

Worship for October

Sunday 2 @ 11.00am	Harvest thanksgiving
Sunday 9 @ 11.00am	Morning worship with BB enrolment and act of dedication for the congregation
Tuesday 11 @ 7.00pm	Midweek service in the halls: Face to face with Pauline Rycroft
Sunday 16 @ 11.00am	Morning worship: The third mark of a healthy Church: Seeks to find out what god wants: discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone.
Sunday 23 @ 11.00am	Morning worship will be conducted by Rev Wendy Drake
Sunday 30 @ 11.00am:	Morning worship with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The fourth mark of a healthy Church: Outward-looking focus with a whole-life rather than a church-life concern.
Sunday 30 @ 2.30pm:	Communion service
Tuesday 8 November	Midweek service in the halls at 7.00pm. 'Building a People of Power'(Acts 5).

Funerals

'I am the Resurrection and I am the Life'

1 September	Claire Frances Moohan, 13/2 Henderson Street
17 September	Miss Cathy Pringle, 23/7 Craighall Road

Marriage

Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'

11 June	Colin Cunningham and Alison Roxburgh
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Readers' rota

The readers for October are (2nd) Peter Wright and Janet Tulloch; (9th) Jayne Reed and Scott Drever; (16th) Brian Fletcher and Margaret Wright; (23rd) Joyce Matthews and Helen Hassan; (30th) Stuart and Lorna Duffus.

The next Kirk & Folk

Material for the November Kirk & Folk, published on 30 October should be with the editor (details below) by **Thursday 20 October.**



Christmas Fair

The fair will be held on Saturday 19 November from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Many of our organisations and individuals have already committed to helping and we are well on track for another successful day, both as a community event for the congregation and as assistance with our church finances. If you have not got involved yet and would like to help, even for a short time, then please contact one of the organising committee – Alastair Chalmers (554 5600), Janis Fleming (669 3069), Margaret Gray (554 9211).

South Leith Parish Church

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

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The gift of laughter

Dear Friends

Gervase Phinn was a Schools Inspector who turned his hand to writing books about his encounters with both teachers and children. He always made it a rule to encourage children wherever possible, as he believed that each child should be allowed to shine at something.

On a routine classroom visit little Tommy was pointed out to him as the child who just never seemed to be any good at anything. And sure enough, on close inspection of his exercise book, Mr Phinn saw that each page was covered with scrawling, illegible writing with the teacher's red pen much in evidence. Until, that is, the very last page. What the School Inspector saw there caused him to stop in astonishment.

'Did you write this yourself, Tommy?' he asked.

'Yes, sir.'

'Without any help from the teacher?'

'Yes, Sir.'

Seriously impressed, the School Inspector called all the children of the class together and said that he was going to read something very special to them; something that Tommy had written all by himself. It read as follows:

Smiles all round



SLPC members with our recent visitors from Chipembi School. See page 2.

Yesterday, yesterday, yesterday
Sorrow, sorrow, sorrow.
Today, today, today,
Hope, hope, hope.
Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow,
Love, love, love.

'Boys and girls, 'said Mr. Phinn,' in all my years as a school inspector, I have never come across such a beautiful piece of poetry.'

'Please, sir', piped up little Tommy, 'that's my spelling corrections.'

Where would we be without a sense of humour? What would life be like if we didn't have a sense of the ridiculous? Through the gift of humour, anger can suddenly turn to helpless laughter as we stand back from a situation and get a new perspective on it. Studies show that our response to stressful events can be altered by whether we view something as a 'threat' or a 'challenge'. Humour can give us a more light-hearted perspective and help us view events as 'challenges', thereby making them less threatening and more positive.

Laughter also has social benefits because laughter connects us with others. Also, laughter is contagious, so if you bring more laughter into your life, you can most likely help others around you to laugh more, and realise these benefits as well. By elevating the mood of those around you, you can reduce their stress levels, and perhaps improve the quality of social interaction you experience with them, reducing your stress level even more!

God, save us from taking ourselves too seriously! And give us the gift of laughter so that we may see life as an exciting challenge rather than a series of hurdles that have to be overcome. And, even in the midst of sorrow, help us to hold on to a sense of humour.

With best wishes
Sara Embleton

Nominating Committee

On Sunday 11 September, the congregation elected a Nominating Committee to consider candidates for the vacant charge of South Leith. The committee members are Arthur Mathieson (convener), Alastair Chalmers (clerk), Dawn Birkinshaw (depute convener), Gavin Booth, Colin Cunningham, Isobel Evans, Innes Gray, Margaret Gray, David MacPherson, Fiona Marshall, Pearl Roxburgh, Anne Rutherford, and William Watt.

Giving Thanks for our Volunteers

In October we celebrate our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service and we give thanks to God for all the gifts He has given us.

This is also an opportune time to recognise the varied and generous contributions made by the volunteers who keep SLPC moving forward. We are led and supported by a variety of paid staff – however we simply could not operate without the vast team of volunteers who generously give their time and talents to SLPC. We rely on volunteers who work in the Café, lead congregational activities, serve on various committees, provide the Saturday Coffee morning, lead worship, prepare and serve Sunday morning breakfasts, act as office bearers, maintain records and channels of communication, visit the housebound, respond to one-off requests for help, maintain the Church Halls ... the list goes on, and on and on. The Kirk Session wants to say a huge 'thank you' to every single volunteer who gives of their time and talents to make SLPC a great church to be a part of.

Avril Read

King James VI Bible Evening

The Worship committee are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James VI Bible on Tuesday 25 October in the church at 7.00pm and we would be really delighted if you could join us there to hear some of the well-known and loved readings from this famous version of the Bible. We are asking for a donation of £2 at the door which will be split between The Scottish Bible Society and the Organ Fund. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available.

Stuart Duffus

Midweek evening service

The October service is on Tuesday 11th at 7.00pm in the halls. This will be a face to face with Pauline Rycroft, Deacon at St Margaret's Restalrig and Leith St Andrew's. Come along and join in a conversation with Pauline about her journey from South Leith to her role as a Deacon. Fairtrade tea and coffee after service.

International Bible Reading Association

Reflect on the word of God as it challenges you each day with the Daily Bible Reading notes for 2012 from IBRA. 'Words for Today 2012' offers a year of fresh perspectives on the Bible for those looking for a lively, fresh and adventurous approach with daily prayer

An alternative is 'Light for our Path 2012', a year of Bible reflections from around the world, which is ideal for guidance and those starting to explore the Bible.

Each costs only £8.75 (17p a week) for a whole year's Bible reading notes. To Order in time for Advent, please give your

names to Jennifer Booth (661 3813) j.booth06@tiscali.co.uk by 16 October, or hand in your name and contact details to the office during the week.

The Café at Christmas

The Café is now taking bookings for Christmas lunches/dinners – so why not pop in and book for yourself, your friends and family for some delicious Christmas food and let someone else take care of the washing-up. Contact Scott at the café or Marion and Marsine in the office.

An Evening with John Bell

Leith Churches Forum's St Andrew's Night celebration is an evening with John Bell of the Iona Community. It's on Saturday 26 November, South Leith Halls. The time is to be confirmed, but will probably be 7.00pm.

The ABC club

ABC – About Books and Coffee – will begin meeting again from Saturday 1 October. It will meet on the first Saturday of each month in the main hall during the coffee morning from 11.00am-12noon. Please come and join the group to explore literature and engage in discussion.

Thanks from Chipembi group

Our visitors from Chipembi School – Hegger, Theresa, Genevieve and Exillia – have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks for everything that everyone did for them on their recent visit. They enjoyed their trip, have been inspired by their experience and were very appreciative of the many activities that were arranged for them.

I'd like to add my own thanks and the thanks of the committee. Special thanks go to David and Myra, and Issy and Richard for hosting the pupils and teachers and for their vital contribution in developing the programme and in working very hard to make it work.

I would also like to thank everyone, both within and outwith the South Leith congregation, who organised activities and assisted in the practical arrangement of those activities in travel or other support.

Innes Gray

Ceilidh

Dr Bell's are holding a Ceilidh on 29 October from 7.30pm-midnight in the Main Hall, to celebrate their fifth birthday; all South Leithers are invited. Tickets cost £10 and this includes a light supper. So come on everyone, get your dancing shoes on and come along and enjoy yourselves!

Panto

Leith Community Theatre is putting on the panto 'Snow White and the Seven Leithers' in our halls in the week commencing 19 December; why not come along and enjoy the fun?

Line Dancing for Beginners

A beginners line dancing class is held on Tuesday mornings at Leith St Andrew's Easter Road Hall from 10.00am to 12noon. It costs £3 per session and excellent tuition is given. All are welcome – men and women!

10th (South) Leith Boys' Brigade

All three sections are now well into their routines and looking forward to the new session. Competitions won't start till around the end of the month and we hope we can try and do as well as last year when we won six out of the eight competitions.

The enrolment service this year will take place on Sunday 9 October and not as part of the Remembrance Day service as in previous years. We will be marching to the church, weather permitting. The band has already started to practice, to make sure they are in tune for the day; in fact the band convener of the Boys' Brigade for Scotland is coming down to hear our band in the halls in October as he has heard great things about us and wants to hear us play.

There are still some spaces available for P2 boys in the Anchor Boys, if you know of anyone who is interested give me a call.

David MacPherson

Captain (555 2019)

SLPC Bowling Club

The results from our 2011 Season. In the Churches League Competition we came fifth – not last!

In SLPC competitions: Pairs were won by B Cunningham, W Arnott (runners-up A Crawford, R McLennan); Triples were won by R McLennan, T Nichol, J Morrissey (runners-up S Gardiner, J Morrissey, M Gray); Ladies was won by F Crowther (runner-up A Mark); Handicap was won by A Mark (runner-up I Gray); the Championship was won by B Cunningham (runner-up J Duncan).

Our Annual Dinner/Prize-giving is on Monday 7 November at The Persevere, Easter Road at 7.00pm. Price £12 a head. Names to F Crowther by 30 October please.

Fiona Crowther

Women's Group

We would love to welcome new members of all ages to the following meetings of the Women's Group. Meetings start at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

4 October: Open Evening, all welcome.

Film 'The Last of the Blonde Bombshells' starts 7.00pm. Entry £3.00 includes refreshments.

18 October: Bring & Buy

1 November: A Toe in the Water, a Century of Swimsuits.

Talk by Annie Scanlon.

You will be guaranteed a warm welcome and a cup of tea.

Janis Fleming

Secretary

Saturday Stall

The stall dates this month are 8 and 22 October; please try and visit us – you may pick up a bargain or two. The only thing we are short off is romance paperback books, so any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Janis, Marion and Chris

Home Group

The Home Group restarted on Wednesday 21 September and usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month. This year we are following the LifeBuilders Bible study book 'Christian Beliefs' by Stephen Eyre. This covers Revelation (how God makes himself known), God (what is He like?), human nature (what are we like?), salvation (what God has done to rescue us from sin), the church (Jesus calls us to follow Him. What does He require of us?) and Last Things (Jesus is coming back). If you would like to join us to give it a try speak to me in church or contact me through the office for further information.

Stuart Duffus

Leith Churches Together/ Ocean Terminal

Few of us will forget where we were on 11 September 2001. Ten years later, there have been many more victims of terrorism. These were remembered in our 'Pause for Peace' in Ocean Terminal. The staff helped us incorporate a minute's silence into the event, which was well attended and had positive feedback from many.

Jennifer Stark

Youth Links Weekend Away

In September Youth Links enjoyed their weekend away at Haggerston Castle. The Friday was a relaxing day but on Saturday Craig, Leah and Kirsty went to the pool and spent the whole 40 minutes going down the slide. Next all of us went to a farm, and fed goats, giant pigs, horses and invisible fish. Once we had finished our filling Chinese meal we settled down for a long night of charades and the name game.

On the Sunday we had a lovely day out (the sun was actually shining!) at Holy Island. It really was good to have a look around and see the wooden monks in the church. Back at the caravan we had lunch and then Leah and Craig went back to the pool while Colin, Alison and Kirsty played relaxing card games. All too soon, though, it was time to pack up and leave.

It was a lot of fun and hopefully Youth Links will be able to do something like that again.

