

Outlook
Gullane Parish Church
February 2019



You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 24 February 2019
9.45am and 6.30pm
All welcome

Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends

The Kirk Sessions have agreed to support the twinning of Lothian Presbytery with the East Himalaya Diocese of the Church of North India. The twinning arrangement has been in place since February 2000, having been suggested by the World Mission Council. A substantial number of missionaries had gone from East Lothian to north India over many years; more than from any other single Presbytery. At the heart of the twinning arrangement is the intention that as many congregations as possible within the Presbytery should be twinned with congregations in the diocese, the hope being that strong links could be forged at this level involving a mutual exchange of information, prayer and support. In 2017 / 2018, while I was serving as World Mission Convener in Presbytery, we undertook a review of the twinning and recognised that more could and should be done to give it life and energy. Visitors to the diocese from the Presbytery, during that time, brought news of several congregations in the diocese wishing to establish links. Presbytery is actively seeking congregations to take up these invitations. It cannot be denied that communication with some of these very rural congregations can be sporadic due to infrastructure and logistical difficulties, but persistence can pay off.

Gullane has now been twinned with Jaigaon Pastorate and Aberlady with Kumargram Pastorate. I propose to launch these partnerships at our United Service on Transfiguration Sunday, 3 March 2019. This will be held in Gullane at 10.30am. There is also a possibility that we might be able to host some visitors from the Diocese at our United Service in Aberlady on 5 May 2019. Should anyone, in either congregation, feel that they might help with correspondence and building up the links then I will be pleased to hear from you.

This edition of the magazine is the last before Lent and Easter. I have included as much detail as I can now, regarding Holy Week and Easter services. It is a joy to know that we will be joined on Good Friday by the folk of St Adrian's Episcopal congregation.

Easter 2019: I also hope that there will be opportunities in Lent to participate in ecumenical groups, with prayer, study and discussion. Please watch the service sheets and notice-boards for information on this.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Brian



Christmas 2018

I wish to record my thanks to all those across the congregations and beyond, who in a rich variety of ways, helped to make our Christmas services and celebrations so enjoyable. Thanks also, to those who contributed so generously to our various Christmas collections of money, food and gifts for children. We have received warm expressions of appreciation from all concerned. On a more personal note, thank you to all of you who sent Christmas greetings and gifts to the manse. We are most grateful for your kindness.

Brian Hilsley



United Services

The Kirk Sessions have agreed upon a schedule of United Services as follows. These will all be held at **10.30am** and there will be no other morning services on these days.

Sunday 3 March	Transfiguration United Family Service, Gullane
Sunday 5 May	Easter 3 United Family Service, Aberlady

✠ ✠ Holy Week Services ✠ ✠

Monday 15 April	St Adrian's Church, Gullane
Tuesday 16 April	Abbey Church, North Berwick
Wednesday 17 April	Our Lady, Star of the Sea, North Berwick
Thursday 18 April	Maundy Communion, Gullane Parish Church
Friday 19 April	Good Friday worship Aberlady Parish Church

All services at **7.30pm**

✠ ✠ Easter Services ✠ ✠

Early Service 8.00am Gullane Hill
(followed by bacon rolls in Gullane Church Centre)
Easter Service 9.45am Gullane Parish Church
Easter Service 11.15am Aberlady Parish Church



TIME

This year the Stewardship Campaign is about TIME.

Time is one of our most precious resources and yet it is something we often waste. When did you last stand back and take a look at how you are using the gift of time and whether the way you use it fulfils your life?

To be fulfilled our lives need balance. We have many commitments: family and friends, work, domestic duties, caring for others, leisure and rest. We need to devote some time to all the above but we need time to stop too. We need to think about where God and his Church figures in our time commitment.

During the month of March the whole congregation will be invited to think about how they spend their time and we hope you will get involved.

Elspeth Walker
Stewardship Convenor



The Guild

Whose we are and whom we serve.

The Guild has been enjoying some very good and lively meetings, although they were not always the same as announced on the syllabus.

On November 19 we were a bit dismayed when we received the news from our speaker, that he was unable to come. This was the day before our meeting. Luckily we found Agnes Bell and Emily and Jake Thomson willing to help out and entertain us with a recitation and beautiful singing and playing. We were delighted to have such talent to call on.

Our Christmas party was the usual delicious presentation of party food, some lovely singing by Zena Shand, games and carols and lots of fun. I was interested to learn, that the idea of the game I had prepared was "borrowed" by our friend and minister on Christmas Day .

On January 21st our talk was to be ' Teen Ranch'. We did not know anything about this subject but we were enlightened by a young man called Stuart Niven. Stuart told us very movingly how he got involved with Teen Ranch after the death of his father a few years ago.

TeenRanch runs camps for youngsters between the ages of 10 and 17. The centre is set up as a Ranch with a 'Western ' theme. There is a focus on horse riding and activities such as archery, canoeing, rifle shooting, leather craft and flying fox. Part of the day is set apart ,where the Christian message is shared with the young people. Stuart is involved in maintenance, no mean task, because it involves looking after a 29 room Georgian mansion a small loch and 29 acres of countryside.

We were all very impressed ,to hear how Stuart turned the tragedy of losing his Dad into something so positive and life affirming.

For our next meeting on February 18 ,we hope to see a great attendance. We have by popular request a performance by Orlando Mason. Orlando's voice is a joy to listen to and we can expect a fantastic afternoon.

On Saturday 9 March, we have our annual coffee morning and fund raiser, where we hope to see many people from the congregation joining us for coffee and a chat. Do come along; the cakes are fabulous!

Angeniet Black

and...

A Special Thank You

On 18 November the Guild members were treated to a delightful afternoon party to mark 130 years since the foundation of the Guild. It was very exciting because it was an "all age" celebration with children playing games, scrumptious food and lots of laughter. The ages ranged from Anne (somewhere in her nineties) to little 5 months old Hamish, and lots of friends in between. Our lovely birthday cake was cut by Mrs Betty Rankine.

A Special THANK YOU to Janet, Rachel, and her team who did all the hard work and organisation of the event.

A lovely coming together of our Church Family!

Agnes Bell
Guild Member



Sunday Club

There's lots going on on a Sunday morning in the Church Centre these days. The children are exploring this term but first there's lots to tell from last year.

Three things come to mind. First, we were invited to the Guild 130th Birthday Party in November. The children were delighted to attend, they came with their families to the Church Centre to join in with party games, eat birthday cake and see friends. There was a great atmosphere as everyone joined in and all ages working together to win the prizes and enjoy the wonderful spread.

December brought the Christmas Craft afternoon with an array of imaginative craft ideas and another super spread of food to share afterwards, not to mention Brian's teaching to entertain all. Again, lots of families attended the event. We will be hosting the next craft afternoon in March with the theme of 'Daniel', as part of the Choir presentation which will take place the following week.

Of course, December is also Nativity season. With the backdrop of our new beautifully knitted nativity, the children enjoyed dressing the part to tell the story from a strategically placed armchair at the front of the church. The children gathered round, and with singing from the children to complement the story, our stars told the tale we know so well.

In 2019, Sunday Club are explorers. The children are exploring our Church, dressed up for the job, using our maps and compasses, we're finding out about our Church, the people, the traditions, the building and its ceremonies.

Rachel Wallace





Palm Sunday Hymn

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosannas cry;
Thine humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strewed.

This very fine Palm Sunday hymn was written by Henry Milman who was successively vicar of St Mary's, Reading, St Margaret's, Westminster, and Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. He was born in Westminster, the son of Sir Francis Milman, physician to King George III, and was educated at Eton and Oxford. It was while he was at St Mary's Church in 1821 that he wrote 'Ride on! Ride on in Majesty' and when it was finished he sent a copy to Reginald Heber, who at that time was compiling a book of hymns to cover all the Sundays and festivals of the Christian year. He received an enthusiastic reply from Heber in the words, "You have indeed sent me a most powerful reinforcement to my projected hymn book". When the hymn book was published it was given as the first hymn for Palm Sunday and has been a regular feature of worship on that day ever since.

For some reason the third line of the first verse was regarded as unacceptable by hymn book editors and was changed to 'O Saviour meek, pursue thy road' which appears in our current hymn book and with which we are familiar.

The tune most commonly sung to the hymn is Winchester New, also known as Frankfurt, as it first appeared in Hamburg in 1690 as the setting for a German hymn. It appears to have been introduced to England by John Wesley in the 1740s and was called a 'swift German tune'.

*Thanks to: 'North and West Islay Church of Scotland'
magazine, Spring 2018 issue (via Val Barrie)*



East Lothian Foodbank

I first became involved with the Foodbank during my time as Headteacher at Yester Primary. The pupils on our Pupil Council wanted to collect food items for the Foodbank at our Harvest Assembly and so I arranged to take them up to see how it all worked. They took photographs and then presented to the rest of the school and parents and managed to collect lots of food - the children doing this themselves had much more impact than I would!

At that time the Foodbank was just starting and because of that and fewer referrals being made it was quite small scale. In December I became a volunteer and was quite overwhelmed by the size and scale of it all now. I was also very impressed with the organisation and enthusiasm of staff and volunteers. You know from Rachel's updates on numbers using the service but I wondered if it would be of interest to know what happens.

Food comes in from many different sources, churches like ourselves, organisations, shop collections and individuals who ring the bell at the Foodbank and drop off bags of food. When food is delivered it is weighed. The food is then sorted into categories and arranged into trays according to expiry dates. Huge shelves are all around the room (an old library) and the trays are stored here. Once a referral comes in bags are made up according to the number of people in a family and contain a set list giving people a good selection of items eg tinned meat, fish, fruit, veg. Referrals can only be made by professionals eg Social Work, Doctors, Health Visitors, Head teachers etc and people can only be referred a certain number of times within a six month period except in exceptional circumstances. The bags are then weighed. (there are recommendations about the weight of food a certain family number can get to ensure fairness), labelled and stored ready to be delivered. This is when you see first hand how important food parcels are

to people and how appreciative they are when they receive them.

So please don't stop getting a few extra items when you do your weekly shop and dropping them into the boxes at the front door and be assured that what you do is making a real difference to lots of people across East Lothian, and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer I know you will find it a worthwhile use of a few hours of your time.

Dorothy Hilsley

..and Rachel's most recent update :

The end of the year has been exceptionally busy in the Foodbank. The numbers just keep going up and up. The amount of emergency food parcels handed out has gone from an average of 166 per month last year, to 193 per month this past year. November 2018 saw 245 referrals for food parcels and in December there were 259. Musselburgh receives 32% of parcels but North Berwick coastal area still gets 8%.

In December, in addition to the emergency food parcels, we distributed Jingle bags too, 328 bags were given out across the county. These bags contained everything one might need to put together a Christmas Day meal, including crackers too until we ran out. It has been a mammoth operation but well supported by the community. In December, including donations from Tesco, the Foodbank received over 20,000kgs of food, all needing sorted, but all very gratefully received.

Please continue to give to the Foodbank, both donations of food and money are very gratefully received. There are staff and rent to pay as well as tummies to fill. You will find up to date information at <https://eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk>



A Five Day Trip to Israel

Off we set from Manchester to Tel Aviv, Barry my son-in-law and I, to meet up with my granddaughter Lucy who was flying from London to join us. There should have been four intrepid travellers but sadly my daughter Kandy was not very well so couldn't join us.

What an adventure – our hotel was 300 metres from the ancient walled city of Jerusalem. I had to pinch myself to believe that I was really there in the Holy Land.

Perhaps a lot of people like me have preconceived ideas of what Israel should be like – shades of the past, memories of bible stories and Sunday School are tucked away in our more realistic adult minds. I was however very aware, despite the crowds, when the “still small voice of calm” made its presence felt. Once such moment occurred as we stood at the bottom of the Via Dolorosa and put our hand in the imprint of the hand of Jesus who, it is said, leaned for a moment on his way to Calvary. Another was Lucy and I spreading our hands on the Wailing (Western) Wall and joining in a prayer together.

We walked up the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Church of the Sepulchre which is the site of the empty tomb. We climbed the Mount of Olives, we sat in the Garden of Gethsemane and wondered at the magnificence of the Temple Mount, its golden dome and the peaceful surrounds. We sought spirituality amongst the crowds and were moved when we managed to find it.

Palestinian guides took us to the West Bank – Hebron, Ramallah and of course Bethlehem. We were taken to the refugee camp in Bethlehem where our guide Mustapha lived. Mustapha showed us the enormous concrete separation wall and the controversial graffiti by the renowned Banksy (who described the separation wall as the “ultimate canvas”). Whilst in Bethlehem we visited the Church of the Holy Nativity which even at 5pm was heaving with people queuing to kneel at the birth place of Jesus.

A detail which exemplifies the multi-faith and secularity of where we were was the use of BCE (Before Common Era) and CE to replace BC and AD at historic sites. I'd always

assumed they were universally used but of course that is from a Western European and Christian perspective.

Despite the wonders of it all, we were disquieted by the army presence, the police, the check-points and the watchtowers. The security is pervasive and the atmosphere palpable - a country divided.

However, we unlikely trio had a wonderful time together. After our busy days there were lots of nice restaurants within walking distance of our hotel. (Lucy and Barry particularly enjoyed the Lamb Sharwama). I feel enriched by our experience which I will never forget.

Primrose Barr



Christian Aid Gathering

Tuesday 26 February 10am-1pm
St John's Episcopal Church, Princes St, Edinburgh
Keynote speaker will be Jeanne Kamara from Sierra Leone.
More information at
www.christianaid.org.uk/events/gatherings-2019



Liz Shearer would like to thank all who responded to her call for wool before Christmas. It allowed her to add to her output of knitted hats, gloves etc which were passed on to Blythswood.



Don't forget the magazine when you have that interesting information or experience, or come across something appealing. Sharing is good! Ed

..in case you didn't know



Small Repairs Service

This is a professional service which carries out small repairs to the home and is available to home owners and private tenants of 60 or over and to those with a disability aged 50 or over. It operates through funding from East Lothian Council with NO charge for labour, just for the materials used.

The works undertaken are largely joiner based including new door locks, safety chains, grab rails, curtain rails, shelving and draught proofing. Outside works include replacing rotten window sills, providing handrails, keysafe installations and small glazing jobs.

Some electrical works are also available including electrical home safety checks, installing or replacing security lights, replacing faulty sockets/lights/bulbs, replacing/repairing doorbells, repair of storage panel heaters and extractor fans (not cooker hoods).

The service does not undertake plumbing, decorating or gardening work, nor is it able to help if you are selling or planning to sell your house.

Additionally the service can offer help and advice on larger repairs, maintenance and improvements including assistance in finding suitable contractors and providing help and support throughout the work.

The Care and Repair Office can be found at 18-20 Market St Haddington, 9.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4pm Friday and contacted on 01620 82 8445 or via email at enquiries@careandrepaireastlothian.co.uk and there is further information available at careandrepaireastlothian.co.uk

COMMUNITY LINKS

Gullane Flower Club

- Thurs 7 Feb Members' Night and AGM
Thurs 7 March Kate Russell
Out of the Attic; Quaich Competition;
'Teacup Arrangement'
Thurs 4 April Kate Kerr
Found and Fashioned
Thurs 2 May Derek Morgan
Fierce Creatures

Regular meetings are at the Mallard Hotel at 7.30pm

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## Hadley Court Singers

The next concert will consist of

### **Fauré Requiem** and other items

Saturday 16 March at 7:30pm.  
Venue to be announced

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Gullane and Dirleton History Society

Meetings for the remainder of the season

Wed 20 Feb Gullane Village Hall
Fraser Hunter: New light on Roman silver: a centenary review
of the Traprain silver

Thurs 21 March Dirleton Church Hall
Ed Bethune and others: 1722 Waggonway: the history and
archaeology of Scotland's first railway

Wed 2 April Gullane Village Hall
AGM and presentations/displays by members

All at 7.30pm

THE GULLANE DAY CARE CENTRE

Please do take some time and read this.

Not many of you will know that as well as being the Church roll keeper and fabric convenor that I have taken on the role as Chair for the local Day Care Centre adjacent to our very modern Medical Centre. The Gullane Day Centre was founded by Peter and Paula Jackson and relocated 4 years ago into its ultra modern facility overlooking our tennis courts.

We operate from Monday to Thursday 51 weeks per year with totally dedicated staff and some fantastic volunteers. Our staff are all fully qualified and have regular training to ensure the proper safety and health wellness of all. Also if any problems do arise, we have immediate access to the medical centre.

The Day Centre is one of 10 in East Lothian that provide so many benefits to the elderly providing health and social care in a warm, fun environment.

We have top quality transport to collect members from their homes in Aberlady, Drem, Dirleton and Gullane. On arrival at the centre tea, coffee and refreshments are provided together with social exercises and fun relationships.

A hot two-course meal is provided at lunchtime and the afternoons are taken up with musical entertainment, quizzes and support from many groups including our local primary children. We also have a church service for special occasions taken by our Minister.

The positives for the community are fairly obvious in that members are meeting up regularly with old and new friends. They are trying new activities and getting a real buzz socially. So many show such a huge improvement in their well-being and cannot wait for their next visits. It also gives a break for home carers and gives families total peace of mind.

One of the centres has an 80+ year old member who had never painted before but has now taken up watercolour painting with a very keen eye for detail.

There is a welcome to anyone to come and join in with our activities as we are always seeking help on a daily basis. We find there is excellent feedback from working with our members. We are always looking for new ideas.

Financially we are supported by the local council and have proved the massive benefits it gives to ensure that members can continue to stay in their own homes in familiar surroundings. We are well assisted by a number of charities and fund raisers who help us to provide additional benefits with media and technical support and entertainment.

With us all living in an ever ageing population the benefits given from Day Centres is likely to become even more important in the future.

So please do come in and see us and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. You will love it and just might find you would like to volunteer to help us with our exciting group. You might also know of a neighbour or friend who might benefit from joining us.

Thank you for taking time to digest my dialogue.

We provide a superb service to our members and we all enjoy working with so many interesting members and friends in our community.

Ken Wright



A Brexit Prayer for Peace and Unity
written by Rev Dr Martin Johnstone, Secretary to the Church
and Society Council of the Church of Scotland.



God,
*who in Jesus,
broke down all barriers,
between people of different races
rich and poor,
male and female,
Jew and Gentile,
between heaven and earth,
we worship you.*

God,
*at this time of heavy responsibility,
as decisions about future relationships
with our neighbours in Europe are being taken,
we pray for our leaders:
that they will lead wisely;
that they will listen attentively;
that they will exercise grace;
and that they will know peace
in their deliberations.*

God,
*at this time of uncertainty,
within our nations and communities,
we pray for ourselves:
that we will remain open to the stranger;
welcoming to the neighbour;
and committed to those who struggle.*

God,
we pray for your church of which we are a part:
that we might be a place of honest reflection;
respectful dialogue;
open friendship;
humility and reconciliation.

We pray that
we might be a community that points to heaven,
and shows ways in which heaven is glimpsed on earth.

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AMEN



CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

7 October 2018	Seren Thompson	Aberlady
30 December 2018	Harry Burke	Aberlady
27 January 2019	Josh Wood	Aberlady
27 January 2019	Clark Wood	Aberlady

Marriages

24 November 2018	Alexandra Findlay and Freddie Miller	Aberlady
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Deaths of Members

17 January 2019	Betty Peace	Aberlady
21 January 2019	William Doig	Aberlady
23 January 2019	Betty Ross	Gullane
28 January 2019	Pam Kirkwood	Gullane

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Minister	Rev Brian Hilsley
Session Clerk	Keith Anderson
Treasurer	Joe McGrane
Gift Aid	Morag Black
Free Will Offering	Carol Murray
Beadle	<i>currently vacant</i>
Roll Keeper	Ken Wright
Sunday Club	Rachel Wallace
MAC group	Church Office
Cradle Roll	Elsbeth Walker
Safeguarding	Win Wright
The Guild	Church Office
Presbytery Elder	Janice White
Christian Aid	Rachel Wallace
Flower Convener	Anne Dobie
Choirs	Janet Anderson
Life and Work	Tom Walker
Church Centre Bookings	John Holm
Secretary	Zena Shand
Newsletter	Anne McCarthy

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