

News at Wardie



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GODBWYE...



...is not a spelling mistake which escaped the attention of the editor (most likely having worked into the small hours of the morning to put together this latest newsletter from Wardie for you and me to enjoy!).

The mystery behind the title word *Godbwye* is easily explained. It's a short version of *Good-bye* which dates back to the late 16th century.

And if you think the abbreviated version had anything to do with God, you are right. Our modern-day *goodbyes* go back to the late 14th century when people wished each other "God be with ye" on their departure, unless it was an Irish Goodbye, a way of leaving quietly without letting anyone know.

There will be no danger of doing so on 26th May when we say our Godbwyes to Ross Morrison, our church officer, who is going to move on to new ventures from June this year. Please join us for a youthful service led by our Network Group on this day when we will say our farewells to him and to Jane Scott. Jane is retiring from her role as co-leader of our youth group Network. During the service we will reveal how many years both Jane and Ross have contributed to the life of Wardie, and in the case of Jane especially to Network. Please let me know if you have any special memories or anecdotes relating to their respective ministries.

The last *Godbwye* goes to the Easter Holiday Club. With 19 years since it was started, the Holiday Club has finally come of age. Back in 2001 there was hardly anything else on offer for children during the Easter holidays in Wardie's neighbourhood. During recent years, a whole industry of full-time holiday entertainment has sprung up, from drama to sports activities, and the numbers of our church-led club have declined. So we decided to give it a good send-off with the help of many donkeys.

Under the leadership of our youth worker, Mo Brand, up to 25 children of primary school age, teenage and adult helpers, had a highly enjoyable week "On the Trail of the Donkey". Anne and Graeme Trotter brought alive stories where donkeys play an important role in the Bible and encouraged us to discover that, just like the donkey, we all have an important part to play in God's world. Christine Shepherd provided us with wonderful and challenging craft activities. Margaret Donaldson brightened up our days with music, John Brown was there for us with artistic advice, under guidance of Mo, Sarah Matthews and Rosie Hunter helped to turn the stage into a donkey's den, Trevor Garlick sorted out the technical parts, our group leaders Cathy and Grant Ballantine, Hilda Stewart and Ross Morrison were given brilliant support by our young people Findlay, Ben, and on occasion by Lynne Liddall, Claire and Sam.



Just some of the Holiday Club team

Frances Mitchell and Ann Esslemont greeted everyone with welcoming smiles and helped wherever they were needed.

All were spoilt with culinary delicacies by the Michelin star-worthy kitchen team: Ev McVie, Elaine Stalker, Susan Dyer and all who provided us with food. As a big THANK YOU for all the time and talents they have offered, Mo arranged a sponsorship for a cheeky, happy donkey called Wogan who lives in a donkey sanctuary in the Borders.

Last but not least, we want to thank all the children who took part and showed how special they are.

Next year, we will be thinking up a new adventure for families in place of Holiday Club. Watch this space!

In her book "Praying Our Goodbyes", Joyce Rupp reminds us that to say goodbye is part of our daily life. And so is saying hello. As we let go of something or someone in our lives, painful as it may be, we allow new beginnings to emerge. It's an Easter message: For every goodbye we say, there is a new hello waiting to be said.

Godbwye this Eastertide, *Ute*



Messy doughnut challenge on Day 1



Ross gets pined by his team on Day 5

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Church Register

Off the roll

Lynne and Graeme Cumming

Deaths

14th March 2019 Douglas Gregor
22nd March 2019 Lysbeth Bevan

Wardie Book of Remembrance

As in previous years our beautiful Book of Remembrance will be going to the calligrapher during the summer months to have names added. If you would like to have a name added please contact **Kate Clegg**.
The cost is **£20**.

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.
Meetings are at 7.30pm, usually in the small hall and open to all ages and sexes.

Monday 27th May

AGM: come along with your ideas for 2019-20 programme

Contact person: **Christine Shepherd**

A Visit to a Buddhist Monastery

Earlier this year, I led two talks on Buddhist-Christian relations under the heading of "Love meets Wisdom: Buddhism through Christian eyes". As part of the learning experience, we spoke about arranging a day trip to Kagyu Samye Ling Tibetan Buddhist monastery in the Scottish Borders. I am trying to gauge how much interest there is, from those who attended the talks, for a mid-to-late June visit. If you would like to take part please drop me a line with contact details at kfscotde@outlook.com or drop a note into the church office addressed to Kenneth Fleming. In addition, please let me know if you are able to offer people a lift in your car.

Kenneth Fleming



PRAYER CORNER

Work of the Spirit.

Acts 2: 14-21

We live in a world of much 'ethnic cleansing'. People are frightened of difference. Walls go up between people and groups. Jesus sent his Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and continues to send his Spirit of comfort and strength into the hearts of those who call out from their needs and poverty.

Little by little the Holy Spirit transforms hearts.

This transformation takes place in community. The new commandment of Jesus, to love one another as he loves us, is a call to community.

Is this not the way we are called to be today?

We are called to pray together for the Holy Spirit so that we may build communities of love, so that the work of the Holy Spirit may be accomplished in us and through us.

We thank you Lord, that you still give us your Holy Spirit, and that you give your gifts of prayer and love and faith to us all. Teach us to listen to each other and to discover in each person and in each community, in all Christians, in all churches, your presence of faith and love.

Give us listening and open hearts and minds so that we may welcome you together in love and that together, as a community, we may be a sign of the risen Jesus.

Through love may we change our world and bring unity and peace where there is division and conflict.

Amen.

Mollie Fowler

Wardie Guild

On **1st May** we will have a "hands on" morning (with me) making something lovely but not difficult (plus some jokes) and Margaret Donaldson has a musical quiz for you so we hope you will have a fun time!

Our final meeting of the Session is our **Palm Court Tea at 2.30pm on 15th May**. Tickets will cost £7 and some of you may wish to dress up in some 'fancy' summery outfit but this is optional. I hope most of the Guild will manage to come along for this lovely afternoon tea.

The **Wardie Summer Coffee Bothy** will be running on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of June, July and August plus the 1st Wednesday of September at 10.30am** in the New Hall and ALL are welcome!

On behalf of the Guild I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful summer whether you are home or away.

Wendy Sodergren

Wardie Ladies Spring Drinks and Chat

8th May, 8pm
The Herringbone

All ladies welcome!

All-age birdwatching trip

The first outing will be to Linlithgow Loch on **Saturday 25th May**. Meet at the church for 1.30pm. Children are very welcome with an adult, please be responsible for their transport or contact me if you need help. We will walk a short distance around the loch. There will be some binoculars to borrow or bring your own. Wear warm clothes and bring a snack. We aim to be back by 5pm.

For more information contact Heather:
heathermchaffie@hotmail.com



Blue-sky thinking



With daily love and laughter, Trinity Nursery used to give heart and soul to the upstairs hall in Wardie Church. Now that the nursery has disbanded, we're looking for ideas of how we could give this space back its pulse. The room has so much natural light. It has storage space readily available and is 22 x 30ft in size. Can you help us with our blue-sky thinking? If you have any ideas for a new use for the hall or initial thoughts you would like to share, please email Margaret Robinson on marobinson813@gmail.com.

GENTLE WALK

10th May 2019

The next gentle walk is planned for the morning of **Friday 10th May** when we will visit Inverleith Park and then have coffee in nearby Stockbridge House.

For further details and transport arrangements please contact Fiona Campbell on fionacampbell28@gmail.com

Climate Emergency Vigil

Handbell ringers from St Mary's Cathedral and (after the annual gathering) our EcoCongregation Scotland Chaplain joined a lovely Buddhist nun, and families and individuals (old and young) at a candlelit vigil for 'Earth Hour 2019' – Climate Emergency.

The event on 30th March was hosted outside the City Chambers by 'Extinction Rebellion' and, unlike many of their noisier events, this was simply was a time of silent and brief reflections (and private prayer).

The vigil was for our politicians (City Council and Holyrood at the very least) to set an example and to stop climate chaos (climate change), now a 'climate emergency', to make laws and investment for us to be 'carbon neutral' and to lead plans that get us all working together to reduce risks from greenhouse gases and pollution.

The big mock thermometer showed the rise of global temperatures since 1990 and how much they were predicted to rise again within a dozen years. Predicted outcomes include mass extinctions, including of people in low-lying cities and nations, previously fertile land no longer good for food crops, poisoned air and contaminated oceans.

Twelve bells tolled throughout the hour. We also heard short poems, readings or songs and, lastly, held hands.

By the time you read this article, we may know if Scotland chooses to set the harder targets we need and also what the latest International Panel on Climate Change expects the forecast for climate chaos to be. As a Christian community we are called to put God's love into action, to work together to solve this climate emergency, to speak up and be active champions for God's beautiful created order, and to join in prayers for a fragile world.

Karen Bowman

Wardie Walkers Tuesday 7th May

**Royal Mile: Guided Walk
down from Lawnmarket.
(Approx 2 hours)**

*Meet Clark Road cycle path
entrance at 10am for bus.*

*Contact Douglas and Linda
Coghill.*



Worship at Wardie, May 2019

1st	8.30pm	Midweek Prayer in the New Hall (open to all!)
5th	10.30am	Morning Service
8th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion in the New Hall
12th	10.30am	Morning Service for the whole church family: Angels' delight (starting with family breakfast at 9.30am)
15th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
19th	10.30am	Morning Service
22nd	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
26th	10.30am	Youthful Morning Service with Network and Communion
29th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion



KIRK AND BREAKFAST

Family friendly, stories, songs and food.
All welcome
churchoffice@wardie.org.uk
www.wardie.org.uk
Sun 7th July - 4th August
9:30am-10:30am



Wardie Parish Church, Primrose Bank Rd, Edinburgh EH5 3JE
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COMMUNITY GALA

24 & 25 August 2019

Saturday 11am - 4pm
Wardie Church

Taster Sessions
Pilates, Wellbeing,
Boogie Bounce, Football

Photography
Competition Display

Local History Exhibition

Refreshments

Sunday 11am - 4pm
Lomond Park

Open air service 11 - 12 noon

BBQ by Porto & Fi
+ other refreshments

Live music & local bands

Kidz sports
face painting

Bowls & Tennis taster sessions

Local produce sale

Fun dog show

Stalls & more

Free Entry

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Tea and cakes, anyone?



On Sunday 12th May at 4pm everybody is welcome to a Tea Party!

The Fellowship Team would like to encourage everyone to share a cup of tea and a slice of cake (or two!). Enjoy the company of others in the congregation, sit down with a good cup of tea and have a blether in the relaxed surroundings of someone's sitting room.

Please sign up if you would like to attend, or would be happy to host, a Tea Party. Details and sign-up sheets in the Entrance Hall of the Church or contact **Sarah Matthews**.

Open Gardens Around Trinity

This year the gardens will be open on **Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th, 2pm-5pm**.

There will be an opportunity to revisit some of the lovely local gardens around Trinity.

Also there will be some different gardens to view including the revamped plot at the back of Wardie Church.

Further details available later this month on www.wardie.org.uk, also June edition of News at Wardie and flyers in church.

Christian Aid 2019

A Christian Aid coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 11th May 2019** in Inverleith St Serf's Church Centre, Clark Road, 10-12am. Tickets, priced **£2.50**, will be on sale after church on **Sundays 28th April and 5th May**.

There will be two further fundraising initiatives for Christian Aid 2019:

- A quiz. Copies of this (£1) will be available at coffee time as from **Sunday 21st April**.
- A home baking stall at coffee time on **Sunday 12th 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 **13th-18th May**, please speak to **Christine Shepherd** (email cmshepherd@blueyonder.co.uk).

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for contributions for the June edition of News at Wardie (last before the summer):
Sunday 12th May.

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

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