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Sunset over Jura - Photograph taken from mainland early August 2024

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 25th August 2024

All church services held weekly at:

Gullane Parish Church **9.45a.m.**

Aberlady Parish Church **11.15a.m.**

Joint services held at 10.30a.m. on the first Sunday of each month -

**Aberlady - September 1st, Gullane - October 6th,
Aberlady - November 3rd, Gullane - December 1st**

All are welcome



MINISTER



Dear Friends,

it's been another beautiful summer day again today and I hope you have all been enjoying this holiday season? There's always a bit of sadness and mixed emotions as we come to the end of the school summer holidays. There is a great joy in seeing and hearing our young people out enjoying their holidays and the lovely weather and sharing in their explorations, games and fun. I'm sure that some of you have also had some delight with family visits and seeing grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. We have certainly missed our young people in the church and look forward to them returning soon as JAM Club starts again on 25th August. We keep them all in our prayers as they start a new term at their schools, either for the first time, or for the first time in their new year group. An exciting time and a significant stepping stone on their educational journey.

Over these summer months I've heard of so many of you going off on journeys to many destinations, places in Scotland, England, Ireland and further afield across the world. We start off on a different kind of journey shortly as we begin to bring our plans together for the renovation and remedial works of our church buildings. We are just at the start of this journey but we have one plan drawn up for a proposed renovation of Gullane Church building. We are also trying to find a way to install a toilet at Aberlady Church and sort some problems with the AV, heating and lighting. The Kirk Stables in Aberlady is also needing some attention. As all this planning of property work goes ahead, I'd just like to remind you that you are welcome at any of our meetings, whether they are Property Group meetings, Kirk Session meetings, or any other group meetings. If you want to learn more about what is happening please feel free to come along. We would love to see you. We will try to remember to start advertising when the meetings are taking place. As I said, we are just at the beginning of this journey, still trying to find out what is possible and, we have consulted with Lothian & Border's Presbytery and with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. We will be having a Kirk Session meeting to discuss all these things on 19th August at the Kirk Stables, when Peter Wood the Presbytery Mission Officer, will also be coming to speak to us, because our plans for our properties will also have to reflect our plans for mission. Hopefully we will soon have a clearer idea of where we are headed.

Perhaps the greatest foundational story of a journey in the Bible is that of Abraham: 1. The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." 2. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. (Gen 12:1-2)

Abraham left all he knew and took his family off on the journey God called him to. We start our journey aware of God's presence with us and open to the guidance of his Holy Spirit knowing that Jesus accompanies us each step of the way.

God bless
Rev Lis x
0131 324 3134

SESSION CLERK

I have taken over the role of Session Clerk from Jim Donaldson. We have been very fortunate to have had Jim and I'm sure you will all wish him well for the future. I also feel blessed to have Elspeth and Hazel as part of our joint team and look forward to working with them.

Looking back at Jim's report this time last year it is amazing how time has flown by. We now have our new Minister Lis, who is enjoying living in our new Manse in Fenton Road.

Jim also mentioned that we were beginning to look seriously at how we may improve our Churches and Halls in Aberlady and Gullane and, after much hard work, we are dedicating our next Session Meeting on 19th August to the sole purpose of Property.

Michael Black.

Starting something new? A morning for those who are pioneering

Rev. Dr Ian Adams is at St Johns King's Park Church in Dalkeith on **Friday September 13th** to help us reflect further on discerning the next steps in pioneering new mission initiatives.

Please book in through Eventbrite. Come with a team of folks.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pioneering-practice-discerning-the-next-step-tickets-911349148837>

Christian Aid -The Kilt Walk in Edinburgh. Sunday September 15th Middle distance 14 miles leaves from St. Andrews High Church, Musselburgh.

Friday October 25th Presbytery Day Conference at St. Andrew, Blackadder, North Berwick with guest speak Prof. Tom Greggs. More info coming but open to ALL.

Coffee, Cake and Christianity

This is a new group based in Aberlady that will be starting on 16th Sept at 2pm. This first meeting will be all about exploring the best times, frequency and venue for the group. We will also be thinking about what we will be discussing in the group.

All are welcome. Interested?

For more details please contact Heather Barcroft 07513031965

(Or speak to the minister)



Congregational Roll

Gullane and Aberlady

Deaths

May 15.5.24. Betty Rankine, 5 Marine Road, Gullane.

June 4.6.24. William (Bill) Patrick, 30 Muirfield House, Gullane.

17.6.24. Ian Black, 31 Muirfield Crescent, Gullane.

July 17.7.24. Anne Routledge, Fidra Care Home , North Berwick.

IAN BLACK , DIED 17.6.24

Ian Black was an Elder at Gullane Parish Church and Beadle for thirty nine years. He was a strong anchor for the church as Ministers came and went. He was very supportive of the Ministers, Session and their work, and general church life too.

Ian was the kind of person who always had a sage word of advice and he knew everything there was to know about the church buildings. He was an excellent Beadle who was always there early and ready to help at all the services, weddings and funerals.

He liked the social events and especially preparing BBQs for the church to help with church funds. He was extremely generous in the gifts he gave to Gullane church, but as he wished these to be given anonymously, we will respect his wishes and not go into any detail.

Ian had a strong faith and was devoted to his wife Dora and was very proud, caring and supportive of both Gail and Caroline, Dora's children and their families.

He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Finances-Treasurer's update

I am happy to report a healthy balance in our finances. I am very grateful to everyone for their generosity in continued donations. I am grateful for your continued support in your giving through your offerings. The current balance in our account is very good. We are enjoying a break from the high utility bills we have all endured during the winter and spring and this is helping to keep the bank balance healthy.

I have been able to add to our Investments in recent months because of money saved and a generous legacy recently received from a former member. This will help with the expenditure we may face with future projects in both churches.

Our 2023 accounts have passed all the hurdles within the Church of Scotland and have been submitted very recently to OSCR, our regulatory body, for their scrutiny and approval.

Please continue to support our church. You can do so by cheque or by Standing Order via the bank. You are also able to put your donations in the plate as you enter the church, preferably in your offering envelope in cash. Should you wish to donate using Gift Aid you should contact me for Aberlady or Morag Black for Gullane and we can supply the appropriate form.

For further information, please speak to me by phone.

All the finances are now joined and held in accounts in our joint name with one treasurer.

I am grateful to the Finance Committee for their help in achieving this and acting as signatories.

I hope you are enjoying the recent good weather this summer and feel refreshed from a holiday.

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)

Kirk Stables/ Gullane Church Centre

There is some availability during the week for groups to meet at the Kirk Stables, both during the day and in the evening and, it is also possible to hire for family events e.g children's parties. Please spread the word. Further information and booking forms are available from our secretary at acpcsecretary@outlook.com or by phoning her on 01875 870777 (leave a message if unavailable). The hire charges are reasonable.

Kaye Macaskill (Church Treasurer)



Children's Church in Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church

Our Sunflowers have grown! How are yours looking? They have been planted in gardens around the villages as well as outside the church. We have also planted flowers, carrots and beetroot in our raised bed in the Kirk Stables. The children had a lovely time weeding and sewing. We also transplanted a couple of baby Horse Chestnut trees which would have got in the way of our seedlings if left in situ. Following on from this theme of looking after God's world we spent a Sunday morning picking up litter on Gullane beach and we still have plans for a bug hotel in the church garden.

Our term ended on the 23rd of June with the usual service of presentations and then our Jam Club picnic. Our regular Jam Club children received gifts and certificates to mark the end of the Sunday School year. We then went to the haven that is the Grey's garden, where the sun was shining and we enjoyed a happy afternoon of games, quizzes and fun on the waterslide. At this time, we wish to thank all our helpers who regularly give up their time for Jam Club and EJAM, as well as those who support us in other ways, for example, sharing their garden, baking or donating time and resources for our families.

EJAM have met less regularly over the spring term but they have great plans for an Olympic themed session as part of the Gullane Games. We will be holding our usual Harvest Craft Afternoon in the coming term, and hope that this, and the new term, will bring new faces to our church family.

Jam Club plans to restart on 25th August. We will always welcome offers of help with the children's church, subject to the usual recruitment process and PVG checks.

For more information on Aberlady and Gullane's Children's activities please email Rachel at agpcchildren@gmail.com

Please keep in touch by checking our website for updates

www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org,

as well as Facebook @Aberladyandgullaneparishchurch.

Rachel Wallace



JAM CLub
Sustainability Craft
July

Jam Club beach clean - July



Jam Club Picnic - July

THE OLYMPICS COME TO GULLANE

EJAM.

The August theme was the Olympics with the lessons being on the importance of **kindness**, **sharing**, **working together** and **thoughtfulness** in our **Christian lives**.

So much fun was had by all.





Sometime during the spring the Jam Club planted sunflower seeds in a session with Joy and then they gave the young plants out to the congregation. I took one as I always do and asked if I could also have one for my mum (she always use to take one but had died not long before).

I planted them both in our garden and this is a photograph of them looking wonderful.

Frances Goodman



Please continue to donate to your local foodbank. Food, toiletries and household cleaning products can be left at either church on Sunday mornings, at Gullane library or COOP, also Aberlady Community Hall when open. Donations can also be left at Tesco in North Berwick or brought to the warehouse in Tranent.

For more information see the website www.eastlothianfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you. Rachel Wallace

STRAWBERRY TEA

Past members of the Guild and friends from both Aberlady and Gullane gathered together for a delicious afternoon tea on June 13th. There was no sitting outside this year but the chat, reminiscing and laughter was just as good as previous years. A big thank you to the 'dream team' who produced all the delicious home baking and helped on the day.

Elsbeth Walker



Aberlady and Gullane Church

OPEN DAYS

Our two communities hope to welcome lots of people to our church buildings on two open days, on Saturday 28 September in Aberlady and Sunday 29 September in Gullane. This being Harvest Festival weekend, the churches will be specially decorated. This is something which will be special to share.

We also want to share information on the buildings themselves and give an indication of our plans for the future. At Aberlady there will be people on hand between 12 noon and 4pm to greet visitors, to explain what's happening and to answer questions. In Gullane the day begins with the 9.45am Sunday service and then people can stay to look around and find out more or perhaps visit later in the morning. Refreshments will be available in the Church Centre where there will also be a chance to see what the young people are up to.

As well as members of the church we look forward to welcoming members of our wider community.

Anne McCarthy





GLADSMUIR PARISH CHURCH
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Sunday 8th September:

“THE HEART & SOUL SWING BAND”

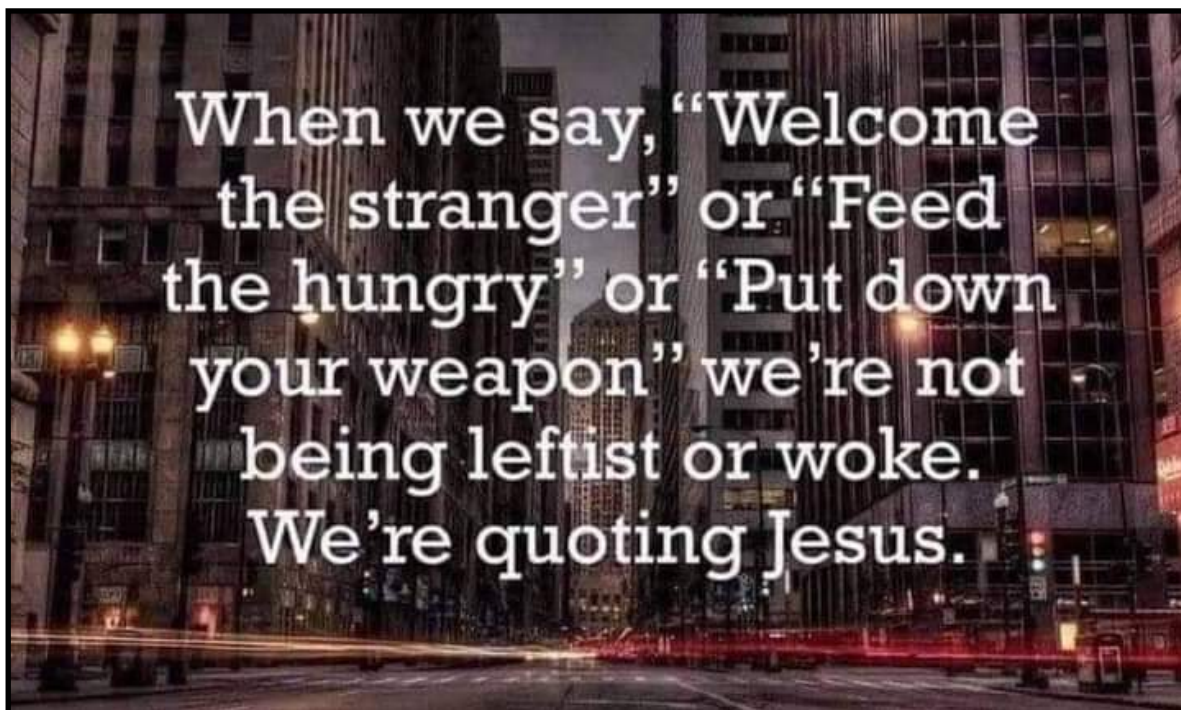
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Sent from June Campbell

MUIRFIELD CARE HOME VISIT TO GULLANE CHURCH

The church welcomed residents and carers from the home on the 14th of June for a short talk about our stain glass windows and some of the other interesting aspects of our sanctuary. Our visitors were entertained by Sandra Robertson, who very kindly played the piano. Sandra played a selection of pieces, which all there very much enjoyed.

Our visitors then enjoyed an afternoon tea in the church hall. We had lots of chat and laughter and a promise we would do this again, the date which has been arranged for 14th August 2025.

Thanks to Elspeth, Lorna & Sandra for their help in making this happen.



MUIRFIELD CARE HOME BBQ

Regular attendees from our Wednesday Coffee morning attended the BBQ at Muirfield Care Home on Friday 28th June. The event was well attended by family and friends of the residents. The afternoon started well in lovely sunshine, but unfortunately, the rain crept in and everyone had to move inside. The food, plus Luca’s ice cream, was enjoyed, as was the entertainment. At least 8 of our regulars enjoyed the afternoon, of course some knew and caught up with some of the residents. Thank you to our Muirfield friends for inviting us to your BBQ.

We really enjoyed it.



GULLANE COFFEE MORNINGS

Our Wednesday coffee morning is popular with our regulars, our neighbours at Muirfield Care Home and occasionally people passing by. We had two cyclists pop in a few weeks ago. They enjoyed their cuppa, using our disposable cups, while sitting on the bench outside, and enjoying the view. We had an unexpected visit by a bus trip from a church in the West of Scotland. The bus driver somehow knew there was a coffee morning in Gullane. They were too early for their lunch booking in North Berwick, so had a cuppa and fellowship with our regulars. It’s things like that which make the coffee morning so rewarding.

Thank you to all our volunteers who cover the rotas on Wednesday and Sunday. We are delighted Isabel, Joyce & Moira have joined the team. There’s always room for more. I’d also like to thank Nicky for putting the rotas together, it’s not a task I relish.

Finally, sincere thanks to all those who support us by popping in for coffee whether it be Wednesday or Sunday. It’s fellowship like this that brings us closer together.

Muriel

I GO TO CHURCH

I go to Church on Sundays – not because I'm good,
But I go to Church on Sundays - because I know I should.
For there I sit with others, finding peace and calm
And knowing that the Lord my God, loves me as I am.

I also talk with Jesus because He is my Friend,
He's been with me all through my life
And I know He'll be at my end.

Martha Lithgow

ACCEPTANCE

Our Summer's days are passing quickly, we didn't have much sun.
The longest day is now long past, the dark nights have begun.
But don't be so despondent, the outlook's not doom & gloom.
The little birds still sing to us, the lovely flowers still bloom.
Be thankful for our daily food and all good things we've got
And saying a prayer, ask God to help the poor folk who have not.

Martha Lithgow

Have you seen a local appeal from someone unable to use Public Transport asking for the likely cost of a Taxi to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary? The following two suggestions might be useful.

H C L - 01314479949.

This is a hire firm with Charity Status who offer transport for Hospital visits. An early request for date is appreciated.

BEX 07536388753. Phone between 9:00 am and 12:00.

This is a Voluntary Service based in North Berwick and they are usually looking for more volunteer drivers.

Sent in by June Campbell

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
August 25th	JAM start of new session on 25th August
September 1st	10.30am Joint Service at Aberlady led by Worship Team
September 8th	EJAM start of a new session. All are welcome.
September 13th	Rev. Dr Ian Adams is at St Johns King's Park Church in Dalkeith. See p.3
September 9th - 22nd	Fairtrade Fortnight
September 15th	Lammermuir Festival Concert at Aberlady Church 3pm
September 15th	Christian Aid - Kilt Walk, Edinburgh
September 16th	Coffee, Cake and Christianity/ Aberlady - 2pm venue tbc
September 28th	Morning preparations for Harvest Thanksgiving Open Afternoon at Aberlady Church 12-4pm
September 29th	Harvest Thanksgiving - both churches at usual times Open Day at Gullane Church - 9.45am service and onwards
October 6th	10.30am Joint Service at Gullane led by Worship Team
October 25th	Presbytery Day Conference, St Andrew, Blackadder, North Berwick
October 31st	Deadline for articles for November issue of 'CONNECT'
November 3rd	10.30am Joint Service at Aberlady led by Worship Team
November 10th	Remembrance Sunday - War Memorial 11.00am
November 24th	Celebration of Holy Communion Joint service with children at Gullane Church 10.30am
December 1st	10.30am Joint Service at Aberlady led by Worship Team
December 24th	Christmas Eve, Aberlady 6.30pm (tbc)
December 24th	Watchnight Service Gullane 11.30pm (tbc)
December 25th	Christmas Day Service Gullane 10.30am(tbc)