

Outlook
Gullane Parish Church
August 2022



You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 28 August
9.45am
All welcome

A message from our locum minister:

I pray that the summer has been kind to you and if, like my wife and I, the summer has included doing some childcare I pray the children have been kind to you too.

It wasn't until we became parents that we realised how the children need their summer holiday to recharge their batteries, but typical of human beings some need longer to recharge than others. Likewise, some are ready to go back to school sooner than others and that can be a challenge too. Siblings get a bit tetchy with each other as frustration begins to set in.

I have to take my hat off to parents who can manage the summer without the support of friends or grandparents. Limited holiday entitlements can place just as big a strain on married life as the length of holidays can frustrate the children. I feel that families need to take time out from church all together or is a change of church all that is needed? What do you feel?

Custom tends to have parents leading the church for the children, and when that happens, I think the family will without a doubt need time away from the church. If they don't, then the parents will possibly find themselves sitting thinking about how they might introduce the reading or the message to the children at church. Having said that, I personally, if I can be selfish for a minute miss the children on a Sunday morning when they are away.

The children will be back with us on the 28th which is when we next share Communion together and I look forward to seeing them with us again. I could probably spend a lot of time finding out what they have been up too, so I will need to keep a check on that, even if I do want to hear all about their holidays.

If I then think about those without children and childcare, what have you been up to I wonder! It is hugely important for adults to get time away for exactly the same reasons that the children need their holiday year on year. For us adults, our breaks get us away from our own door so we can't see the list of things that we have forgotten to do. They also allow us to recharge our batteries too and give us a wealth of stories to share with others when we come back. If you haven't been able to get away anywhere, I pray it is a "Yet" and not an "As usual". I

know that for myself I am finding I am making silly mistakes with the number of verses in hymns on the PowerPoint so I look forward to my holiday which will see us catch up with friends and tour Fife I think, but not until September this year.

When God called the world into being, even he needed a rest and that is a good model for us too. On the seventh day God rested but if we are honest with ourselves when do we actually have a day of absolute rest, a day when there isn't some housework or cooking to get on with. For me it is usually things like a last check at the files for the following Sunday before I send them off, or it might be as chauffeur for grandchildren that punctuates my sabbath. That is one of the good things about having a hobby! I like to fish, not that you would think it by the number of times I go fishing! But recently I was given a painting by numbers kit. I am sure you will have either heard or seen the Highland Cows painted in all sorts of unusual colours, well that is the style of painting I was given but it is of a lion's head. It reminds me of Aslan from the Lion the witch and the wardrobe by CS Lewis where the Lion represents God and his majesty and Power. I look forward to completing it but I think I will look for another one as I am finding it an excellent way to get my mind to switch off the list of things I need to do and give my brain a rest.

If time off is important to God, and I believe the evidence says it is, then it needs to be important to us too. If you can't get away, I pray you can at least get a brain rest through a hobby and a physical rest too. May you too be able to look over what you have done week by week and say It is good.

God bless you all and keep you safe

Regards Fred
Rev Fred Harrison, Locum Minister

If you haven't managed to church for a week or two, I hope you will put the 28th in your diary and come to Communion. Likewise, there will be a joint service in Aberlady Church about the proposed Union of Aberlady and Gullane on Thursday the 25th, both August, and I look forward to seeing you there.

...and one from our Interim Moderator

In Luke's Gospel there is a familiar story of the woman with a haemorrhage who crept through a crowd to touch the Lord. She is healed, and in response to his 'Who touched me?' comes and kneels at his feet. Jesus then says to her, in Eugene Peterson's translation, "You took a risk in touching me, and now you are whole."

Risk is part of human life – indeed part of the enterprise of God in creating and holding the universe in being, since chance is part of its fabric. For us, approaching a new 'wholeness' in the union of congregations, there is risk also (though not as much as in many unions, since there will be no loss of worship place). But I do want to invite you to consider this story (Luke 8:43-48) afresh as an invitation to touch Jesus for healing, whether it is in your own life and relationships, or concerns something you know about in congregation or community.

So far I have been impressed by the willingness of each congregation to make sure the other one is listened to, and well represented in the process we have been engaged in. Let us continue this attitude when we come to set up our Nominating Committee to find a new minister. And while it is unusual to be seeking a half-time minister, let us all be praying in exactly the same way that we would pray for any sort of appointment: 'Lord, show us and send us the right person!'

Your Interim Moderator,



... and also from the Session Clerk

The most important date to note is that our **Service of Union** for Aberlady and Gullane churches will be held on **Thursday 25th August at 7pm in Aberlady church**. This will be followed by refreshments in Aberlady Kirk Stables.

Two meetings of Kirk Session are scheduled in September which should get us to the point that we can then appoint a Nominations Committee to progress the call of a new minister. The steering group for Aberlady and Gullane churches (referred to in our May magazine) have meanwhile been drafting our Parish Profile so that we can hit the ground running when we get the 'go ahead'.

It has been good to see Wednesday coffee mornings getting going again and also the resumption of fellowship over teas and coffees in the Church Centre after our Sunday services. We are very grateful to all the people on the 'rota' for these gatherings.

Moving from 'linkage' to a union with Aberlady will mean that one set of office bearers will be responsible for both churches. These changes will be communicated in due course and meantime, I am sure the directory on the rear cover will guide you to someone who can help.

Tom Walker
Session Clerk

...and on financial matters

Very soon we shall become one united congregation and all the finances of the two churches will be joined and held in accounts in our new joint name with one treasurer who will remain me. I may need to contact people who have Standing Orders when the bank accounts become one but this will take a little time. I shall try as much as possible not to inconvenience people but may need your help
Please continue to stay safe and keep well

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)



JAM CLUB

I'm just looking back at what I wrote in the spring issue of Outlook. I ended by my piece saying 'I'm sure there will be an Easter egg hunt'. And there was, thanks to Tom and Claire Walker for sharing their garden and tasty treats. We



had lots of children at the Easter service who were then keen to follow the Easter trail round the Walker's nearby garden.



Since Easter the children have been busy learning about David from 1 Samuel using our bibles and SU resources. We have also enjoyed topics of Christian Aid week, Father's Day and the Queen's Jubilee. We also grew sunflowers again, thinking this year of Ukraine. We donated some to the Christian Aid Plant and Produce stall, how tall did yours grow?

We didn't run an Easter Craft afternoon in Church this year, opting instead to help the GVA with their Easter Saturday event at the Recreation Hall. There were Easter crafts and games for all the family. Easter egg biscuits, bunny ear hoopla, lots of chocolate, it was a great success. We plan to run it again next year.





26 June was the end of the summer term in JAM Club. We presented the children with gifts and certificates during the service then enjoyed a Norwegian breakfast of waffles and fruit through in the Church Centre. Afterwards we headed down to the beach for games and a picnic,

where we were thankful for good weather and a good turn out.

We are looking forward to welcoming back JAM Club on 28 August. We have plans for an autumn walk on 25 September and a craft afternoon in the Kirk Stables with Aberlady on 9 October.

Rachel Wallace

EJAM

What an inaugural year for EJAM it has been! As we approach our 1st anniversary this September, the EJAM leaders have been looking back at a ten fantastic sessions. Since our last Outlook update, we have met in April, (May was cancelled due to sickness!), June and a special Gullane Games EJAM in August.



You may have noticed our posters showing the Lord's Prayer around the church centre wall – the result of us searching the bible for different prayers for all situations, or our temporary Prayer Tree which we hope to develop further to make a permanent feature of our Church in conjunction with the congregation as a whole.

As part of Gullane Games week we held a special EJAM in the Games Marquee, and lowered the attendance age to those just starting Primary School. Unfortunately many of our regular children were unable to attend, however we were delighted to welcome some new families. We based our session on

Matthew 25: 31-40: *"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me."* With an activity for each *need*, the photos below show the fantastic school uniforms created from loo roll and newspapers, prisons made from spaghetti and marshmallows and "broken arms" carefully supported in home made slings.



We are looking forward to the year ahead as we welcome at least four new P3s, bringing our regular attendees up to 26 children. We may need to look at tweaking the format a bit to accommodate our growing numbers, but a problem which we are very pleased to have! We are incredibly grateful to the support of the congregation to make this new initiative possible.

Hilary Smyth

Christian Aid Update

The Plant, Produce and Craft Sale of 21 May had a wealth of items on offer and along with the subsequent coffees/teas made the splendid grand total of £764.95

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In the last issue we also gave notice of Claire Walker's 60 walks in 60 days for her 60 years.

She reports that she explored many John Muir Way and Southern Upland Way walks with her final walk being a climb of the three Eildon Hills. This sterling venture raised a magnificent £2085 for Christian Aid and Claire would like to thank everyone for their support

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BBQ Skills

After a hiatus of two years we were once again asked by the Gullane Games Committee to run the barbecue on Saturday 6 August. While I have now lost count on the number of years we have run the barbecue it must be at least 15 years. This has been the Church's contribution to making the Games successful and has only happened due to the dedication of some excellent chefs! This year Michael Black, Peter Grey, Andy Murray, David Scott & Ken Wright all practised their culinary skills.

Although we were not as busy as usual the barbecue was still in demand and contributed to the day. We are obviously doing something right as we were approached at the end to see if we would run a barbecue at Gullane Scout's Jumble Sale in September.

Ken Sims

Strawberry Tea



Over twenty past Members of the Guild and other Church Members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in the garden of one of the Elders at the end of June. It was a perfect afternoon; warm, not too hot and NO WIND!

It was a wonderful afternoon to relax and enjoy the company of old and new friends and all the lovely flowers.

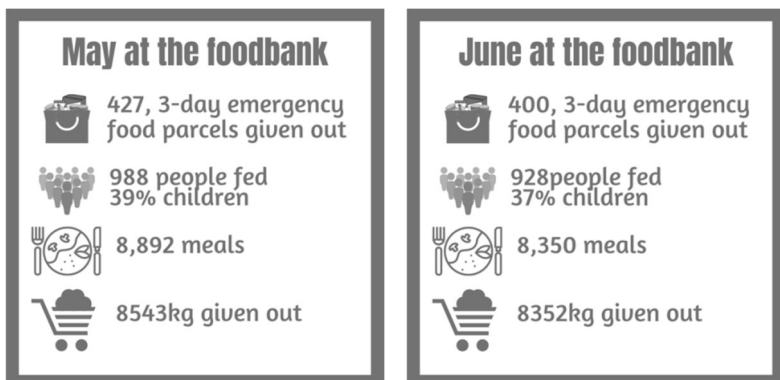


Many thanks to those who helped with baking and especially Fran Goodman who designed the invitations and Claire Walker and Ruth Hunter who helped on the day.

Elsbeth Walker



East Lothian Foodbank



Above is a snapshot of the activity at the Foodbank. Since the cost of living started to increase in the spring, the number of referrals coming into the Foodbank increased accordingly. Thankfully this summer the government offered help to those on benefits, and this calmed demand, but now we are into August we see demand increasing again. Early in the summer stock levels in the Foodbank had got desperately low, with demand outweighing supply. Thanks to the Tesco collection weekend in June though, stock has increased again. From that weekend we received 1,076.1kg in donations from Haddington Tesco, 1613.5kg from North Berwick Tesco and 1,219.4kg from donations at Musselburgh Tesco.

Here in Gullane we are thankful to those who donate regularly through the church, library and Coop donation points. Others donate regularly by direct debit, or cash donations, all make a huge difference to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

Rachel Wallace



COMMUNITY LINKS

🎵 *The Music Scene* 🎵

Gullane Community Ceilidh Band

Gullane community ceilidh band continues to go from strength to strength despite the challenges we faced as a group during the pandemic. Zoom became our new best friend and every week we continued to meet on this social media platform supporting each other through this very difficult period in all of our lives. Surprisingly despite the fact we were unable to all play together at the one time on Zoom we managed to make some good music and improve our playing as we were forced to play solo which meant we all had to practise!!

Gullane Village Hall Community Association (GCA) continues to support our community band allowing us to meet and play together every Friday morning in the Hall from 10.30am – 12.45pm free of charge. Our way of saying thank you to the Trustees is by playing at events for donations then giving the donation to GCA to support the continuation of Gullane Village Hall as the Hub for All.

We are a mixed instrument group with members of all ages and abilities. Our ethos is to be inclusive for everyone in Gullane and the Lothians who wants to play music, we are a welcoming and friendly bunch who especially enjoy celebrating birthdays, drinking coffee and eating cake. We have played for weddings, birthday parties, Gullane Games, Dirleton Games, Day centres, Hadstock Festival, Fringe by the Sea and of course our annual Gullane Hogmanay event. We hope to play for many more events as we continue to grow and develop as a group.

If anyone reading this is interested in coming along to our merry band of musicians please email
. Or even just pop along to the Village Hall on a Friday morning and we'd be delighted to see you.

Cath Montgomery on behalf of Gullane Community Ceilidh Band

CORO CON SPIRITO

This is the name of the Community Choir of Aberlady and Gullane villages. The Choir is re-starting on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm. The new venue for practice sessions will be St.Adrian's Church, Sandyloan, Gullane. Our musical director is Janet Anderson.

New members would be most welcome and there are no auditions. The music is of a broad range and the key aim is to have fun. If interested in joining, please either come along on any Tuesday evening or contact Susan Ritchie, our Secretary,

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GULLANE AND DIRLETON HISTORY SOCIETY

Lecture programme up until Christmas

Thursday meetings in Dirleton Kirk Hall and Wednesday meetings in Gullane Village Hall. All at 7.30pm.

NB some lectures may be on ZOOM

Wed 21 September

Robert Burns and East Lothian.

Gordon Jamieson

Thurs 20 October

Inns and their signs

Sandra Goodswen

Wed 2 November

Landing in Paradise – the Vikings in Scotland. Olwen Owen

Thurs 1 December

East Lothian's Papple Steading. George Mackintosh

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The Scout Jumble Sale is Back

Saturday 10 September 2022

A date for your diary

Gullane Bio Blitz

The Gullane Eco Group were delighted to host the first ever Gullane Community BioBlitz as part of Gullane Games on Sunday 7th August. We were joined by 8 experts from three local organisations, who accompanied over 30 members of the public of all ages on a series of walks and adventures around the village.

The purpose of a BioBlitz is to identify as many species of plant or animal in a specific area, and to formally record the findings on national databases to aid the monitoring and conservation of our local wildlife

Natalie Harmsworth from The Wildlife Information Centre (TWIC) led a group of families down to the Millennium Woods, and there was much excitement as discussions were held around whether a very rare species had been identified for only the third time in Scotland – the *Parietaria Officinalis* (see photo). In the end, the consensus was that it was actually a slightly larger specimen of a more common variety, but the excitement during the scientific identification process was palpable!



You can read all about the exploration of the Bents by The East Lothian Country Rangers, accompanied by an Urban Botanist from the Botanical Society of Scotland (BSS) from one of our younger congregation members, Katie Humphreys

And finally, we were delighted that Dr Maria Chamberlain and Dr Julia Wilson of the Botanical Society of Scotland's Urban Botany team led a small group who almost exclusively focused on our own church garden. Hamish and I accompanied this group, though were of limited use as the experts turned over every tiny little "weed" on the grass, soil, paving stones, in the gravel and on the walls, uncovering a phenomenal number of plants, ferns and mosses which inhabit this small area. We thought we'd identified all the species in the first 90 minutes, however, a further hour after lunch with expert, Dr David Chamberlain, on hand, and the total number of species stood at 70! A full list of species has been produced and for anyone who is interested, and we would be very happy to put them in

touch with the experts if they would like to discuss the process. A real eye opener, and inspirational to watch the knowledge, passion and enthusiasm



Look out for our full report in the next edition of the Gullane Village Newsletter, along with tips on how to encourage biodiversity in your own garden.

Hilary Smyth



Today we went on a Bio Blitz with Gullane Eco Group. We chose a walk that went down to Gullane Bents. The walk was led by Rangers and Botanists. On the walk we looked at many different species of plants, bugs, animals and wild life. We saw a deer, lots of butterflies and some poisonous plants! Some of the plants we saw were known as silver weed, ladies bedstraw, yarrow, wild barley and eggs and bacon!

Amongst some of the butterflies we saw a holly blue, small white, meadow brown and speckled wood.

We had a lot of fun and hope to do it again and hope next time you will come along too!

by Katie Humphrys



Members of the Botanical Society of Scotland Urban Botany Team recorded 70 species growing in the garden of Gullane Parish Church on Sunday 7 August. For those who are interested, full printed lists of those identified will be available in the church porch

Below is a selection, some which will be very familiar, others perhaps less so.

species/English names are given

Dryopteris fetis-mas/male-fern
Hipochaeris radicata/Cat's ear
Trifolium repens/White Clover
Taraxacum officinale/Dandelion
Senecio vulgaris/Groundsel
Lamium amplexicaule/Henbit Dead-nettle
Cerastium fontanum/Common Mouse-ear
Trifolium dubium/Lesser Trefoil
Solanum nirum/Black nightshade
Fragaria vesca/Wild Strawberry
Digitalis purpurea/Foxglove
Rosa rugose/Japanese Rose
Urtica dioica/Common Nettle
Erigeron glaucus/Seaside Daisy
Centranthus ruber/Red Valerian
Geranium robertianum/Herb-Robert
Euphorbia peplus/Petty Spurge
Acer platanoides/Norway Maple
Papaver somniferum/Opium Poppy
Tanacetum parthenium/Feverfew
Medicago lupulina/Black Medick
...and 11 different mosses



You have heard me say it often before but the bigger variety of those contributing to Outlook the better, so keep thinking ahead and bear the magazine in mind. Ed

Memories of Gullane Shops in 1955 as pictured by Elizabeth Campbell Aged 15

Starting at the West End

South side:

Raeburn, Grocer: *a friendly place to shop, smell of ground coffee, customers saying 'put my shopping on my account'*

Watson, fruiterer: *the smell of tomatoes grown on their smallholding at Drem*

Lamberti's café: *had a juke box*

Mann ironmonger

Sinclair, chemist: *for good looks – 'we are the agents for cosmetics'*

McVittie, bakers: *manager Pearl Ramsay was very much part of village life*

Jenny Wallace, china shop

Miss Gilchrist, clothes shop

Co-op grocery: *manager Johnnie McCoach. We used to queue there for our Co-op dividend*

Co-op drapery and haberdashery: *manager Jimmy Stephen, a real character*

Co-op bakery: *manager Des Paterson, made lovely plain bread*

Co-op butcher: *manager Johnnie Gordon*

Marr shoe shop: *shoes repaired and lovely smell of leather*

Dairy: *Huttons*

Hogg, plumber

Sandy (Ally) Russell, barber

Mrs Meikle, papers and sweets

Bank of Scotland: *manager Bob Glass, intimidating for a 15-year old*

Smiddy: *Mr Colville and Jimmy Sangster from Aberlady*

Cameron, butcher: *great steak pies*

Mrs Whyman's sweetie shop

Apedale, chemist: *developed photos on the premises*

Post Office: *Douglas Lamb*

Wishing Well Café

Dobson's coal yard

St Peter's Church: *later church hall*

Bissets Hotel

Harris bike shop

Green Goose Café: *Mr Diamond*

Gents Outfitters

Baby Shop: *Mrs Robertson*
Gas showroom

North side:
Caddy shed: *now golf pro shop*
Sorley's garage
Queen's Hotel
Moffat, baker: *great morning rolls*
Laurence Smith grocery
Pat McCaul: *café where caddies paid for their tea and cigarettes with used golf balls*
Hoffie painter: *office*
Flockhart, hairdresser: *upstairs*
Dairy: *Mrs Redfern*
Clothes shop: *Mrs Short. Shop was packed to ceiling with all kinds of goods*
Sweetie and ice cream shop
Munro's paper shop: *Alice Lamb*
Golf Inn: *happy memories*
Lugton's garage

Plenty of changes. In 2022 we have no bank, no 'proper' post office, no butchers, bakers, ironmongers, dairies, greengrocers, garages, dedicated sweetie shops, nor paper shops. Some of the more specialist retailers have also gone but, on the other hand, others have come in their place.



Back to the garden: Joy Grey writes
'I am wondering if you know anything about the **sundial** that sits (unloved!) in the garden to the south side of the church. Perhaps we should consider having it renovated and sited in a more prominent position but I feel I need to know more about it before we consider further'.
Neither written records nor some enquiries have produced results so Joy would be very pleased to hear from anyone who can provide information or recollections

A hymn for our times?

WE LAY OUR BROKEN WORLD (721 in our hymnary)

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds
for new life can be used.

We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

Come Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope and trust,
and lift us up to you.

Anna Briggs (b.1947), is from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has lived in Liverpool, and studied theology in Canada. A long-time member of the Iona Community, she wrote this, her first hymn, while planning worship for Iona Abbey. 'If there isn't a hymn for the moment,' she has said, 'you write one – or two!' Her other writings of poetry and prayer, appear in Iona publications and other anthologies

Found at the entrance to St Brelade's Parish Church, Jersey



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', or just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you are having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion' (*we're not that keen on it either!*)

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting & wanted to come to Church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost with a Jersey map and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... **and you!**

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths of members

5 May 2022	Bill Sarson	Phoenix Rise	Gullane
28 May 2022	Leslie Wise	Erskine Rd	Gullane



~~ Directory ~~

Locum Minister	Rev Fred Harrison
Session Clerk	Tom Walker
Treasurer	Peter Grey
Gift Aid	Morag Black
Free Will Offering	Carol Murray
Beadle	currently vacant
Roll Keeper	Ken Wright
Sunday Club	Rachel Wallace
Cradle Roll	Elsbeth Walker
Safeguarding	Win Wright
Presbytery Elder	Elsbeth Walker
Christian Aid	Claire Walker
Flower Convener	Anne Dobie
Life and Work	Tom Walker
Church Centre Bookings	Stuart Munro
Church Office	currently closed
Church Website	Hilary Smyth
Magazine	Anne McCarthy

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