

News at Wardie



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February 2020

Dear Friends

I am writing this on 12th January and this morning I declared the congregation of Wardie Parish Church to be vacant. This is a necessary part of the beginning of the vacancy process. However, in doing so, I made it very clear that I dislike the term “vacant” when applied to congregations because it implies that somehow the congregation is empty and nothing is going on inside it. Nothing could be further from the truth! Clearly you have to function without a full-time Minister – she has departed – but the rest of you (or, rather, the rest of US) are still here. During the time of vacancy I trust that we will continue the ongoing worship, witness and pastoral care of the congregation. There is a lot happening in Wardie and that needs to continue.

During the time of vacancy I, as Interim Moderator, am in effect your Minister. I will be responsible for moderating the Kirk Session, for seeing that the vacancy process runs smoothly, for the interface with the agencies of the Presbytery, and generally for “keeping the show on the road” and making sure people stay focused and positive.

Today the Kirk Session appointed as locum Rev. Bob Gemmell. He will be responsible for preaching week by week and for doing some pastoral work in the congregation. He is a retired Baptist Minister and, like me, comes from Dalmeny and Queensferry Churches. He will tell you more about himself in the next Newsletter. I have always felt very welcome in Wardie Parish Church and I am confident you will extend the same welcome to Bob.

As a congregation you have found yourself in a vacancy you neither wanted nor expected. There will be uncertainty around and there will be times when the process seems slow and frustrating. But we go forward in faith that, with God’s guidance, and with our own determination, we will come to the end of the vacancy and a new ministry will begin.



*Our new locum,
Rev. Bob Gemmell*

Requests for pastoral services should be made to Rev. Bob Gemmell on 0131 331 4608 or robertggemmell@btinternet.com

Any other matters should come to me. My details are 0131 629 0233 or 07920 228545 or revainglis@gmail.com

I look forward to working with you and to getting to know many of you over the coming months.

Wishing you every blessing,

Ann Inglis, Interim Moderator

A retreat for Lent and Easter



Perfect love casts out fear

Introductory meeting:

Thursday 20th February, 7–8pm

**Further meetings every Thursday during
Lent, 7–8pm (come to some or all)**

Location:

Wardie Parish Church

Contact to register or for enquiries:

churchoffice@wardie.org.uk

Take some time out.

Deepen your relationship with God.

Explore new ways of praying.

Open to all.

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WINDOWS APPEAL UPDATE



The Netherby Road windows restoration is now successfully completed and we are looking towards repairing the final three courtyard windows in summer 2020 at the cost of £15,580.

Many thanks to those who have already donated directly to the Treasurer and also to those who have contributed by attending the very successful Quiz Night in January which raised an amazing £1,160, bringing our total so far to just over £7,000.

Our next fundraising dates for your diaries are:-

- Wine Tasting on **Friday 20th March** in the Scout Hall in South Trinity Road (see notice, p. 3)
- Silent Auction on **Friday 29th May**.

Individual donations are still very important as these events are unlikely to raise the whole amount required and often we can claim Gift Aid on direct donations, increasing their value by 25%. If you would like to give in this way you can do so by either:

- sending cash or a cheque payable to Wardie Parish Church to the Treasurer c/o Church Office and marked WINDOWS APPEAL
- or by direct transfer to Wardie Parish Church, Treasurer's Account number 00915587, Sort Code 80 02 33, marked WINDOWS APPEAL.

Thank you very much for your continued support.
Windows Team

Prayer Corner



Lord, help us to be open minded and respectful of the views of others, even when they do not square with our views. Grant us the strength to not be judgemental. Transform us into people who love unconditionally just as you do. Help us to see people the way you see them, and to be filled with compassion, even as someone is doing wrong to us. Help us to respond with love instead of anger and bitterness. God, you make the impossible possible.

When people from other countries flee the difficulties of their land, help us to welcome them. When visitors from far away choose our land as their destination, help us to respond in kindness to their interests and needs.

We pray especially for those living in fear; those who risk deportation. We pray for wisdom and guidance for our legislators. We pray that the need for dignity, respect, and better treatment of the strangers in our midst will outweigh insignificant politics. May we care for all our neighbours as for ourselves, that we may know the blessing of giving.

Jesus, you call us from preoccupation with our own histories and hurt to daily tasks of peacemaking, from privilege and protocol to partnership and pilgrimage, from isolation and insularity to inclusive community.

Shortened version of prayers of intercession written by Christine Shepherd from the morning service of 24 February 2019

Support for those living with dementia and their carers



The Pastoral Care Team has got together a number of resources which might be of use in all aspects of pastoral care. These can be found in a plastic display box in the Netherby Road corridor. Of particular use for those living with dementia and their carers and communities are the following:

- Mission and Older People: a Study Guide, published by The Church of Scotland
- Faith in Older People: One Step at a Time
- VOCAL: Support for Carers in Edinburgh

Please feel free to borrow any of these publications (but please return them!).

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.

25th February: Euan McIntyre: Crossreach

Contact person: Christine Shepherd

WARDIE GUILD

Our first February meeting (**5th February**) is 'Eavesdropping on Victoria's Balmoral' and is a 'fly on the wall' picture of life at Balmoral in the 19th century. Our own Maureen Kelly will give us an entertaining insight into not only the Highland life of the Queen but also many of her relations and others closest to her.

There is a change to our syllabus on **19th February** when we will hear from Catherine Booth, Science Collections Curator at the National Library of Scotland. She has been researching Scottish Women of Science and will tell us about some of these women and their importance, giving us a very brief insight (but not too detailed!) into their branch of science.

A date for your diary: On **18th March** it is our annual Spring Sale & Coffee Morning in aid of our Projects.

Over the next couple of months I hope you will find things to bring along to the sale and there will be more information about it in the next newsletter.

Wendy Sodergren

WINDOWS APPEAL FUNDRAISERS!

Need a break?

Escape to the Highlands and donate to the Wardie Windows Appeal!

Book a cosy, well equipped two-bedroom cottage with log-burning stove for a week or weekend in Kincaig, 6 miles south of Aviemore. Close to Loch Insh Water Sports, Highland Wildlife Park, Highland Folk Museum, Landmark Centre, Strathspey Steam Railway and lots of wonderful countryside.

You can be even be eco friendly and be dropped at the door by a direct daily bus from Edinburgh!

Total rental charge donated to Wardie Windows appeal.

For further information contact Rhona Else: rhonaelse@yahoo.co.uk



WINE TASTING

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 7.30PM

SCOUT HALL, SOUTH TRINITY ROAD

Tickets £15



All proceeds in aid of Wardie Windows Appeal, with thanks to Mike Stewart and Graeme Sutherland.

Worship at Wardie, February 2020

2nd	10.30am	Morning Service <i>Traidcraft Stall</i>
9th	10.30am	Morning Service (<i>Kidz@Wardie on holiday</i>)
16th	10.30am	Morning Service
23rd	10.30am	Morning Service for the whole church family (<i>starting with family breakfast in the New Hall at 9.30am – all are welcome</i>)

Traidcraft News

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Traidcraft stall last year.

As you know, Traidcraft started the year in challenging operational circumstances, which at times impacted greatly on the availability of products for fair traders like ourselves. Happily, a streamlined business is now fully up and running and a lot of the usual favourites are now back in stock.

I am pleased to say that, despite these issues, our sales totalled £3,302 for the year to 31st December 2019. From this I have been able to make donations of £150 to Wardie Church and £250 to Traidcraft Exchange, which supports workers in developing communities. I know Traidcraft are very grateful for the support they receive from Wardie Church, both in terms of the amount of stock we purchase from them and our charitable donations.

A big thank you also to all my very willing helpers who make working on the stall very enjoyable! If anyone else would like to help out occasionally, please do email me, find me in church or on the stall!

Sarah Boyd (sarahlboyd@gmail.com)

Wardie Walkers

Wednesday 12th February

Clark Road to Dean Galleries

Meet Clark Road cycle path entrance at 10.00 a.m. Bring warm waterproof clothes, stout shoes.

Packed lunch optional as food and drinks are available at the Dean Galleries.

Contact **Douglas** and **Linda Coghill**.



Sporting Conversations



Thursday 6th February, 7.30pm

Wardie Parish Church

In conversation with

Stewart Weir

Stewart Weir is a former sports reporter at the *Evening Times*, chief sportswriter at the *Scottish Mirror* and Head of Sport at the *Herald & Times Group*. Stewart has worked extensively in PR, for governing bodies and individual clients such as Sir Chris Hoy and Stephen Hendry.

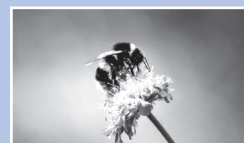
Stewart is the co-author of *'My Name's Doddie'*, *'The World According to Doddie'* and the author of *'100 Great Scottish Rugby Moments'*. He is a regular on talkSPORT.



Come and hear Stewart in conversation with BBC Sports Commentator Paul Mitchell.

"Bee" ready with pens and pencils!

Keep an eye out for our all-age bee-themed drawing and colouring competition in aid of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.



Leaflets available soon.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for contributions for the March edition of News at Wardie: Sunday 9th February.

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

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