

Worship for June

JUNE

- Sunday 5** 11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 12 11.00am **Leith Festival Service with Leith Churches**
 Pentecost followed by brief Communion in the Secret Garden
Tuesday 14 7.00pm Midweek Evening Service in Emmaus room in church: a reflection on the story of the Emmaus window.
Sunday 19 11.00am Morning Worship for Father's Day and Sunday Groups prize-giving. Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32: The discipline of gratitude
Sunday 26 11.00am **Communion** and Anniversary Service led by Ross MacDonald

Funerals

'I am the Resurrection and I am the Life'

16 May Margaret (Peggy) Graham, 10/1 Joppa Station Place
 17 May Christina Green, Queens Bay Lodge, Milton Road East

Pastoral care co-ordinators

During the vacancy, two of our Elders, Jean Jamieson and Janice Gailani, with a dedicated team of visitors, will be helping our Locum, Rev Sara Embleton, where members require a visit from a Minister, or from someone from South Leith Parish Church. This may be in cases of illness, or for home or hospital visits. Rev Jennifer Booth (661 3813) and a bereavement team – Jim Riddell and William Watt – will be available to take care of funerals.

Summer 9.30 services

The 9.30 summer early services start on 10 July and run until 28 August. These are usually taken by members of the congregation and have proved both enjoyable and innovative in the past. There will be a preparation meeting on Saturday 18 June at 10.30am in the Halls, when material will be available for anyone who would like to take part, to join a team of leaders, or simply to come to find out more. If you are interested but cannot manage that date, please contact Jennifer (661 3813, j.booth06@tiscali.co.uk) and she will keep you in touch.

Readers' Rota

The Bible readers for June are (5th) Fiona Crowther and Margaret Wright; (12th) no readers (LCF Joint Festival Service); (19th) Marlene Loeb and Janice Gailani; (26th) Ewan Kelly and Jean Shepherd.

Midweek service

Tuesday 14 June in the Emmaus room in the church at 7.00pm. Please join us for this short informal service when Jean Jamieson and Freddy Henderson will be reflecting on the story of the Emmaus Window, based on the reading of Luke chapter 24 verses 13-35. Stay for a cup of FairTrade tea or coffee and a chance to have a chat.

There will be no Midweek service on Tuesday 12 July.

Afternoon service and drive

This year's afternoon service and drive will take place on Sunday 19 June at Longniddry Church. If you would like to attend or require transport then please contact Janis Fleming (669 3069) A lot of our older and frailer members enjoy and appreciate this afternoon drive, worship and time to socialise. If you are a car driver and would like to help bring someone along then please contact Janis on the above number. This is a very enjoyable afternoon for everyone and we usually get a very sunny day

South Leith Parish Church

We invite Visitors, Neighbours and Friends to share in Sunday Worship

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Introducing myself...

My name is Sara Embleton and I am your new Locum Minister at South Leith as from 15 May. I am from Ireland but have lived in Edinburgh for the past 27 years, having come here originally to study Divinity at New College. I liked it so much I decided to stay! I am married to Brian who is minister at Reid Memorial Church and we have a 17-year-old daughter called Victoria. I started my ministry as an Associate Minister in Currie before moving on to hospital chaplaincy work in both the Royal Victoria and the Royal Infirmary. From 1999 until 2010 I was parish minister at Leith St Serf's and I have just completed a stint as Locum Minister at Polwarth Parish Church.

I am an Associate Member of the Iona Community and feel energised by the spirituality and the engagement with the world that are at the heart of Iona's vision. I believe passionately that the Church needs to find new ways of sharing the Good News of God's love with those who are outside the institutional Church. I am convinced that one of the challenges facing every congregation is that of empowering church people to share their faith stories with the people with whom they come into daily contact.



I love reading, walking, knitting, card-making, the sea, music, Radio 4, gadgets, learning new things, cooking, meeting friends for lunch or coffee, seeing new places, old re-runs of The Good Life and As time goes by . . . I could go on but suffice it to say that I am never bored!

I look forward to getting to know some of you over the next couple of months and to sharing in the worship of South Leith congregation and its engagement with its parish.

With Gratitude

One of the phrases I can remember using more that once at South Leith was to encourage an 'attitude of gratitude'. I was completely overwhelmed by the farewell social and the presents from SLPC members. I have bought an iPad with the cheque for £1,000 which you generously gave me. I was surprised in the last few days to receive a second cheque for £228.41! I think Donna and I may buy a new television to catch up with the digital revolution. We have certainly enjoyed your other gift, which was membership of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society

I have had various conversations concerning South Leith since leaving the congregation on Easter Sunday. I was told in one of these that a plea was made for some communion ware to go overseas (I think to Rangoon) in the 1950s to help establish a new congregation. South Leith gave the silver and it was used for many years and then taken to Bo'ness when the missionaries returned to Scotland.

I have met Joyce Armstrong, Louise Duncan and Sara Embleton at the General Assembly. South Leith and its people are never far from my thoughts. I hope you will enjoy learning some new skills during this period of transition. When you have selected an able and younger candidate at the end of the Nominating process, I trust you will have a long lively, happy and successful period of ministry together. I am sure with the next occupant of your lovely manse at 37 Claremont Road will enjoy working alongside you both in the congregation and community. With an attitude of gratitude, warmth and thanks for your generous gifts, love and support.

May God richly bless you always.

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VACANCY NEWS

First of all, let me say how pleased I am to be your Interim Moderator and to have the opportunity to journey with you for the next few months. This is a challenging time for you as a congregation. On the one hand, you've had to say farewell to Ian and I know that you will mourn his leaving. On the other hand, you also need to look forward and to think about the future and about doing things differently.

The Kirk Session met recently with a delegation from the Presbytery of Edinburgh Deployment of Resources Committee. The Presbytery explained to them the need to keep the situation in Leith under review because of the proposed new developments in the area. To that end, it is the intention of Presbytery to retain flexibility in the Leith area by making all the ministries in the area, as vacancies arise, subject to reviewable tenure. This means that at the end of each five-year period of ministry, Presbytery will visit and consider with you, whether the present form of ministry should continue, or whether there is a need for additional help, or indeed for a different form of ministry. The Kirk Session understood the need for a co-ordinated approach to Leith and the benefits of retaining a flexible approach in a changing situation. They voted unanimously in favour of accepting a Basis of Reviewable Tenure. This Basis of Reviewable Tenure will now be presented to a Congregational Meeting on Sunday 5 June.

It would be important to emphasise that accepting 'reviewable tenure' does NOT mean that South Leith has a limited future. If nothing has changed, then the ministry would simply be continued for another five years. Reviewable Tenure is now very common throughout the Church of Scotland and has positive benefits.

If there is a favourable outcome of the meeting on 5 June, then we would hope to complete the first stage of permission to call at the Presbytery meeting on 28 June. At that stage too, we hope that an Advisory Committee will be appointed by Presbytery to consult with the Kirk Session on the best way to appoint the Nominating Committee (formerly called the Vacancy Committee) and on the type of minister who might be most appropriate for South Leith. The Presbytery decision needs to go, for ratification, to the Assembly Committee which meets in early August. Presbytery intends to hold a special meeting just after that to grant the final permission to call. Then and only then can we tackle the business of appointing the Nominating Committee and letting that work get underway. The process is not quick, but then, no one would wish to rush into something as important as appointing a new minister.

Meantime, you will be in the capable hands of Rev Sara Embleton as your locum. Sara is a minister of many years experience and with a considerable talent in creative leading of worship and in developing the Spiritual life of a congregation. I hope you will enjoy learning from her and walking in new paths with her during your time together. With Best Wishes to you all!

Anne T Logan

Preparation of our Annual Accounts

In previous articles I have outlined the new structure of our finance roles and the people who have agreed to undertake them. One role that I have deliberately omitted until now is someone to prepare the annual accounts for approval by our independent examiner. The person we need does not require formal accountancy qualifications, but does need to be good with figures, with preferably some experience of bookkeeping and/or charity accounts; someone who is able to present the prepared accounts to the Finance Committee and Kirk Session for approval as well as a summary to our Stated Annual Meeting.

I would be pleased to discuss this further with anyone willing to consider this important role in our finance team. Alternatively, if you know of someone who might be suitable then please do speak to me about them.

Alastair Chalmers

Finance Convener

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Replacing lead

By the time you read this we will have just replaced the stolen lead flashings from our roof at a cost of £7,000. Insurance cover does not cover metal thefts from roofs or damage resulting from such thefts. You may have read in the local and national press about just how much of this theft is presently going on.

As there is no insurance cover for this we have to pay the repair costs ourselves from our funds. I have already received one generous contribution. I appeal to members and friends of the congregation to think about helping with this unexpected cost. Any contribution will help towards the cost and save us dipping so deeply into our funds.

Arthur Mathieson

Property convener

The next Kirk & Folk

Material for the May Kirk & Folk, published Sunday 3 July, should be with the editor (details below) by Sunday 26 June. This will cover July and August, and the issue after that will not be published until the end of August.

South (10th) Leith Boys Brigade

Another session is almost at an end with all three sections enjoying their annual displays, these were well attended by the parents who got a flavour of what their boy has been getting up to throughout the year. Company Section parents night included two of the most popular classes, which were Cooking and Zumba. The cooking class were handed the task of making home baking for the parents (90 people) to enjoy at the end of the evening while the Zumba class outshone some of the mums to prove that men can really dance.

Summer camp at Meikle is fast approaching and most of the boys are going. There are lots of activities planned as well as the usual competitions. We are hoping for better weather this time around.

David MacPherson

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Dates for your diary

In all of these events you can worry about not knowing folks and thinking of reasons not to go. I sincerely recommend you try them. You will be made welcome, you will get to know new friends, you can also have a bit of space and free time. People 'by themselves' in particular will be made welcome.

Summer outing ('picnic') Sunday 29 May Dalkeith Country Park – entry £2.50, concessions free, bus £2.50; names to book bus seat to Pearl, George and Arthur please.

Day out – Sunday 28 August – worship in Lauder Parish church, visit to Thirlestane Castle and lunch there. Entry and tour £10. Minibus available for transport. (Last year was Balerno church & Bo'ness railway).

The annual Friday night walk & social – 23 September. Getting to know Portobello. (Last year was the new financial district 'The Exchange').

Weekend away – Friday 21-Sunday 23 October – Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry – £95 two nights breakfast and evening meal – recently refurbished – speak to any of the 28 folks there last year. Minibuses for transport £5 – out & about on the Saturday. Fishers last year beat our expectations.

Leith Festival events

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

Discover some of Leith's amazing true stories! Meet some real (and not-so-real) characters from Leith's incredible history!

Tours start at 1.00pm from South Leith Parish Church on Sunday 12 June and then every day at 1.00pm until Sunday 19 June. Tickets are £5 on the day and the tour lasts approximately one hour.

The Tour (written by Alistair Rutherford to celebrate

SLPC's 400th Anniversary) begins inside the church then heads out onto Leith Links – watch out for the Trams as we cross Constitution Street – and returns to South Leith Churchyard.

'THE GARDEN'

One hot summer's day a man walks, uninvited, down the path at the side of a house and into the large garden at the back. Alarmed at first by his presence, the owners slowly discover why he has come to their home.

'The Garden' is a new play by Alistair Rutherford about what happens when family relationships break down. This open-air production starts its UK tour in the Secret Garden in South Leith's grounds during the Leith Festival. 15-19 June at 7.30pm and 18-19 June at 3.00pm in The Secret Garden at South Leith Parish Church. Tickets: £10/£8 concession Tel: 0131 555 0501 or online at www.leithfestival.com

Leith Gala Day

We hope you will be able to support SLPC by visiting our stall at the Gala Day on Leith Links on Saturday 11 June.

We have a lovely selection of jewellery and bric-a-brac, or try your hand at the 'Water or Wine' Game, also the Tombola has some super prizes.

We will be selling home-made tablet and fudge and not forgetting the cheapest paperback books in Leith – three for £1! See you there.

Janis, Marion and Chris

Projects@Chipmebi – August Visit

As you know, we have two teachers and two pupils from Chipembi School visiting us in August this year. The dates of the trip have been finalised and our visitors will be with us from 11 August to 2 September.

Issy Evans has kindly volunteered to host the two teachers but we are still looking for a host for the two girls, can you help?

We have had many kind offers of help so far and I am grateful for those offers but are still looking for people to help with a programme of activities for the teachers and pupils while they are in Scotland.

As many people both within and outside the congregation will testify this is a good opportunity to further the aims of the partnership and also to engage at an individual level with our friends from Chipembi, a very rewarding experience.

If you want to help by getting involved in activities or trips with our visitors or have ideas for activities then please contact me.

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