| | | 1100 | Morning Worship |
| Mon | 18 | 1930 | Join the Journey House Group |
| Wed | 20 | 1000 | Pop Up Café |
| Sun | 24 | 1000 | Communion in Caerketton hall |
| | | 1030 | Young Church Celebration Sunday followed by family BBQ |
| Tues | 26 | 1000 | Pentland Walking Group picnic walk |
| Wed | 27 | 1000 | Pop Up Café |

July 2018

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| Sun | 1 | 1030 | All Together Now! & Young Summer Church |
| Sun | 8 | 1030 | All Together Now! & Young Summer Church |
| Tues | 10 | 1840 | Pentland Walking Group |
| Sub | 15 | 1030 | All Together Now! & Young Summer Church |
| Sun | 22 | 1030 | All Together Now! & Young Summer Church |
| Tues | 24 | 1840 | Pentland Walking Group |
| Sun | 29 | 1030 | All Together Now! & Young Summer Church |

Church Register

Baptism

Harris Alex MacDonald (0/1)
6 May 2018

Welcome to

Ruaridh Alexander (8/1)
Keri Allan (8/7)
Rebecca Cowan (7/2)
20 May 2018

Farewell to

Mrs E Adams (0/1)

Death

Mrs S Raymond (12/3)
25 April 2018