

News at Wardie



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INSPIRED



With summer in sight, I'm on the lookout for good books to read during the holidays. On my summer reading list is usually a biography of someone whose life is inspiring. I wonder who is inspiring you.

By far the deepest impression made on me in recent years was someone whom I came to know through a legacy of love letters he and his wife exchanged many years

ago. They were only published in 2010. I heard about them on the radio. The book was rather expensive, hardcover. It was a good investment. Once I started reading, I could not lay it aside. The letters told the story of Helmuth James von Moltke and his wife Freya. It reopened a chapter of the darkest hours in German history and revealed to me some of the brightest spirits that shone and laid the foundations for the peace Europe now enjoys. It is a love story, a story of resistance involving a young married couple with three young children, their conscientious objection to the dehumanising spirit of the Nazis and the legacy they left: a united Europe which is founded on the values of cooperation and freedom, based on the principles of western democracies, such as the rule of law, on Christian values and tolerance for other religions.

The von Moltkes were among many German people who risked and lost their lives in protest against the Nazis. And yet, it is worth remembering that far more people did little or nothing, and in so doing supported the rise of fascism. Even the good people fell silent it seems, perhaps paralysed by fear, perhaps desperately seeking explanations for what was unfolding before their eyes, perhaps taken in by the populism and propaganda of the time. This was evil being enacted and it caught many decent people in its snare. But not all. Helmuth von Moltke came from an aristocratic family in Prussia, now a part of Poland. His family had served in governments and the military down generations. On his mother's side, von Moltke was South African of British descent with Scottish connections. He himself was a lawyer, trained in international law. He completed legal training as a barrister in London and Oxford. He was far sighted, and in 1933 refused to accept to be appointed as a judge since this would have meant being at the service of the Nazi party. When he was drafted as a war administration councillor in the Office for Foreign Affairs/Counterintelligence in the Armed Forces High Command in Berlin, von Moltke used his position for the good of others. He was particularly active in advocating humane treatment of prisoners of war and the observance of international law. He worked hard for adherence to the Geneva and Hague Conventions by the military, but without success. He tried to organise the deportation of Jewish citizens to safe countries (and was successful in a number of cases). Most importantly, he was one of the founders of the Kreisau Circle. This was a small group of around 20 people from a wide range of

backgrounds – bringing together social democrats and conservatives as well as members of the protestant and Roman Catholic church. The members of the Kreisau Circle recognised early on, as von Moltke writes, “not only the devastation of the cities but also the horrific destruction in the minds and hearts of the people”. They understood that a functioning democracy required both the participation and the sense of responsibility of its citizens.

Von Moltke was under suspicion for some time by the Gestapo, even before the failed plot to assassinate Hitler on 20th July 1944. He was opposed to the assassination, but he was rounded up with many of the Kreisau Circle in the autumn of that year. There was a show trial and he was executed on 23rd January 1945.

In one of his letters from prison to Freya after the trial, Helmuth wrote: "Thus it is documented, that not plans, not preparations, but the spirit as such shall be persecuted."

In another letter that followed, he explained: "But what the Third Reich is so terrified of ... is ultimately the following: a private individual, your husband, of whom it is established that he discussed with 2 clergymen of both denominations [Protestant and Catholic] ... questions of the practical, ethical demands of Christianity. Nothing else; for that alone we are condemned... I just wept a little, not because I was sad or melancholy ... but because I am thankful and moved by this proof of God's presence."

Growing up on the continent of Europe, it would be difficult not to see that it is a continent shaped by wars. Wherever you go, the landscape, the borders, the history bear the signs of violent conflict and the devastation caused by selfish aspirations and empty promises of irresponsible populist leaders.

It is disturbing to see how much of the peace and relative stability European countries have enjoyed has been taken for granted in recent times. Peace is a precious and fragile good. It has been entrusted to us by people like Helmuth James and Freya von Moltke. I am grateful to their energy, their vision and commitment which helped to create the European Union. Like any community, it needs to be improved and this now demands our energy, vision and commitment.

The Conference of European Churches and the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE) declared in 2001: "On the basis of our Christian faith, we work towards a humane, socially conscious Europe, in which human rights and the basic values of peace, justice, freedom, tolerance, participation and solidarity prevail."

May we all be so inspired,

Ute



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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**.

Pennies for Tilda

With £450 collected by the end of May we are on target for collecting £1000 by the end of 2019 to continue the work of the Tilda Mission Hospital in India, so please keep collecting those coins through the summer months as well as bringing used printer ink cartridges for recycling – every little helps!

Raoul & Hannah by Bea Green

In the April edition of News at Wardie we reviewed 'Raoul & Hannah' by Bea Green. The book is now available on Kindle and the paperback will be available on Amazon soon. Happy reading!

Open Gardens in and Around Trinity 2019

Saturday, June 8th, 2.00pm–5.00pm

“Around Trinity”

- 1 Wardie Avenue:** A traditional family garden with lawns and beautiful flower beds.
- 8a Granton Road:** Unusual plants from Chile and a wildlife pond are special features of this town garden.
- 180 Granton Road:** A large mature garden with ponds and an interesting variety of plants and vegetables.

Sunday June 9th, 2.00pm–5.00pm

“Hidden Gardens of Trinity”

- Wardie Church Garden, Netherby Road:** A newly planted garden with shrubs, herbs and flowering plants in pots.
- 9 Lennox Row:** A lovely mature sheltered garden full of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers.
- Kirtle Lodge, 102 Trinity Road:** A large beautifully landscaped garden with recent developments.
- 1 York Road:** A well-established garden dating from the early 1800s. Worth a visit to see the trees and shrubs.

Extra date: July 27th, 2.30pm–5.00pm

Visit 3 Lennox Row to experience a wonderful display of flowering plants, especially dahlias!

❖ *Look out for the Green Balloons* ❖
Refreshments ❖ *Plant Sale*

Donations in aid of Wardie Gardens
Wardie Parish Church Charity Number SC008710

Meet our New Elders: Rob Matthews



Last May we had an intake of new church elders. In an occasional feature we'll chat to them one by one. This time, Rob Matthews touches on finance and his journey of faith.

How long have you been coming to Wardie and what attracted you?

We've been coming to Wardie more than five years and less than ten! We started coming because it is local, welcoming and good with kids.

Tell us about anything that you do in the church.

I am the finance convenor and have been involved with the Windows appeal and the newly formed fundraising group.

Tell us a bit about your faith – perhaps about its beginnings and in what ways you feel it is developing.

I was brought up in a Christian home – Sunday School and church. It has always been a part of my life; there's been no particular lightbulb moment. Faith is a journey and it is both up and down hill. Sometimes it's a real struggle.

Tell us something about yourself that we might not know.

I have been walking the Camino de Santiago from Puy en Velay in France in four to five-day stages each year over the last 15 years. After a thousand miles of walking I hope to finish in Santiago this year.

Wardie Walkers Summer programme

June 12th: Dunfermline, led by Fiona Campbell

July 10th: Atholl Woods, led by Margaret Robinson



August 14th: Tweedbank to Melrose, led by Brian and Fiona Cooper

All walks meet at 10.00am at Clark Road cycle path entrance for bus/car share/train. Bring a packed lunch if desired.

*For more information contact Douglas and Linda Coghill.
Email dwcoghill@aol.com*

Fellowship Weekend of Reflection: IONA 2020

Judith and James would like to tell you about a fellowship weekend of reflection we are planning.

Where: The beautiful island of Iona.

When: 16th to 19th October 2020 – Yes – we said 2020. It is so popular you really have to book this far ahead.

Who: We can take a group of 23. The group will be led by Ute – with Judith and James assisting with the arrangements and logistics.

Accommodation: We will be staying in Bishop's House (pictured right) – which is near the Abbey and has its own gardens looking over the sound of Iona. There are 8 twin rooms and 7 singles. Each has its own wash basin and tea tray facilities.

You can get more information at:

www.island-retreats.org/iona.html

What will it cost: That depends on the number in the final group. If we are fully subscribed then bed and full board costs about £220 each. If we are only half subscribed then it may cost about £350 each.

Transport: will be either by car share or train/bus and ferry. Options will be discussed and agreed once the group members are known.

What it is all about: The theme of the weekend is: "there is treasure everywhere".

This is an opportunity for personal reflection to find out what we treasure and to appreciate and respect what others value.

What is involved: This is a weekend for active adults – We are afraid that we can't take under 18s or pets.

You need not have a faith commitment to join us on this weekend – though you should expect there to be some Christian content in the programme and we would like to encourage everyone to participate in the group as much as possible. Partners and friends who are not Church members are welcome.

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Much of the beauty and spirit of Iona is to be found out of doors – so we plan to be out and about for a substantial amount of time. There is also no transport available for us on the island and so we will have to be able to walk and carry our own load once we leave the mainland.

Interested and would like to hear more? Join Judith and James for a chat after the service on Sunday 16th June 2019 when we can share more information about our plans.

How can I sign up? We will open a list for expressions of interest on Sunday 16th June 2019. These can be sent to the Church Secretary – churchoffice@wardie.org.uk – from that date.

Once the list opens we will collect expressions of interest over the following 8 weeks. If we are oversubscribed once the list closes then we will operate a ballot for allocating spaces and also create a waiting list. A deposit of one-third of the accommodation costs will be required to secure your place as this has already been paid.



We hope to see you on 16th June when we can tell you more about this Island adventure in search of treasure.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal."
Matthew 6:19.

Judith Morrison and James Rust

Wardie Windows: Phase 2



Following the successful renovation of the north gallery leaded windows we are soon embarking on Phase 2 of the Window Project. To make the funding manageable we will tackle the Netherby Road windows this summer and the courtyard windows in the summer of 2020.

Scaffolding will be erected along the length of the west Netherby Road windows on 8th July so that the four double lancets and roundels above can be completely removed, the spaces boarded up and the windows taken to the workshop for re-leading. We anticipate that the work will take approximately two months.

The good news is that we have enough in hand to cover the cost of the Netherby Road renovations (£22,340) so only have to raise funds for the courtyard windows (£15,080). Edinburgh Presbytery have been very supportive once more by giving us a grant of £1500 towards this, and you will have the chance to join in with several fun events over the coming year to help raise the remainder.

Our first fundraiser will be a Glass Stall at the Gala, which you can read all about on p.4. Thank you in advance for your support!

Windows Team

Worship at Wardie, Summer 2019

June

2nd	10.30am	Flower Service
5th	8.30pm	Midweek Prayer
9th	10.30am	Morning Service
12th	<i>No Midweek Communion due to Kirk Session meeting</i>	
16th	10.30am	Morning Service
19th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
23rd	10.30am	End of Term Service for the whole church family with Holy Communion
26th	8.30pm	Midweek Communion
30th	9.30am	Kirk & Breakfast: "Allsorts of Critters" (entrance at the Netherby Rd Door) <i>Short Family worship followed by Bring and Share Breakfast. All are welcome!</i>
	10.30am	Morning Service

July

No Midweek Communion services during July and August

7th	9.30am	Kirk & Breakfast: "Allsorts of Critters"
	10.30am	Joint Summer Kirk at Inverleith St. Serf's (NO service at Wardie)
14th	9.30am	Kirk & Breakfast: "Allsorts of Critters"
	10.30am	Joint Summer Kirk at Wardie – welcoming Inverleith St Serf's
21st	9.30am	Kirk & Breakfast: "Allsorts of Critters"
	10.30am	Morning Service
28th	9.30am	Kirk & Breakfast: "Allsorts of Critters"
	10.30am	Morning Service

August

4th	9.30am	Last Kirk & Breakfast: "Allsorts of Critters"
	10.30am	Morning Service
11th	10.30am	Morning Service (Kidz@Wardie resumes)
18th	10.30am	Morning Service
25th	11am	Ecumenical Gala Service on a Wellbeing Theme at Lomond Park (NO service at Wardie Church)

Flower Service, 2nd June

The Annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday 2nd June when the Pastoral and Fellowship teams will be very pleased to receive gifts of flowers or plants for distribution to older members of the congregation.



KIRK AND BREAKFAST

Family friendly, stories, songs and food.
All welcome
churchoffice@wardie.org.uk
www.wardie.org.uk

Sun 30th June - 4th August
9:30am-10:30am



Wardie Parish Church, Primrose Bank Rd, Edinburgh EH5 3JE
[Scottish Charity Number SC008710]

Wardie Church Summer Coffee Bothy 2019

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.
ALL are welcome!



COMMUNITY GALA

24 & 25 August 2019

Saturday 11am - 4pm
Wardie Church

Sunday 11am - 4pm
Lomond Park

Donations Wanted



Photo by Clem Onojeghuo on Unsplash

The Windows Team is going to run a tombola stall at the **Trinity Community Gala on Sunday 25th August** to raise money for the next phase of the windows work (*see p. 3*).

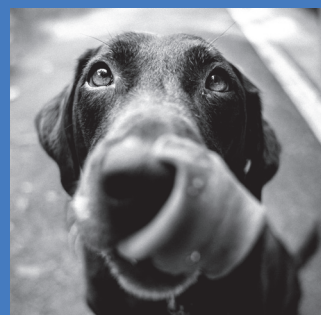
Sticking with the glass theme, we're looking for donations of glass-related goodies: bottles (wine, beer etc), jars (chutney, jam, sweeties), glassware – use your imagination!

We'll have a box at the front door of the church for donations to be dropped off from **2nd June** onwards.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Trinity Gala Dog Show is Back!

You may think we're barking mad, but we're once again calling all canines for this year's infamous Trinity Gala dog show. There's a category for all – so whether yours has the Waggiest Tail, is the Cutest Puppy or you're the Best Six Legs in town, remember to bring your four legged friends to the Gala for some fun. Of course there will be a Best Dog and a Best Bitch and for the creative pups amongst you, how about entering our new category – the Best Decorated Lead? The possibilities are endless!



Entrants can be registered from **12.15pm** onwards on **25th August** and can then be brought to the park by **2.50pm**. It's all just a bit of fun. See you there, woof, woof!

Photo by James Barker on Unsplash

Stories of Trinity Past

As part of the Gala's first day we will be creating a display of Trinity's personal histories. In June and July our young people will be looking for interviewees after the Sunday church services. So, if you have a story of Trinity past, do take the opportunity to share it!

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for contributions for the September edition of News at Wardie: **Sunday 28th July.**

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

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