

# News at Wardie



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## Depends How You See It



The story is told that when a famous theologian died he did not have to queue outside the gates of heaven. As soon as Peter spotted him, he waved him over and took him inside through a side gate. The angels, on door duty that day, were surprised by such preferential treatment. When they asked Peter what was going on, he explained: "The chief personally gave the order to take him to the throne room as soon as he arrives. I have no idea why."

When Peter returned later, they questioned him further: "Come on, tell us what's wrong with him. He must have made a terrible blunder to be taken for immediate examination."

"Depends how you see it", Peter replied. "When we got to the throne room, the chief welcomed him with the words: 'You have no idea how delighted I am about your arrival. Finally, I am able to meet face to face with someone who has found out things about me which I didn't know myself.'"

I am sometimes asked whether I believe in the resurrection. I do. But I can't tell you any details on how Jesus was raised from the dead, nor what the resurrection will look like exactly for you and me. It's beyond my knowledge. The former Bishop of Durham was often misquoted because he said that the resurrection was not a conjuring trick with bones. Rather, as he clarified in an interview, for him "the resurrection was not a single event, but a series of experiences that gradually convinced people that Jesus's life, power, purpose and personality were actually continuing."

This is the experience passed on by the gospel of Mark, the earliest of the four gospels. It tells us, when the women went to the tomb they found a young man, who told them that Jesus had been raised from the dead. They should go and tell the disciples and Peter. To our surprise, Mark ends with the words: "Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid." The women must have been full of questions, just as we still are. How can this be possible?

All the gospels describe that at first there was much disbelief. The resurrection was too good to be true. It took a second and third look.

The Easter faith begins with doubts and questions. The Easter invitation is to go further and look beyond what we think we know about God. In the words of an old Easter hymn:

**Awake, my heart, with gladness; See what today is done.**

Yours joyfully,

*Ute*

## Gold for Wardie

You will recall that last year we were awarded a third Eco-congregation award. The system was then changed to bronze, silver and gold awards! As a recent award winner we were able to re-apply by filling in the forms but without requiring a visit. Thanks to Karen Bowman we updated and augmented our application and received very favourable comments:

The application describes a wide-ranging and interesting variety of action embedded in the life of the congregation. The assessors were very impressed with your thorough, integrated approach to planning and review. It is very encouraging for us to see a congregation like yours that is incorporating care for creation as a sustainable, integral part of its work and worship. In the words of one of the assessors, "I am particularly impressed that some elements have been maintained for several years. Wardie seems to add to their work without losing the earlier projects."

We are only the second church in Scotland to receive the gold award and plan to celebrate this when our new plaque arrives. If anyone is interested in helping to plan future eco-activities please contact me [heathermchaffie@hotmail.com](mailto:heathermchaffie@hotmail.com)

**Heather McHaffie**

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## The Newsletter of Wardie Parish Church

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## Church Register

### Deaths

13th February Catherine Taylor

### Baptism

10th March Teddy Byrne, son of Libba and Dom

## Celebration of our Congregational Board

### History of Wardie Parish Church 1985–2017

The Congregational Board of Wardie Parish Church ceased in 2017 due to the adoption of the Unitary constitution. This addendum has been prepared to recognise the contribution made by the Congregational Board Office Bearers from 1985 to 2017.

### CLERKS

J H A Mackenzie	1984–1985
A K Hay	1985–1991
E Burleigh	1991–2000
B Purdie	2000–2005
B Brodie	2006–2015
I MacDougall	2015–2015
H McHaffie	2016–2017

### CHAIR

T Thomson	1984–1985
J H A Mackenzie	1985–1991
B Hilsley	1991–1998
E R McLeod	1998–2004
J Brindle	2004–2007
A Gillingham	2007–2012
I Mann	2012–2017

If you would like an insert for your copy of the recent church history please ask at the office.

## Wardie Walkers

Wednesday, 11th April  
Musselburgh Circular

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

### RESURRECTION

*Jesus is alive! What does it mean? John 20: 1-18*

This month, with Christians worldwide, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells us that without this momentous event our faith is useless but for many of us, myself included, belief in the risen Christ is quite a struggle.

Despite Jesus' teaching, the disciples weren't expecting Jesus to rise from the dead, and Mary is more ready to believe that Jesus' body has been taken than that he has been raised from the dead!

Many of us are not happy to believe something unless we can work out a reason for it. No wonder so many today, especially in the west, find the idea of the resurrection of the Son of God incomprehensible and irrelevant.

It may be difficult for us to understand fully the mechanics of the resurrection, but that does not matter.

The important thing is to know, like Mary and the other disciples discovered, that Jesus is with us wherever we go.

On Easter Day will we resolve to live as if the resurrection were true, or get caught up in trying to understand it rationally?

*Lord Jesus,*

*In this Easter season when we remember how you gave your life for us, we rededicate ourselves in your service. We have the record of your behaviour and teachings carefully recorded and preserved so that we... 'might believe'... but some times Lord, like Thomas, we struggle to believe.*

*In our materialistic world it's hard to follow a master who defies measurement and calculation. Forgive us, Lord, for living our lives as if you were not present.*

*Help us to open our eyes to recognise you, and with the knowledge of your love, give us the confidence to share the message of Easter through our actions and our words.*

*Amen.*

Mollie Fowler

## WARDIE GUILD

On **18th April** we will have a talk on “The Mysterious Story of Edinburgh’s Paper Sculptures” by Lili Fraser. The sculptures are on topics mostly concerning Scottish literature and poetry and are made out of old books by an anonymous female paper sculptor. The ten initial sculptures were left around various cultural locations in Edinburgh between March and November 2011 as gifts to the cultural institutions and people of the city. To hear more about the sculptures come along!

On **25th April** we will have our AGM followed by a Sing-a-long conducted Margaret Donaldson who will surprise us with her choice of song topic!

Our **Palm Court Tea** will be held on **9th May at 2.30pm...** and this is an advance notice for your diary!

*Wendy Sodergren*

### Network weekend away? Snow problem!



Network was undaunted by the weather. Despite the snow preventing us from going to Cairneyhill this year we enjoyed our Youth Emmaus weekend away and had fun sledging and snowballing!

## Traidcraft

Thank you for your continuing support of the Traidcraft Stall.

For those of you who like to know in advance, the dates of the stalls for the next few months are:

**April 29th, May 20th, June 17th.**

*Sarah Boyd*

## RUSTIC TRINITY

*Marilyn Hunter found this piece of local history in Sounds out of Silence: A Life of Alexander Graham Bell by James Mackay (Mainstream Publishing, 1997), p. 27. If anyone has any idea of the current whereabouts of Milton Cottage, please speak to Marilyn!*

Melville and Eliza [Alexander Graham Bell’s parents] themselves were rustics at heart, and in 1858 they purchased a two-storey stucco house ... at Trinity, an area near the fishing village of Newhaven which was then coming into fashion as a holiday resort. In the 1850s speculative builders from the nearby city began throwing up holiday homes that rejoiced in such names as Grecian Cottage, Gothic Cottage, Mayville, Woodville and Rose Villa. The Bells’ home from home had a more literary flavour, being known as Milton Cottage. Here, only two miles north-east of the city centre, were windswept sandy beaches, open fields and winding country lanes to be explored on long summer rambles. The house itself was something of an oddity, with an impressive brick tower affording magnificent views across the Firth from its battlemented roof, but its chief attraction was a stone pulpit standing in the garden where the boys endlessly practised their oratory. For more than a decade, the Bells would spend their weekends at Trinity ... Not surprisingly, Aleck in old age would look back on the liberal regime at Milton Cottage with the fondest of memories, recollecting that it was ‘my real home in childhood’.

## 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.

**30th April, 7.30pm, New Hall:**

Elizabeth McLuckie will talk to us about hats, with examples from her wonderful collection!



## Worship at Wardie April 2018

### Easter Sunday

1st	8.00am	Early Easter Service together with St. Columba's hospice followed by Easter breakfast Meeting point at the reception area of the Education Centre!
	10.30am	Easter Day Family Service with Holy Communion and Easter egg hunt for the children.

### *Please bring spring flowers for the Easter Cross*

4th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion Service in the New Hall
8th	10.30am	Morning Service
11th		No Midweek Communion Service during Holiday Club Week
15th	10.30am	Morning Service
18th		No Midweek Communion Service due to Kirk Session Meeting
22nd	10.30am	Morning Service with stations on "What we do at Wardie" followed by the Stated Annual Meeting
25th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion Service in the New Hall
29th	10.30am	Morning Service <i>Traidcraft Stall</i>

**kidz@wardie on holiday on 1st, 8th, 15th April**

## St. Columba's Hospice Services of Remembrance

St. Columba's Hospice will be holding services of remembrance in Wardie Church on **Sundays 22nd April and 17th June at 2.00pm.**

If you would like to help at either by serving tea/coffee afterwards I would be delighted to hear from you. Our contribution is much appreciated by the Hospice. Contact Susan Dyer [susancdyer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susancdyer@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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.



## Christian Aid 2018

A Christian Aid coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 12th May 2018** in the Hall of St James Church, Goldenacre from 10-12am. Tickets, priced £2.50, will be on sale after church on **Sundays 29th April and 6th May.**

There will be two further fundraising initiatives for Christian Aid 2018:

- A quiz. Copies of this (£1) will be available at coffee time as from **Sunday 8th April**
- A home baking stall at coffee time on **Sunday 13th May**

Thanks to all who have agreed to do a street collection this year. We are short of a number of collectors, so if anyone is able to spare some time during the week of **14th to 19th May**, please speak to Christine Shepherd (e-mail [cmshepherd@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:cmshepherd@blueyonder.co.uk)).

## Annual Congregational Meeting, 22nd April 2018

On 22nd April we will have a slightly different morning service. During our worship everyone will have the chance to see everything that happens at Wardie. Each Congregational Team will showcase their work, we can ask questions and express interest if there anything with which we would like to be more involved.

After the service there will be a very short meeting to hear about the most significant issues – our finances, property priorities and the Vision and Development plan.

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for contributions for the May edition of News at Wardie: Sunday 15th April.**

Please send contributions to Cathy Ballantine at [news@wardie.org.uk](mailto:news@wardie.org.uk)

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