

News at Wardie



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“Three-Mile-an-Hour God”



Lent is the name that the Church gives to the season between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. But in French “lent” means slow. It’s a good way of describing some of the events which we remember during this season. In all of them, the number 40 plays an

important role. 40 nights and 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. For 40 years, we are told, the people Israel travelled through the desert from the land of slavery to the promised land. Have you ever wondered why it took them so long? Imagine how far you could go if you walked the road for 40 years. The Japanese theologian Kosuke Koyama reflects on the symbolic meaning behind the slowness of pace in his book “Three Mile an Hour God”:

Love has its speed. It is a spiritual speed. It is a different kind of speed from the technological speed to which we are accustomed. It goes on in the depth of our life, whether we notice it or not, at three miles an hour. It is the speed we walk and therefore the speed the love of God walks.

The Three-Mile-an-Hour God is patiently waiting for us to move with him into a state of greater freedom. It’s the freedom to choose – among all the things we’re told we need to live and be happy – the one thing that we really need to be alive. Sometimes it’s clear, at other times we need to give ourselves more time. The season of Lent is a good time to slow down, to find out what drives us, where we want to go and what we really want to do. Maybe we are moving in a circle and need a change of direction. On three Sundays in Lent, you can try different styles of prayer like Taizé prayer, walking the Labyrinth or a pilgrim walk which takes us to special places in our parish (see the services for March and Easter on p. 4).

We would also like to hear from you as Wardie Church is reviewing its work and what we can offer as a church to the community. Your feedback is important to us. We have prepared a short questionnaire which accompanies this newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts.

As we move forward, may we find ourselves in the company of the Three-Mile-an-Hour God,

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Good Friday for Children



What happened on Good Friday and what’s good about it?

Come and explore the events of that day in stations. We finish with juice and hot cross buns.

When: Friday 30th March, 10.30am.

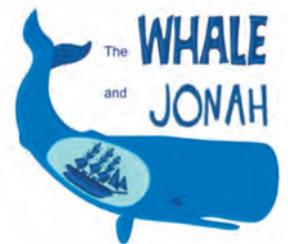
Where: in the church sanctuary (please enter at the Netherby Road Door).

What: Good Friday activities for children (of primary-school age and younger, accompanied by an adult).

No need to book. **Free entrance.**

2018 Easter Holiday Club

The Whale and Jonah



Wardie Church is delighted to announce its 2018 holiday club for primary-age children.

Monday 9th April to Friday 13th April, 10am to 12noon

Price per child: £10 for the week

Join us for an action-packed week, based on the story of Jonah and the Whale. The programme includes sea projects, games, crafts, drama, music and Bible stories.

Registration starts on **Sunday 25th February**. Contact churchoffice@wardie.org.uk for more information or visit www.wardie.org.uk. Enquiries and provisional bookings only can be made by email. Completed registration forms can be dropped to the church office or into the church mail box on Netherby Road.

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Church Register

Deaths

15th January Ella McComb
19th January Elaine Burnett
26th January Tordis Small

Baptism

4th February Niamh Marjeelis Broadway

Wardie Walkers Report: January at Cammo

Thirteen people and two dogs joined our January walk round the Cammo Estate in sparkling snow, blue skies and brilliant sunshine. The forecast of more snow came to nothing and a very relaxed and happy time was had by all. This was a shorter walk ending with coffee, great chat and lots of laughter round a roaring fire at a nearby restaurant. For details of the new programme email Douglas and Linda Coghill at dwcoghill@aol.com or check the Wardie Walkers page at www.wardie.org.uk.

Fiona Campbell



Wardie Walkers

Wednesday 14th March
Royal Mile – Guided Walk
from Castle Hill

Meet Clark Road cycle path entrance at 10.00am for bus. Bring warm clothes, stout shoes and a packed lunch if desired.

Contact: Douglas and Linda Coghill



PRAYER CORNER

“Year of Young People”

According to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, anyone aged from 0 to 18 is defined as a child. Of the 54 articles in the Convention, by far the most influential is Article 12 which states,

“All children have a right to say what they think and to be listened to by adults over decisions that affect them.”

Many children today are growing up in less than ideal circumstances as a result of drugs, war and family break-ups. Far fewer are being taught about the ways of the Lord. Let us work to teach the young and to help those who are suffering.

YOU ARE SPECIAL

In all the world there is no one like you.
No one has your smile, your eyes, your hands, or your hair.
No one owns your handwriting, your voice.

YOU ARE SPECIAL

No one has your taste in food or music or art.
No one in the universe sees things as you do.
There has never been anyone who laughs exactly in your way, and what makes you laugh or cry or think may have a totally different response in another,
so – YOU ARE SPECIAL.

God never makes mistakes!
We are all made in His image – that includes YOU.
You are his creation.
He wants you to know Him as a good Father to a child.
YOU ARE SPECIAL to Him.

Perhaps you might like to use the following prayer for a young person known to you:

Lord God, help us to value the gifts you give to each of us. Let not age dampen the enthusiasm and vitality of the young. Save us from being so wise that we miss the potential of a young person which is only partially visible because it is still being perfected by you.

I hold before you [Name], a young person I know, whose life is full of promise. I will help to support and nurture [Name] as [Name] continues along the journey of life.

Amen

Mollie Fowler

WARDIE GUILD

On **7th March** we will welcome Ian Rintoul, an independent documentary film maker whose films have won international awards. The films have increasing archival and nostalgic value. He will be showing us "Duddingston – Village in the City". I am sure many non-Guild members would be interested to come along that morning and they will be very welcome.

Spring Sale & Coffee Morning: 21st March 10am–12noon with tickets costing £2.50 The proceeds will go towards our Guild Project: Mission International: Haiti.



We will have bric-a-brac, baking and produce and paperback, CD and DVD stalls. Any donations of items will be greatly received. Anne Wright will welcome any bric-a-brac which she will store in her house and Margaret Donaldson will be thrilled with paperbacks, CDs, etc. The baking and produce can be brought on the evening of the 20th or on the day itself. We hope to see many of the congregation and their friends and neighbours on 21st March, coming to our sale and leaving later weighed down with all the goodies that they have bought in aid of our Project! *Wendy Sodergren*

OPEN DOOR at WARDIE PARISH CHURCH

A monthly opportunity for people from the local community to meet and enjoy each other's company, welcome newcomers to the district, or keep in touch with old friends.

Open Door are going to the live screening of the Royal Ballet's performance of the Leonard Bernstein Triple Bill being performed to celebrate the centenary of his birth.

The performance is being relayed to Vue Ocean Terminal on **Tuesday 27th March at 7.15pm.**

Price is £21

Anyone who wishes to come should contact **Christine Petrie**

Sporting Conversation with Peter Wright

Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm

Wardie Parish Church



Peter won 21 caps for Scotland from 1992 to 1996 and toured New Zealand with the British & Irish Lions in 1993. Now a popular radio pundit, please come and hear Peter in conversation with BBC Sports Commentator Paul Mitchell and get his thoughts on life as a player, as a coach and his opinions on the current Six Nations campaign. Admission free, all welcome.

Pennies for Tilda

It was good to receive a receipt from Dr Satyajit at Tilda Mission Hospital in India only 10 days after we sent the bankers draft for £1,000. The money will be used to buy medicines for those who cannot afford them.

Bernulf Clegg

Earth Hour 2018



When is it?

24th March, 8.30 to 9.30pm

What is it?

Around the globe, millions of people set aside an hour to host events, switch off their lights, and make noise for climate change action. This is an initiative of the WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature).

What are we going to do?

Network plan to host an hour of games and cake by candlelight in the New Hall at Wardie. All are welcome to join us on **Saturday 24th March at 8.15pm** in the New Hall.

Worship at Wardie March and Easter 2018

4th	10.30am	Morning Service: Is This Love? Rev. Suzie Stark: Table Turning Love
7th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
11th	10.30am	Morning Service: Is This Love? Minister with Team: Releasing Love
	6.00pm	Taizé style prayer: with short meditative songs from the Taizé Community
14th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
18th	10.30am	Morning Service: Is This Love? Worship Team: Love and Creativity
	6.00pm	Praying with the Labyrinth
21st	8.30pm	Midweek Prayer
25th	10.30am	Morning Service: Is This Love? Team of Elders: Crowd Following Love
	3.00pm	Walk the Parish: A short pilgrimage through the parish on the heels of love

Ecumenical Holy Week Services of the Council of Churches Together in Trinity and Goldenacre

25th	6.15pm	Palm Sunday evening worship at St Philip's, Logie Green Road Holy Cross, Bangholm Loan (no Wed Communion at Wardie)
28th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion around the Table, Wardie Parish Church
29th	7.30pm	

Good Friday, 30th March

Wardie Parish Church

10.30am–	What's Good about Good Friday?
11.15am	<i>For children (of primary-school age and younger, accompanied by an adult)</i>

St James, Goldenacre

12noon–2.00pm	Open Church for drop in prayer
2.00pm–3.00pm	Meditations on the seven last words
7.30pm	Stainer's Crucifixion

Easter Sunday, 1st April

8.00am	Early Easter Service together with St. Columba's Hospice. <i>We meet at the reception area of the Hospice Education Centre, Boswall Rd, followed by Easter breakfast in the New Hall, Wardie Parish Church</i>
10.30am	Easter Day Family Service with Holy Communion at Wardie Parish Church <i>With music from Haydn's Creation and Easter egg hunt for children</i>

Kidz@Wardie on holiday on Easter Sunday

Flowers for the Cross

The children will be decorating the cross with colourful spring flowers at the 10.30am service on Easter Day. All are invited to bring flowers and place them before the service on a tray at the base of the cross. Thank you.



The 'Creation' on Easter Sunday

There is an opportunity for singing 'The Heavens are telling' from Haydn's Creation at the Easter Sunday service on 1st April. Three rehearsals on Sundays 4th, 18th, and 25th March from 5–6pm in the church are scheduled and I should be delighted if any member of the congregation would like to join the choir on this occasion. An ability to read music is advisable and if you have a friend who would like to join us, they would be most welcome.

All enquiries to **Margaret Donaldson** on **0131 552 2991** or at margaret.donaldson@hotmail.com



Piano for Sale

The church is selling a Chappell upright piano which is seldom used and in excellent condition. It has been regularly tuned and maintained and would make an excellent buy for a young pianist to play on. The asking price is £500. More details and viewing can be obtained from **Margaret Donaldson**, Director of Music, on **0131 552 2991**.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for contributions for the April edition of News at Wardie: Sunday 11th March.

Please send contributions to Cathy Ballantine at news@wardie.org.uk

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