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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.

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## *The Broughton Beacon*

### *June 2022*

### **Letter from Laurene**

Due to illness, there is no 'Letter from the Minister' this month. We wish Laurene a full and speedy recovery.

### **Moderator of the General Assembly**

The minister of St Margaret's Community Church in Dunfermline, Fife, will serve as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2022-23. Rev Dr Iain Greenshields will begin his year-long role of ambassador for the Church of Scotland in May 2022, succeeding the 2021-22 Moderator, the Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness. The 68-year-old minister of St Margaret's Community Church in Dunfermline will act as the Church's ambassador at home and abroad for the next 12 months. Dr Greenshields will speak out on issues important to the Church and its mission to follow and proclaim the example of Jesus Christ.

At the General Assembly in May his appointment was approved by commissioners and his predecessor, Lord Wallace, presented him with the ring and chain of office.

Dr Greenshields said: "I am genuinely humbled, honoured and privileged to be appointed as Moderator and to serve both you, this Church and our Lord in this capacity. I am very much looking forward to the coming days as we are together both in person and online."

Born and brought up in the Drumchapel area of Glasgow, Mr Greenshields is married to Linda, a secondary school teacher. The couple have six children - Alistair, Ross, Caitlin, Eilidh, Siona, Suisaidh - and a grandson, Oran. Their three youngest daughters come from different parts of China.

Dr Greenshields was ordained in 1984 and his first full-time position as a Minister of Word and Sacrament was in Cranhill near Easterhouse, a parish he served for nine years. His second charge was St Machan Parish Church in Larkhall, South Lanarkshire, before moving to the Isle of Skye in 2002 to be the minister of Snizort Church, which was a sort of homecoming because his father John grew up in Camuscross. During his five years there, Dr Greenshields served as a hospital

chaplain and the Moderator of Lochcarron and Skye Presbytery in 2003-2004, as well as its finance convener. He moved to St Margaret's Community Church in 2007 and over the years held various roles within the former Presbytery of Dunfermline including Moderator and clerk. Mr Greenshields served as a chaplain at the former Longriggend Young Offenders' Institution in Airdrie, North Lanarkshire and nearby Shotts Prison.

During his time in office, Dr Greenshields will be supported by two chaplains, Rev Monika Redman and Rev Allan Morton. Addressing commissioners while his family looked on from the gallery, the Moderator said: "I am, along with Linda and my chaplains, positively anticipating the year that lies ahead, God willing, and representing our church.

May God grant me the wisdom fit for the task as well as your support and prayers."

Dr Greenshields paid tribute to Lord Wallace, an elder at St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, Orkney, for his service.

He said: "Your appointment was both unique and imaginative and has proved a great success. You have brought great experience from your political life and your Christian faith and commitment to the Church of Scotland as an elder, to the office of Moderator. There is no doubt that you have been a good ambassador for this Church and that you have been very ably supported by Lady Wallace, Rosie, your wife - very much a team."

*From the Church of Scotland website.*

### **Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee**

A special extended bank holiday weekend this month will give communities across the UK a chance to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In February this year, HM the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years of service. The weekend, from 2-5 June, will include a birthday parade, beacons across the country, a 'platinum party' at Buckingham Palace, a pageant and thousands of street parties and lunches. Many churches will be holding special services and events. A centrepiece of the celebrations will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 June. It's fitting that the service will form a key part of the Jubilee, as the Queen has been vocal in speaking about her Christian faith. In her Christmas Day broadcast in 2016, she said: "...Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe."

## Presbytery Plan

We are grateful to those who attended the congregational meetings regarding the proposed Presbytery plan and the proposed union of Broughton St Mary's, Greenside, and St Andrew's & St George's West Parish Churches. Representatives from the Kirk Session were to meet with members of the Presbytery Deployment Group on 17 May to share the response of the congregation, but the meeting had to be postponed. A new date for the meeting is to be arranged. 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.

## Presbytery Elder

The Kirk Session has elected Graham Rogers to be its representative at the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian for 2022-23.

The Kirk Session has decided to change its regular meeting night from a Thursday to a Wednesday. Future meetings in 2022 will take place on 1 June, 28 September, and 23 November.

## Sunday Worship

Services in the sanctuary at Broughton St Mary's take place each Sunday at 10:30am. Services are now being live streamed every Sunday via the church's You Tube channel. You can view live and archived services at the following web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9IDzDM4MZH-WJw4qFnVxcg>

Please note that services are no longer available on the Zoom platform. This means that it is no longer possible to connect to a service by telephone. We are however investigating the possibility of broadcasting services via live stream and Zoom simultaneously.

## Christian Aid Week

The collection for Christian Aid at the joint service with St Andrew's & St George's West on Sunday 15 May raised £602.77.

## A message from St Andrew's and St George's West Church

Dear partners and friends,

The Undercroft Café at St Andrew's & St George's West is one of the few remaining church-run community cafés, with a highly skilled and experienced chef as Head of Café Operations and otherwise staffed entirely by volunteers. The current opening hours are 10.30 till 2, Tuesday to Friday. The Café is going to start opening on Mondays from 16 May, which means we will be open 5 days a week. This means that we need more volunteers and we hope that you will spread the word throughout your congregation and contacts to encourage people to volunteer.

The Kirk Session and the congregation of St Andrew's & St George's West see the Café not only as an excellent community service but as part of our mission to the city centre, giving a warm welcome to people from near and far, providing high quality healthy food and showing that church buildings are often in daily use. The provision of work experience, training and places for young people to develop their skills is a very important aspect of our work, as is the fact that those of us who are retired can continue to learn, feel useful and make new friends.

The days and hours are very flexible - most of us do a day a week from 10 till 2.30 but many do a day a fortnight or less often, or work part of the day, or work earlier (9 till 11) to help with cooking. We provide informal training by the Head of Café Operations, and free accredited training. An important aspect of our work is providing places for volunteers with a range of abilities and support needs, and we work with Project Scotland to provide opportunities for school children. It is very rewarding to work with so many different people in a friendly and committed team.

Please spread the word as far as you can, and encourage anyone interested to visit or contact us for more information.

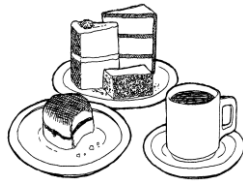
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# Fund Raising

## Coffee in the Garden

Looking ahead to the warmer summer months, we will hold coffee evenings on two separate Wednesday evenings, **13 and 27 July**. Coffee or tea will be served with cake in the garden or Garden Room (weather dependent) for a minimum donation of £2. 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 and/or serve teas at the Coffee Gardens.

Please speak to Deborah Buckingham any Sunday.  
Thank you.

## Marmalade and Jam

I have a small supply of strawberry jam and orange marmalade. Please ask and I will bring to church on a Sunday.

*Deborah Buckingham*

# PASTORAL CARE

Each week the church flowers are delivered to people who are celebrating, or 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".

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)

## Church Flowers

As intimated in previous editions of the Beacon, we are currently short of people to arrange and deliver flowers. Please contact Ian Buckingham or Colin Beck if you can help with this. Do not underestimate how valuable it can be if you can offer your services, even if you feel you can only commit to one or two times a year.

*Ian Buckingham*

## MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church takes place on Saturday 4 June, from 11.00am. The theme this month is **A Big Picnic**.

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

This will be the last Messy Church until after the summer holidays. We will resume in September.

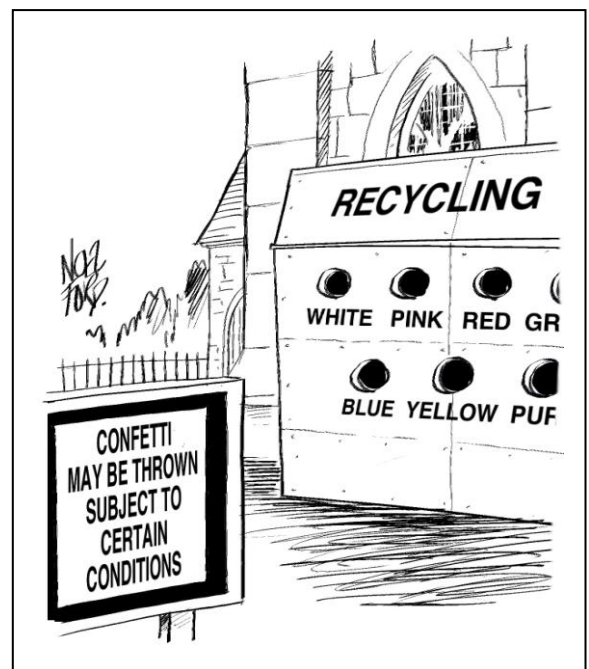
For more information about Messy Church, please email [messychurch@bstmchurch.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@bstmchurch.org.uk)  
*Jan Allan*

## News from the Scouts

The Scout Troop has healthy numbers and is running successfully thanks to its leadership team of Scott Richards and Steve Irvine. Due to a number of circumstances however the Troop is having to be run on alternate Thursday evenings. It would very much like to return to meeting on Friday evenings which would enable a return to meeting on a weekly basis. New leadership is needed to make this possible.

The Scouts cater for girls and boys aged 11 to 14 years. There are approximately 20 Troop members.

Please contact David Reid on 07874 981007 or at [david\\_a\\_reid@btinternet.com](mailto:david_a_reid@btinternet.com) if you, or someone you know would be interested in helping as a leader.



## JUNE 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,  
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## Pentecost



Up the street we came,  
pilgrims from far and wide,  
Not understanding each other,  
each with our own language.  
Day of Pentecost, harvest to  
celebrate,  
Each with our own worship to  
offer to God.  
Rushing wind, flames of fire,  
Startled people on the street.  
Then words of God all could  
hear  
All spoken in languages each  
could understand.  
Now I know, now I believe.  
Day of Pentecost, God's great  
gift.  
Let's all celebrate  
Together.

*Author unknown*

## Planted in the love of the Father

Planted in the love of the  
Father  
You can grow, dear one,  
You can grow.  
Watered by the spring of the  
Spirit  
His fruit you'll show,  
His fruit you'll show.  
And when the sun scorches,  
And the thorns threaten,  
And the storms around life's  
garden blow –  
Your roots will hold,  
And hold secure,  
Because you're planted in the  
love of the Father.

*Daphne Kitching*



## Flowers for the Sanctuary

		DONORS	ARRANGED BY	DELIVERY
JUNE	5	Doreen O'Neil	Ian Buckingham	Volunteer needed
	12	Anne Aarsten	Ian Buckingham	Liz Randall
	19	Catherine Ramage	Suzanne Wemyss	John Endicott
	26	George Grahamslaw	Ian Buckingham	Volunteer needed
JULY	3	Hilda Miller	Ian Buckingham	Anne Aarsten
	10	Walter Anderson	Ian Buckingham	Volunteer needed



### EDINBURGH CONCERT BAND

#### *The Summer Concert*

Saturday 18 June at 7.30 pm  
Broughton St Mary's Church  
Bellevue Crescent

*An evening of lively music in support of  
Waverley Care*

Tickets priced £10 (£8 concessions)

available online

<http://www.edinburghconcertband.net>  
[info@edinburghconcertband.net](mailto:info@edinburghconcertband.net)

### Jubilee Chocolate Bar Launched

The company behind the Real Easter Egg has released a Fairtrade chocolate bar celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Meaningful Chocolate Company say the bars make ideal gifts or giveaways at events to mark the Jubilee. The limited edition bar, priced £3, is foiled in silver with a quote on the back reading: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service." Princess Elizabeth 21 April 1947.  
<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

### The Last Laugh

#### **End of term - and those memorable school reports...**

- ~ One of my French reports simply said: 'Sheila attended the lessons'.
- ~ My teacher observed: 'The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell.'
- ~ My teacher was a realist: 'I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best.'
- ❖ A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."
- ❖ A young minister in training stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the regular minister was ill. At the end of the sermon, he explained apologetically: "At such short notice I'm afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better."
- ❖ 'Ecclesiastic': material used to fasten a minister's robes.
- ❖ She often broke into song because she couldn't find the key.

