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Broughton St Mary's Parish Church is a charge of The Church of Scotland in the Presbytery of Edinburgh. The church building was erected in 1824 by the burgh (city) of Edinburgh during the building of the New Town. It is a distinctive architectural landmark on the city skyline. And it is home to a faithful and creative worshipping community, while also serving as the parish church for people of all faiths and no faith.

Our facilities are open 7 days a week, offering a welcoming space to a number of community groups, organisations and faith-based initiatives. We welcome enquiries to hire the use of the facilities but regret that we can only accept bookings for activities allowed under current government guidelines. Contact us for further information. As a welcoming church, Broughton St Mary's offers a supportive space for the full participation of LGBT people in the life of the church.



On 2 December 2021 we welcomed our new minister, Laurene Lafontaine, after a long vacancy following the death of our previous minister, Peter Macdonald. Laurene has been settling in to life at Broughton St Mary's and we look forward to working with her as we face the challenges ahead for all of our churches in these difficult times.

Our church administrator, Lindsey Rowlands, is working mainly from home and can be contacted on [admin@bstmchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@bstmchurch.org.uk) or 0131 556 4252.

You can also contact Broughton St Mary's by email via the Session Clerk, Ian Buckingham, at [mail@bstmchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@bstmchurch.org.uk)

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## The Broughton Beacon May 2022

### Letter from Laurene

*“All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.”*

Julian of Norwich

Whilst Julian of Norwich, a late 14<sup>th</sup> century mystic, was on her deathbed and having received last rites, she heard these words spoken to her by Christ in a vision. A profound affirmation of hope and faith. After she recovered, she wrote *“The Revelations of Divine Love”* and is thought to be the first woman to write a book in English, which has survived.

During these seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost, we read the stories about the personal encounters with the Risen Jesus. These post Easter stories were relational in nature, and what joy the disciples and followers must have felt as a result. It was short-lived though. In the Acts of the Apostles and Paul’s writings, we read about how the disciples and the early church believed that Jesus would return again during their lifetimes.

Yet, these followers of Jesus were no longer able to be simply followers, they needed to learn how to be community with one another. Their three short years together with Jesus was foundational for this learning. Plus, it took time. It always takes time for relationships and a deep sense of community to develop.

As it is for us as the community of Broughton St. Mary’s. To begin to get to know one another, it takes time, opportunity for a chat over a cuppa or a walk. To grieve the loss of a beloved minister takes time, space, and then more time to heal. Transitioning into a new charge always takes more time than one imagines or predicts. Emerging from two years of significant life changing, world changing circumstances takes time to grieve, to heal, to adjust to a new reality, and then to live into it.

Growing as faith community which meets the current spiritual needs of members, friends, visitors, those in our parish and those in our soon to be larger parish takes time to get to know one another, reach out to those who are new to the community, strengthen ongoing and new relationships, and deepen trust.

Anything worth doing well takes time to interact, engage, recognising one another’s strengths **and** growing edges, risk making mistakes, forgiving those mistakes, and trusting one another. It all takes time, lot of time and patience. Yet we know and trust that *“all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”*

We can trust this because we follow the Risen Christ. We are resurrection people striving to live out our faith, hopes and dreams through God’s outrageous and ever-present life-giving spirit. Thanks be to God! All shall be well.

Peace,

Laurene

### Many thanks from a grateful minister

Our joint services with Greenside and St. Andrews & St. George’s West Churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter went quite well. Grateful for all of you who attended the services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Dawn on Calton Hill. A special thank you to Chris Dyter for your wonderful music during the Ash Wednesday, Good Friday services, and of course during our Easter morning service!

For all who participated in the Good Friday Tenebrae Service, thank you to our readers: Jan Allan, Diane Chisholm and Ian Buckingham. Huge thank you to our choir who sang an anthem, and to Deborah Buckingham who sang a moving solo at the end of the service! You all were simply fabulous. Of course, thank you to the choir for your ongoing worship leadership through song. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful choir.

### Christian Aid Week

This year’s focus is Zimbabwe. The war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

**Broughton St Mary's will be co-hosting a special service for Christian Aid Week, with St Andrew's and St George's West Church, on Sunday 15 May.**

## Presbytery Plan

A series of meetings has been arranged for active members of our worshipping community to share their responses, hopes and fears regarding the proposed Presbytery plan and of the proposed union of Broughton St Mary's, Greenside, and St Andrew's & St George's West Parish Churches. This will be your chance to get updated information and ask any questions. The meetings will be made up of small groups and will last 1 hour. You are invited to reserve at one of the meetings either by emailing the minister at [Llafontaine@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Llafontaine@churchofscotland.org.uk) or session clerk at [ianbucks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ianbucks@hotmail.co.uk). Alternatively, you can enter your name on the sign up sheet in the church on Sunday 1 May, or by sending a letter to the church at 12 Bellevue Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 6NE.

Meetings will take place on:

Sunday 1 May, 12:15pm in the Garden Room.  
Tuesday 3 May, 7:00pm in the Bellevue Room  
Wednesday 4 May, 10:00am in the Drummond Room  
Sunday 8 May, 12:15pm in the Garden Room.

Should you be unable to attend any of the above meetings and wish to share your response and/or ask any questions, please email or post them to the addresses shown above. Likewise, questions sent in advance of a meeting can be submitted.

Your responses will help inform the Kirk Session before it meets with representatives from the Presbytery's Deployment Group.

Presbytery has agreed to follow the process shown below before it votes to implement the Presbytery Plan.

- April to June 2022: congregations or larger groupings to be visited by DSG representatives;
- June 2022: adjustments made to the plan;
- July to Sep. 2022: further engagement and consultation;
- October 2022: Presbytery vote on draft plan.

## Sunday Worship

Services in the sanctuary at Broughton St Mary's take place each Sunday at 10:30am. Services will continue to be broadcast via the Zoom platform for those who are unable to attend worship. For information on how to connect to church services on Zoom, you should follow the instructions on the church website at

<https://www.bstmchurch.org.uk/2021/12/church-reopening-2/>

If you do not have internet access you can still join the service on your telephone by following these instructions:

Step 1: Dial 0131 460 1196

Step 2: A recorded voice will ask you to enter the meeting ID on your telephone key pad

Step 3: Enter 112 135 361#

Step 4: A recorded voice will ask you to enter your participant number

Step 5: Enter #. You are now in the meeting/service.

*Ian Buckingham*

## A Prayer for Ukraine



John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal.

Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days. The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts."

The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen."

He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

Listen to the new work at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s>

# Fund Raising

## JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA - Saturday 28 May

We are holding an Afternoon Tea in the Garden Room, 3pm (Please don't arrive later than 3.30pm). Sandwiches, a scone and cake will be served with pots of tea. Tickets are priced £6 and are now on sale. Please bring your friends! There will be a limit on numbers, so buying a ticket early is recommended.

### *Dates for the Diary*

#### **Evening Coffee in the Garden**

Looking ahead to the warmer summer months, we will hold coffee evenings on two separate Wednesday evenings in July (dates yet to be decided). Coffee or tea will be served with cake in the garden or Garden Room. There may be the opportunity to buy home baking, too.

#### **Plea for help**

The Fund Raisers are looking for:

1. New members to join the team
2. Offers of help to bake, provide sandwiches and/or serve teas at the Afternoon Tea.

Please speak to Deborah Buckingham any Sunday.

Thank you.

*Deborah Buckingham*

## PASTORAL CARE

In advance of Easter Sunday, many of those who don't make it out to church had an Easter egg dropped off to them at home. These 'Real' Easter eggs, from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, were delivered by volunteers, along with a booklet telling the Easter story. Many thanks to those who offered to deliver the eggs. The Sunday Club families and everyone who attended the Easter Sunday service also received a Real Easter egg and booklet.

Each week the church flowers are delivered to people who are celebrating, and to those who have been unwell or bereaved. As well as a short scripture message, the note with the flowers always reads, "With love from your friends at Broughton St Mary's". We are always looking for volunteers to donate and deliver flowers.

Please contact **Colin Beck** if you know of anyone needing support, or for information regarding pastoral care. You can leave a message on the church answer phone (0131 556 4252) or email [pastoralcare@bstmchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastoralcare@bstmchurch.org.uk)

## MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church takes place on Saturday 7 May, from 11.00am. The theme this month is 'A Big Flood'.

We invite children and their families to join us for games, crafts, storytime and a light lunch.

For more information about Messy Church, please email [messychurch@bstmchurch.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@bstmchurch.org.uk)

*Jan Allan*

## Scotland's Gardens Scheme

*Garden Open for Charity*

Redcroft with Innerwick House  
23 and 19 Murrayfield Road, EH12 6EP

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May

2 – 5pm

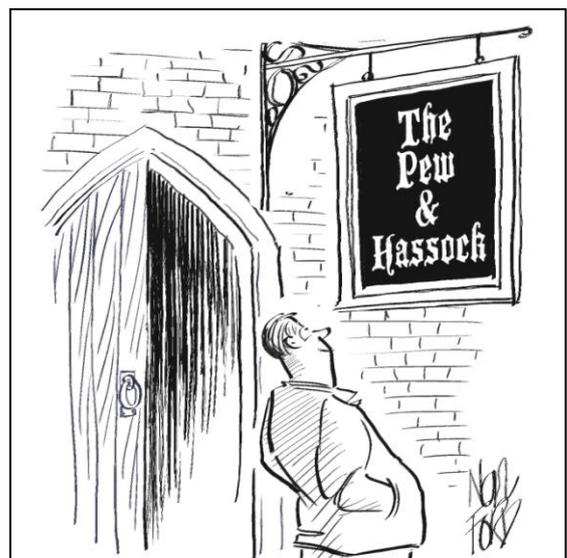
£5 Children free

A bumper plant sale at Redcroft  
Children's activities, Teas

NSA Community Wind Band will play at  
Redcroft on Saturday at 2.30pm and 3.30pm

*For Canine Partners and Scotland's Gardens  
Scheme*

Dogs welcome on a lead



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

# MAY CALENDAR

*Most of our regular church and community groups have resumed their meetings, including those listed below. While still being Covid-aware, it is great to see our building busy and lively again!*



Action Group: Every weekday 9am - 3pm  
Smart Cookies After School Club: Afternoons 2-6pm, 12-6 on Fridays

Mondays: Food Bank 1 - 3pm  
SCO Chorus 7.15pm  
Tuesdays: Brownies 6.15 - 7.45pm  
Pitchcraft Choir - 6.30pm  
Wednesdays: Cadenza Choir - 7pm  
Wildfire Choir 7.30 - 9pm  
Thursdays: Food Bank 1 - 3pm  
Rainbows 6 - 7pm  
Church Choir 7pm - 8.30pm  
No Strings Attached Wind Band 7.15- 9.15pm  
Laidback Choir 7.30pm  
Fridays: Helen O'Grady Drama 1.50 - 3pm  
Cosmic Dance 5.15- 9.15pm  
Violin lessons 6 - 8pm  
Saturdays: Helen O'Grady drama 10-11am  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month (March - June): Messy Church 11-1pm  
Cosmic Dance 11.15 - 12.15pm  
Sundays: Broughton St Mary's Church services 10.30am  
Sunday Club - for children aged 3-14 10.30am  
United Methodist Church (Zimbabwe) 12.45pm  
Assembly of God (Brazil) 4.30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month: Quakers meeting 6.45 - 8.45pm.

*For a fuller calendar please see the printed version of the Beacon, or contact the Church Administrator, Lindsey Rowlands, on 0131 556 4252, or email [admin@bstmchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@bstmchurch.org.uk)*

## Carers from Afar

*by Tom Leonard*

They nurture my old age  
Out of the cradles  
of civilisation  
They sooth my legs with zero-  
base  
As their homelands are still  
exploited and repressed  
They give me cereal, coffee,  
and toast  
For wake-up breakfast,  
And soup and tasty meals  
For my next to last supper,  
As the pains deflate my chest.

They are the gods from Orion  
Who Amon brought.  
They are the soul of the  
Universe,  
Who I have always sought.

*Tom is a regular worshipper at  
Broughton St Mary's.*

## Excerpt from 'The Glory in the Grey'

Almighty God, Redeemer...  
Sunshine and storm, mist and  
greyness  
Eddy round our inner lives.  
But as we trace the pattern,  
looking back,  
We know that both darkness  
and light have been of thine  
ordaining,  
For our own soul's health.  
Thy constant care in all, and  
everywhere,  
Is manifest.

*George MacLeod, founder of  
the Iona Community*



## Flowers for the Sanctuary

	DONORS	ARRANGED BY	DELIVERY
MAY	1 Pam Skrgatic	Pam Skrgatic	Volunteer needed
	8 Moira Campbell	Ian Buckingham	Barbara Robertson
	15 Suzanne Wemyss	Suzanne Wemyss	Anne Aarsten
	22 Diane Chisholm	Diane Chisholm	Graham Rogers
	29 The Cartwright family	Ian Buckingham	Volunteer needed
JUNE	5 Doreen O'Neil	Ian Buckingham	Volunteer needed
	12 Anne Aarsten	Ian Buckingham	Liz Randall



### CHRISTIAN AID BOOK SALE



St Andrew's and St George's West Church  
13 George Street

*The annual book sale in aid of Christian Aid returns this month. The sale has been held at this George Street church since 1973. In the last 10 years over £1 million has been raised for Christian Aid.*

Sat 14 May 10am - 4pm  
Mon 16 to Fri 20 May 10am - 3.30pm  
Thurs 19 May late opening until 7pm

Books of every kind, paintings, antiques and collectables, maps, sheet music, stamps and postcards, records, CDs, DVDs, toys, baking and more!

*Undercroft Café open all day*

For further information visit

[www.standrewsandstgeorgeswest.org.uk](http://www.standrewsandstgeorgeswest.org.uk)

### The Last Laugh

#### New dog breeds

*With all the new crossbreeds appearing, would you fancy one of the following?*

- Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso: a dog that folds up for easy transport
- Spitz + Chow Chow = Spitz-Chow: a dog that throws up a lot
- Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter: a traditional Christmas pet
- Pekingese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso: an abstract dog
- Newfoundland + Basset Hound = New Found Asset Hound: a dog for financial advisors
- Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador: a dog that barks incessantly
- Collie + Malamute = Commute: a dog that travels to work.

#### Parking space

A man was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. So, looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life." A moment later, miraculously, a parking place appeared. He looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."

**Car service:** 'If it ain't broke, we'll break it.'