

# News at Wardie



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March 2020



*Dear Friends*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warmth of your welcome to Wardie. You have made it easy for me to settle into my role as locum with you, and I am

looking forward to working alongside you in the interim period until the appointment of your next minister.

I thought I would take this opportunity of telling you a wee bit about myself and our family. I was born in the village of Twechar and lived there until I was about seven when we moved into the neighbouring town of Kilsyth and remained there until I was married.

I attended Kilsyth Academy, left school after fourth year and worked for six years with the South of Scotland Electricity Board in Glasgow. I spent the next four years at London Bible College studying theology before entering the Baptist ministry, serving High Blantyre, Drumchapel and Duncan Street Baptist Churches.

While at Drumchapel the way opened for me to complete my social work course at Jordanhill College. The church at Drumchapel allowed me to continue to work on a part-time basis for the duration of my time at college and to work as a social worker for a couple of years after graduation. I was then invited by the Baptist Union to work as a community minister linked to Hillhead and Adelaide Place Baptist Churches in Glasgow, having responsibility for the running of Elpis Centre, a rehabilitation facility of teenage girls and five small flats occupied by homeless men. Duncan Street followed this appointment. After my ministry there I returned to social work – first of all at Gogarburn Hospital before working with the elderly.

Marion and I met on Seaside Mission at Ardrrossan. At that time we both belonged to Congregational Churches – Priesthill in Glasgow and Kilsyth. We were married in 1961 and have three children: Fiona, who along with her partner Gary are in social work – they live here in Edinburgh; Allister, also a social worker, is married to Patsy and they live in Peebles and have provided us with four grandchildren; Sheila is married to David, a farmer, and they with their three boys live in Letham in Angus. Sheila has a learning support teaching post in a school in Arbroath.

As I look forward to working with you in the coming months I would in turn value your prayers and support. Please feel free to contact me at any time – either by phone (331 4608) or by email ([robertggemmell@btinternet.com](mailto:robertggemmell@btinternet.com)).

*Rev. Bob Gemmell, locum minister*

## Worship at Wardie, March 2020

1st	10.30am	Morning Service (First in Lent)
8th	10.30am	Morning Service
15th	10.30am	Morning Service (led by Worship Team)
22nd	10.30am	Morning Service (Mother's Day)
29th	10.30am	Morning Service

## Flower Rota

I have taken over the flower rota but am looking for volunteers to arrange the flowers for a Sunday and deliver the flowers after church. I also have a large number of Sundays free if anyone wants to sponsor the flowers. Obviously if anyone wanted to sponsor a particular Sunday and arrange their own flowers then this would be perfect.

I can be contacted via the office (551 3847 or [churchoffice@wardie.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@wardie.org.uk)).

Many thanks, *Elaine Stalker*

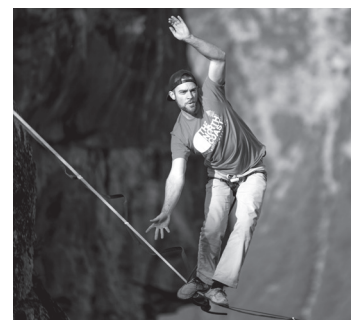
## Gentle Walking Group

**Friday 13th March**  
**Water of Leith Centre**

Contact Fiona Campbell for further details and transport.

*For the rest of the gentle walk programme, see: [www.wardie.org.uk](http://www.wardie.org.uk)*

## A retreat for Lent and Easter



**Meetings every Thursday during Lent, 7–8pm at Wardie Parish Church**

Contact to register or for enquiries:  
**[churchoffice@wardie.org.uk](mailto: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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## The Newsletter of Wardie Parish Church

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## WINDOWS APPEAL UPDATE

At the last count we have now raised £12,300 towards the cost of the Courtyard Windows which will be renovated over the summer of 2020. Only £3,280 to go! Huge thanks for all your continuing support. See you at the Wine Tasting on 20th March (see below)!



*Windows Team*

## WINE TASTING

Friday 20th March, 7.30pm



Scout Hall, South Trinity Road

Tickets £15 from Fiona Campbell, Christine Petrie, and at Sunday coffee

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

## Wardie Guild

Margaret Boe, a keen Edinburgh quilter, will be our speaker on **March 4th**. While the subject is quilting this is not a needlework lecture but a morning with quilts to view and handle and lots of stories and fun throughout.

**18th March** is the day you have all been waiting for: our **Spring Sale & Coffee Morning** in Aid of our Projects: A Chaplain for our Ports (Sailors' Society) and Growing the Future (Malawi Fruits). We will have the following stalls: bric-a-brac, baking, paperbacks, toys and plants. Donations of paperbacks and toys can be given to Margaret Donaldson, bric-a-brac to Anne Wright and baking and plants to Susan Dyer. The sale will be held from 10 – 12 and tickets cost £2.50 for entry (inc. coffee). I am sure all our members will have something to contribute to the stalls whether delicious cakes, home-made chutney, interesting paperbacks or exciting things for the bric-a-brac! Hope to see you all on the 18th. Everyone is welcome!

A diary date: AGM & Sing-a-long on **1st April**. *Wendy Sodergren*

## Fresh Start

We have received the following grateful acknowledgement from Fresh Start for all your generous donations towards the Christmas food hampers:



Through the churches' support of the generous food hamper donations we were able to send out over 200 Festive Food Hampers to individuals and families in December

who would otherwise have struggled or gone without. We can't thank each and every person and congregation that donated enough for all of the support with this Christmas Appeal. As you will read from the comments below, the donations really helped to make people's Christmas:-

*"We are so thankful. This year has been fully stressful and if it wasn't for all the support then I don't think I would be where I am today with my girls. All your help is very much appreciated."*

*"I really want to say a very big thank you for this great support during the festive season for my family. God bless you abundantly. We are grateful and you have put a big smile on our faces."*

*"Would just like to say thank you very much from us both. The help you give at such a stressful time of year is both heart-warming that people care but also makes a massive difference."*

Throughout the year Fresh Start welcomes donations of good quality household goods, which can be left in the Fresh Start Box to the right of the main entrance to the Church.

*Pastoral Team*

## Wardie Walkers

Wednesday 11th March  
Inverkeithing to Aberdour

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

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



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

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

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