

# News at Wardie



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## TAKING ANOTHER ROUTE



Normally, December is the time to review the old year. January is dedicated to making new plans, some more ambitious than others.

This January, I don't want to start by making plans. There is no need for it as far as Wardie Parish Church is concerned.

We just completed our new development plan! Our teams under the leadership of their conveners and with a little guidance of the steering group worked very hard on it from February to November 2018. Chris Boston kindly collated all the details and converted them into a plan that will inform our decisions and what we do for the coming three years. As a first introduction to some of the aims, Chris prepared a little challenge for you on p. 3.

This January, I simply want to start the New Year 2019 by saying thank you. On second thought, it's not that simple. Giving thanks is like eating good food or drinking a good glass of wine. To appreciate it, we need to take time to savour it. To allow the full flavour to come to the fore. There is much to be grateful for in the treasure box of our life which we fail to notice.

At a recent conference which looked at the value of human life, especially as we approach the end of our life, one of the speakers shared the following story with the audience. Every week, he said, he used to visit a friend who like himself was in his 80s. Until one day, he got up in the middle of the visit to declare to his friend: "Your constant complaining and moaning about everything under the sun is exhausting. My dear friend, I will not visit you ever again unless you promise me one thing. The first five minutes of every visit, you will tell me something that made you grateful. The rest of the time you can spend moaning." It was a small, but very effective change. The friend began to approach the visits noting down the good things that happened to him during the week. To his surprise, five minutes at the beginning were not enough.

Once we take time to write down all the things that give us reason to be thankful, we may discover to our surprise that the list is much longer than we expected it to be. We may also discover that the most precious things which make us truly grateful are not the most obvious ones, the ones we wrote on the top of the list, but those we wrote down on paper after some soul searching.



In Matthew's Gospel we are told that the wise men did not expect to find the joy of their hearts to lie on straw in a stable. They had to look hard for the reason that made them grateful forever. To them, it was worth all their riches, their gold, their frankincense and myrrh. Having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they accepted a change of plans and returned to their country by another route.

I wonder how it would affect our lives if we started the New Year, not by making our plans first, but by taking time to search for all the good things God has sent our way, then write them down on a piece of paper. God knows, once we have discovered what gives us the greatest joy, we may find that it changes the route we take into the New Year.

*Ute*

## Christmas card collection

Following on the excellent response over the past few years to the collection of old Christmas Cards during the Sundays in January, you are invited again to bring your Christmas Cards to church and leave them in the specially marked box at the Church door. The cards will be taken to a central collection point from where they will be recycled and the proceeds will go to various charities. If you aren't ready to part with your cards before the end of January, you can always recycle them via the card/envelope recycling domestic collection service.

Many thanks in anticipation. *Christine Shepherd*



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### Pennies for Tilda 2018



Thank you to everyone who has collected pennies for Tilda throughout 2018. We have reached our target of £1,000. The money comes in all denominations of coins from 1ps to £1.

A huge thank you to Bill Reid for counting all the money and then banking it. The money will be used to buy medications for those patients who are unable to pay. It will be sent to Tilda by banker's draft early in January.  
*Bernulf Clegg*

### OPEN DOOR at WARDIE PARISH CHURCH

**Monday, 28th January 7.30pm**

We are delighted that Maureen and Tom Kelly have agreed to run another quiz night. This is always a very popular event and is open to all. Tickets are £5 and may be obtained from **Christine Shepherd** ([cmshepherd@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:cmshepherd@blueyonder.co.uk)) or at the door on the evening of the quiz.

### WARDIE GUILD

Our first meeting on **9th January 2019** is Jennie Chinembiri from the World Mission Council who will speak on Journey Together: Zambia Project.

On **23rd January** we welcome our own Christine Shepherd whose talk is entitled "35 years with the Open University." Christine started in 1976 when her oldest children were 6 months old and taught Classical Studies until 2010 during which time she had a multitude of interesting experiences which she will share with us. I am sure it will be a super morning so do come along!  
*Wendy Sodergren*

### Postage Stamps

Please save your postage stamps in aid of the Scottish Bible Society!  
Collection points are at the front door and the Netherby Road Entrance. *Many thanks.*

### Prayer Corner

#### *Some thoughts for the New Year*

*Life is a series of todays which so quickly turn into yesterdays that some of us spend our time looking regretfully backward. Still others, through worry or procrastination, are always waiting for tomorrow.*

*In either case, there's the real danger of overlooking a very important day...today. For this is the place and the time for living. Let us live each day abundantly and beautifully while it is here.*  
*(Esther Baldwin York)*

Lord, my past has happened and it's done.

But my future is something I shall look to either in fear and anxiety or in hope.

I am still the same person with the same problems, questions and difficulties and if I look at last year's worries I know that I survived and that gives me hope.

But...

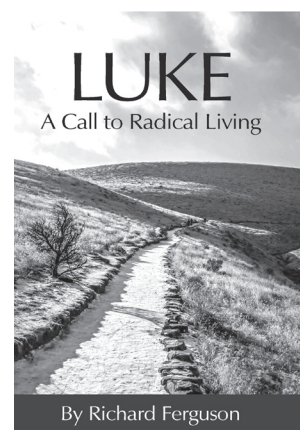
I need the assurance that you will be standing by me when things go right and when things go wrong. Give me the courage to see this new year as a gift, rich in possibilities where there is faith, hope and love. In the days that lie before me help me to trust in your loving presence, knowing that at the end of every day I can come to you and you will make all things new yet again.

*Lord, I place myself in Your hands as another year begins:  
may Your soft winds freshen my spirit;  
may Your sunshine brighten my heart;  
may the burdens of the day rest lightly upon me  
and may I be enfolded in the mantle of Your love.*

*(Old Irish prayer)  
Mollie Fowler*

### Book Corner

This year the church focuses on the Gospel of Luke. This new translation and commentary reveals Luke's gospel as a true 'call to radical living' and as relevant as ever. With it you get a reading plan which runs from January to April 2019 so that you can cover the whole gospel in the weeks between Epiphany and Easter. Get your copy, priced at **£9.95**, from Cathy Ballantine: [cathytingle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cathytingle@yahoo.co.uk).



# Wardie Development Plan

## Building relationships, building community – finding God in dialogue with the world and its people

We are thrilled to launch the new development plan for Wardie Church.

Our church teams, most of them familiar to you already (Pastoral, Finance, Worship and so on) will be leading on the development initiatives. They will be supported by the Kirk Session and they will also be supported by you, the congregation and friends of Wardie Church.

Below is an opportunity to match some of our new initiatives to the congregational team charged with delivery.

But first, our Mission Statement, the foundation for our plan...

**We are here to love, worship and serve God. The focus of our ministry is to offer hospitality and build community. We aspire to be a beacon of love, hope and support within our community of Trinity, and beyond.**

**We aim to provide and nurture a safe and inclusive environment where people of all generations can belong wherever they are on their journey of life.**

**We believe that God calls us to build and strengthen just, caring, mutual and sustainable relationships in church, in society and as members of the global community. We care for the environment and so protect the integrity of God's creation.**

**We love to communicate with people: To listen, to discuss, to understand and to learn. Through such dialogue we can better find solutions to problems and enhance opportunities to engage in God's work.**

There are fifteen teams in total, and they are listed below with the names of their leaders. Also listed below are fifteen brand new initiatives. Now, have some fun working out which initiative aligns with which team. See if you can get all fifteen aligned correctly!

And once you have done that and if you want to learn more about the work of any of these teams, do contact the leader. They will be happy to hear from you, and happy to receive offers of help!

Meantime, you will hear more about the plan and the progress as time goes on – we want to regularly let people know how we are doing.

**Good Luck!**

**Ute, Heather and Paul, Stephen and Chris (*Development Plan Steering Group*)**

Leader	Team	Initiative
<b>Graham Hutchison</b>	Church & World	Exploit Microsoft functionality e.g. file sharing
<b>Cathy Ballantine</b>	Communications	Introduce events and spaces for those living with dementia and carers
<b>James Rust</b>	Christian Education & Spiritual Development	Develop a better, more useful presence on social media
<b>Mo Brand</b>	Families & Youth	Nominate a charity partner for each year
<b>Sarah Matthews</b>	Fellowship	Implement sound but flexible approaches to staff hours and absence
<b>Rob Matthews</b>	Finance	Guide succession policies for all teams
<b>Heather McHaffie</b>	Garden	Develop a fellowship meal programme
<b>Minister</b>	Good Employer	Develop worship events outside Wardie Church
<b>Fiona Lane</b>	Information Technology	Establish a Kidz@Wardie alumni group
<b>Margaret Donaldson</b>	Music	Promote legacies as a source of funding
<b>Christine Shepherd</b>	Pastoral	Improve and promote safe recruitment processes for volunteers
<b>Alison Polson</b>	Property	Establish an E-House Group
<b>Fiona Campbell &amp; Fiona Ward</b>	Safeguarding	Deliver upgrades to the church office, upstairs hall and toilets
<b>Heather McHaffie &amp; Paul Mitchell</b>	Session & Coordinating	Refresh membership of senior and junior choirs
<b>Graeme Trotter &amp; Susan Dyer</b>	Worship & Banner	Complete replanting of main garden by 2020



## Worship at Wardie, January 2019

6th	10.30am	Morning Service (Kidz@Wardie and Network resume)
9th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion starts again
13th	10.30am	Morning Service
16th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
20th	10.30am	Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity at Inverleith St. Serf's <b>Only Kidz@ Wardie and Sunday Club continue to meet as usual (at Wardie)</b>
	3–5pm	Messy Church
23rd	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
27th	10.30am	Morning Service with Full Communion (all generations welcome) <i>(followed by KS meeting)</i>
30th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion

## Souper Sunday Sunday, 27th January

**Come and have a soup lunch in the Main Hall after the morning communion service.**

**Soup, rolls and fruit.  
Everyone welcome!**

## Pastoral visits while in hospital

One of the remits of the Pastoral Care Team is to visit Wardie members in hospital. However, we can only do so if we are told when people are in hospital.

Too often, sadly, we only know about this after members have either been in hospital for some time or indeed have returned home. So if anyone knows of members who are in hospital please contact the **Church Office (551-3847)** or e-mail **pastoral@wardie.org.uk**

## Wardie Walkers

**Wednesday, 16th January**

**Haymarket Station to Davidson's Mains by walkways.  
Distance approx. 4 miles**

Meet Clark Road cycle path entrance at 10.00 a.m. for bus. Bring warm clothes and stout shoes. Various coffee shops at Davidson's Mains.

**Contact Douglas Coghill on [dwcoghill@aol.com](mailto:dwcoghill@aol.com) for further details.**



## WARDIE LADIES DRINKS

**Thursday, 17th January 2019  
@ The Herringbone  
From 8pm**

**Let's beat the January blues by meeting up for a natter, drinks and nibbles.**

**Everyone is very welcome – friends, family, mums from Toddlers, Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers – the more the merrier!**

## GENTLE WALKING 2019

Do you read the Wardie Walkers adverts and long to join in but feel you would not manage the distances or terrain that group covers? Wardie Walkers is wondering if they should include several more gentle walks into their programme – i.e. shorter distances, on good paths with minimal hills. These walks could take place on any day of the week (except Sundays) and not just Wednesdays which in the main has been the case for Wardie Walkers.

More accessible spring, summer and autumn walks could be planned if there were enough people interested.

To express your interest or find out more please contact **Fiona Campbell** on **fionacampbell28@gmail.com**.

## Wardie Church Garden

The Garden Group have been working to rearrange the slabs in the church garden to create borders. We have decided to have a Mediterranean theme, including a vine, fig, olive tree and other Biblical and drought-resistant planting. We will be making up wish lists of priced plants, planters, garden materials, tools and benches which people will be invited to sponsor. For a unified theme we would like to follow through the plan we are discussing, rather than assemble miscellaneous donations. We plan to have the sponsor list available in January.

More workers are always welcome on Tuesday afternoons. Contact Ev McVie or Heather McHaffie if you would like to come.



**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for contributions for the February edition of News at Wardie: Sunday 13th January.**

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

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