

## **"An Island Between Heaven and Earth"**

In September 2001 I travelled to Iona with Anne, my wife, and a group of friends from South Leith Parish. We stayed in the MacLeod Centre and lived as part of the Iona Community for a week. When I came home again I couldn't stop thinking about the place and Anne gave me Ron Ferguson's excellent books on the life of George MacLeod and the history of the Iona Community to read. I was hooked!

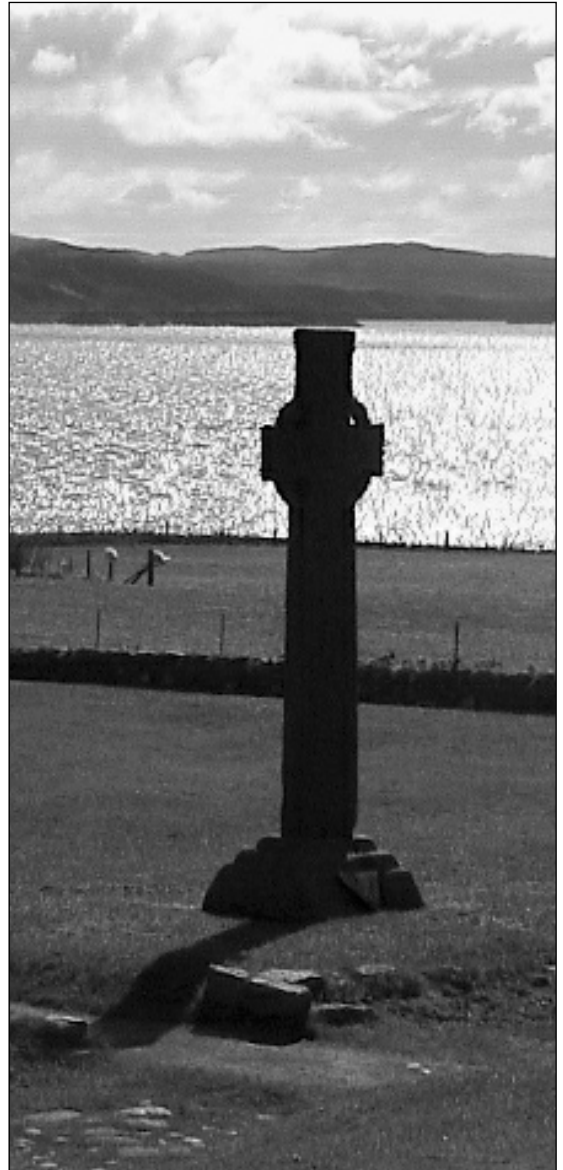
One reason, amongst many, that MacLeod set off for Iona was to see if a group of strangers from very different backgrounds could learn to live together, in a community, and learn to respect their differences and not be driven apart by them. I feel the same way about the need for us to build and be part of communities in our lives, especially now, and it's one of the reasons I wrote this play.

For it to be performed in Leith, where I grew up, and in particular, to be performed inside SLPC means a great deal to me. For one thing Ian Gilmour, and others, were very encouraging about the play, long before the BBC said yes to it. If I had not travelled to Iona with a group of Leithers the play would not have been written, and this feels like completing the circle. There are some references within the play which specifically refer to the trip we all made in 2001, my way of making the story personal to the people who were there. There is a terrific community of people centred in South Leith and further within Leith itself and I'm delighted to be a part of that.

**Alistair Rutherford**

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## NEWS FROM USA

I thought it would be good to share the latest news from Denise Burke. Her church is in a small rural town called Olney and is called The First Presbyterian Church in Olney, a town surrounded by acres and acres of farmland, growing mostly corn and wheat – the corn is already up and apparently it is very early this year. The church building is modern, the wall at the back of the sanctuary has large wooden carvings of Jesus and the three disciples in the garden. The church needs repair – new roof, new heating and cooling but Denise is ready for this challenge, they have some funds already to hand and will fundraise for the balance – she reckons that she has taken a few ideas from SLPC on how to fundraise and is quite confident that they can do it! It's been a very busy time for Denise but she is enjoying the challenge and getting settled into life with her new congregation. All her family, especially her new grandchildren are thriving. Denise organised a Burns Supper for her congregation and it was a huge success – thanks to all SLPC folks who helped out with recipes, poems, music, etc. Some pictures have just arrived – some of Denise's Commissioning and the others of the Burns' Supper – please check them out on the notice board in Church. We also received a very late Christmas gift of some lovely wooden angels – sample on the board – which will be saved for Christmas 2004.

**Ann Grant**

## MUNICH 2004 A different kind of holiday

This year Edinburgh and Munich celebrate 50 years of being twin cities and the churches of the two cities mark the 25th anniversary of their twinning. From 3rd to 13th September a group will be travelling to Munich and to Pappenheim in Bavaria to enjoy events and excursions and good Christian fellowship. The cost for this will be £320-350. For more information please speak to Joyce Armstrong or contact Rev. Andrew Anderson of Greenside Church, telephone number 554 3277.

## TAKE A SECOND LOOK – A HOLY WEEK REVIEW

Following an exciting week of worship during Holy Week we thought we would write a review of the services for those of you who weren't able to make it to all of them. This year each service had a special banner and flower display which reflected the message being conveyed. We started the week with a look at how *"Faith Comes to Life"* on Palm Sunday Morning. In the evening we thought about our journey towards Easter and our journeys in life as we were taken on a physical journey through a Labyrinth which was set up in the Church Halls. On Monday evening, through drama, reflections and music we were challenged to think about what Jesus might have meant when he said *"My house should be a house of prayer"*. On Tuesday night all our senses were engaged in our worship and we each had our hands anointed with the Spikenard oil as we reflected on Mary's action of anointing Jesus. In our Wednesday night worship we considered the roles of Caiaphas, Herod, Pilate and Judas in the events around Jesus arrest with a *"Holy Hustings"*. On Thursday night we were given a new take on Jesus'

betrayal by *Youthlinks* who performed an original drama called *Disciples FC*. In it football player Judas MacTavish betrayed his manager, Jesus MacDonald by giving a false story to the press. On Friday afternoon through music, drama and a hand washing ceremony we reflected on the cross and the burdens we might want to leave there. In the evening we joined with our neighbours at St Mary's Star of the Sea to remember Jesus' journey to the cross and look forward to his resurrection. On Easter Sunday morning (following an all night vigil in the church) we had a dawn service in the Secret Garden to celebrate the resurrection and remember when the women came to the tomb and discovered Jesus was alive. In our 11.00 o'clock service we took a second look at the banners we had used for our worship during the week to remind us of the events that lead to the first Easter Sunday. We also looked again at the story of the women who came to the tomb thinking they had seen the last of Jesus. They were wrong, when they took a second look at the tomb they discovered he was alive, it wasn't the end it was just the beginning. May you also find new beginnings in your life following this season of Easter.

**Louise Duncan**

## JUNE'S NOTES

At our 'Faith Comes to Life' gatherings in April and May, all those who attended have heard that South Leith has:

- Something to shout about
- Something to share
- Something to serve
- Something to support

We will be inviting those who could not attend to consider serving, supporting, shouting about and sharing in the life of our congregation in a whole exciting range of ways. We also discovered during our thinking that a key priority of the Church of Scotland in this era is to ensure that the Gospel story continues to be told and lived out in Scotland, by nurturing worshipping and witnessing communities.

Of course, this **is** both South Leith's Story and our goal!

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be a leader in the congregation at a time of rapid change in both church and community. However, I am confident about SLPC during this period, You may ask, why? We asked for and have received £100,000 towards C.H.I.P in these last 2 years. More people than ever are part of various teams. New people attending church week by week. We have added 5 new members by profession of faith and three more by other means in the last six weeks Louise Duncan asked a media group associated with Leith Festival to make a video of our Holy Week services and they produced a short positive film of a superb week of worship. Further, there is a positive atmosphere at worship and a very warm welcome for all. All of these factors reveal we are adapting to the situation which confronts us without dropping our heritage and traditions.

I hope you will give a warm welcome to anyone who visits you on behalf of the congregation. We appreciate your support in the past and we need it to have another faithful period of service to our loving heavenly Father.

**Ian Gilmour**

## WORSHIP PATTERN JUNE 2004

### June

#### Sunday 6th

11.00am **Leith Festival Service at Leith St Andrew's**  
6.30pm **Prayers for Healing** with Jenny Williams

#### Sunday 13th

11.00am **Morning Worship** – Hospitality from the Heart

**No more Evening Services until the autumn**

#### Sunday 20th

9.30am **Learning with Mark's Gospel Chapter 9**  
11.00am **Morning Worship** – Growing as God's Child

#### Sunday 27th

11.00am **Morning Worship Holy Communion**  
– Called to Freedom, Gifted to Serve  
2.30pm Holy Communion

### July

#### Sunday 4th

9.30am **Early Interactive Service Pattern starts**  
11.00am **Morning Worship** – God's Reign is Near

Lunchtime services in the church every Thursday at 1.00pm  
Monthly Midweek Worship in the halls Tuesday 15th June, at 7.00pm

## BAPTISMS

*"Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: Baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

16th May Graham Knox,  
19/1 Assembly Street, EH6 7BQ

## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome to our newest members as of 16th May*

Graham Knox,  
19/1 Assembly Street, EH6 7BQ

Benita Knox,  
19/1 Assembly Street, EH6 7BQ

Lee-Anne McNaught,  
138/2 Constitution Street, EH6 6AJ

## FUNERALS

*"I am the Resurrection and I am the Life"*

22nd Apr Mrs Janet Brake,  
1 Lorne Place

24th Apr Mrs Catherine Duncan,  
Royal Edinburgh Hospital

7th May Mrs Wilhelmina Richardson,  
Trinity Lodge Nursing Home

## CHIP PROGRESS REPORT

The work in the church is completed. Jayne Reed, of the Music Group is looking for your favourite recipes to put into a cooking book to be sold in aid of CHIP. Please contact her if you have any specialities. We have received a cheque for £2,553.38 for reclaimed tax. Every little helps!

The total raised so far = £48,151.72

The fund total = £6,528.55

(Figures at 2nd May.)

Thank you again for all your support to CHIP.

**Fiona Crowther,**  
on behalf of the Finance Committee.

## CHIP COOKBOOK

No, not a book which tells you how to cook chips but a cookbook to raise money for CHIP. There are many famous recipes in South Leith e.g., there can't be many people who haven't heard of Margaret Chalmers' shortbread and this book will bring all the best of them together for the rest of us to try. So, if you have a special recipe or know someone who does (and are willing to share it), please write it down with your name and give it to Jayne Reed in the Music Group or hand it in to the halls for Jayne's attention. As soon as the book is ready, we'll let you know how much it costs and where to pick it up.

**Jayne Reed**

## RECORDING OF SERVICES

Each week the Sunday service is recorded and made available to those who are not able to attend the service. This gives a chance for the housebound to still be actively involved in our worship. The Worship Committee are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the recording of the services. If you would like to assist with this important part of our worship please see Alastair Chalmers any Sunday morning or contact him on 554 5600 or at

[alastairchalmers@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alastairchalmers@blueyonder.co.uk)

## ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Although I did not have my "Stall" at the Shoppers Coffee Morning this year I am delighted to have sent a cheque for £500.00 to ARC.

This has accumulated from my quizzes, sale of tablet, jam etc., and generous monetary donations from family and friends in South Leith Congregation and outwith.

My grateful thanks to everyone for their kindness in supporting my projects for ARC.

**Nessie Lewis**

## FRIENDSHIP GUILD

Our outing on Saturday, 1st May, was a great success. We travelled by coach to Kelso in the Borders, stopping on the way at Jedburgh Woollen Mill to shop and have "a cuppa". There was one slight mishap at the Mill as one of our members had a small fall but – fortunately – all was well. Everyone agreed that our meal in the Cross Keys, Kelso, was first rate but would have liked more time to browse in the shops there.

**Margaret Lees, Secretary**

## SLPC BANNER GROUP

Let's get the Banner Group off the ground! First meeting Monday 14th June at 7pm in the Halls. All welcome, even folk who think they can't sew as they may be the people with inspirational ideas and I promise you that learning to sew will be fun! Please bring any books, post cards, etc., that might be of interest to the meeting.

**Ann Grant**

## South Leith Parish Church

(Enter from Kirkgate or Constitution Street)

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### WORSHIP FOR ALL

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

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**Minister** – The Rev. IAN Y. GILMOUR, B.D.,  
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**Part-time Associate** – The Rev. JENNIFER BOOTH, LTH  
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## VESTRY HOURS

Minister in attendance for consultation at halls in Henderson Street, Thursday 6pm – 7pm. Enquiries about marriage and baptism welcome.

## WANTED!

A keen member of South Leith to act as one of our representatives on the Leith Churches Forum Helping Each other Action Group. This group is responsible for producing the Forum Focus quarterly magazine and there are not too many meetings – about 4 times a year. You don't need to be a publishing expert, just be prepared to help obtain information about events and articles for the magazine and help to produce and distribute it to the congregation. If interested please contact Stuart Duffus (669 2068) for further information.

**Come and relax with us, in the SLPC Café, on a Thursday morning 10am – 12noon. Open for coffee & teas and access to computers. If you wish to give someone a surprise email, bring the email address and have it sent for you. Go on give it a try!**

## LEITH FESTIVAL

### 6th-12th JUNE – BE PART OF IT!

The arrival of June brings with it the excitement and fun of Leith Festival. This historic festival has lots to offer for folk of all ages with music, comedy, theatre and of course the Gala day, Mini Tattoo and the Pageant. Look out for the programmes soon to be distributed in our churches and local shops or check out [www.leithfestival.com](http://www.leithfestival.com)

As usual there are items on the programme this year which may be of special interest to anyone connected with the churches in Leith. In particular the festival starts off on Sunday 6th June at 11.00am with a united service which is being held at Leith St Andrew's Church (corner of Easter Road and Lochend Road). John Bell, the well known leader of worship and hymn writer, will be the guest speaker and refreshments will be served after the service. Also of interest is Alistair Rutherford's play about the origins of the Iona Community called 'An Island between Heaven and Earth', which will be performed on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30 in South Leith Parish Church.

Just two items to look out for but there is much more in the Leith Festival programme, so why not come along and – Be part of it!

**Louise Duncan**

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING 3RD OCTOBER 2004

We are giving advance warning that the outreach part of Harvest Thanksgiving will be a shoe box appeal. The Serving Committee will provide shoe boxes covered in Christmas paper and we will invite members of the Congregation to contribute small items to fill the boxes. We hope to have shoe box gifts for a variety of ages & sexes. A list of suggested items for inclusion will appear on the notice boards nearer the time.

If anyone would like more information please speak to me or any elder.

**Jean Jamieson**

Ocean Terminal in association with Leith Churches Together offer you an opportunity for **MALL WALKING IN OCEAN TERMINAL THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2004**

**And the last Thursday of every month between 8.30am and 12.00 noon Start and Finish at FORUM (1st floor next to Debenhams)**

For a healthy body, mind and spirit.  
**Come and join the Mall Walking Club**  
"You'll never walk alone!"

**LEITH CHURCHES TOGETHER in OCEAN TERMINAL Worship at One in the Forum**

At the **Services on the second Wednesday**, and the **Mall Walking events on the last Thursday** of each month, our new banner will hang on their railings on the first floor, and give us good publicity, as well as the opportunity for joint Christian outreach. There will also be a display table for any leaflets/flyers advertising our various church services and activities. Let us make the most of this – if we don't use it, we will lose it!

**Jennifer Booth (Co-convenor LCT)**

Further information on "Walking the Ocean" and Worship at One from Jennifer Booth at Church Halls (554 2578) or home (661 3813) [revjen@fish.co.uk](mailto:revjen@fish.co.uk)