

The Broughton Beacon

Magazine of Broughton St. Mary's Parish Church, Edinburgh



*"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it,
to taste experience to the utmost,
to reach out eagerly and without fear
for newer and richer experience."*

Eleanor Roosevelt



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Broughton St Mary's Parish Church is a charge of The Church of Scotland in the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian. 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 and a community hub. As a welcoming church, Broughton St Mary's offers a supportive space for the full participation of LGBTQIA people in the life of our church.

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.. Contact us for further information.

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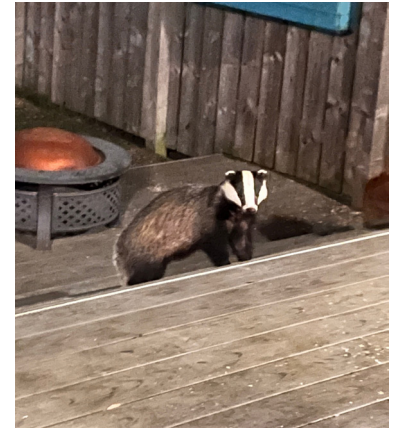
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*Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things God can change.*

Musings from the Manse

The shift from our mild winter to somewhat hesitant spring has occurred in a mere blink of eye. In my six years of living in Scotland, I continue to be amazed just how quickly we move from the long dark afternoons and nights to bright, okay, relatively bright early mornings filled with bird song. I love the changing of the seasons and the surprising appearance of new critters in my backyard. Recently, I saw a grey squirrel, the first one since moving into the manse. For the past couple months, I have had a regular visitor from Corstorphine Hill, the badger to the right. Whereas the nightly visits from the foxes have become so routine that even the neighbourhood cats seem unfazed; in contrast, the badger's presence is a bit of a concern for the cats. It does make it all quite interesting.



For the past several months, the ongoing conversations about the Presbytery Plan and our particular part of it have been taking place. The Plan has been approved by the powers that be and our Presbytery. Ian and I have been in talks with the ministers and clerks from Greenside and St. Andrew's and St George's West. Currently, the plan is that we will unite with Greenside and then after a time period to be determined...a deferred union, the united Broughton St. Mary's/Greenside congregation will unite with STAGWS.

As the seasons change, so do plans. The proposed union with Greenside will now take place either in July or October 2023; we have been told, it would be most likely in October so we will see! Meanwhile, the basis of union is being worked out. The Greenside building is rated "B" which means it will most likely be sold. What we do know, for sure, is the Broughton St. Mary's will be the worship location of the united charge.

Meanwhile, as I mentioned in worship, we will continue to develop care circles within our parish and outreach to every member and adherent of BStM in our efforts to make sure we have a family and/or friend contact. Recently, as I underwent a medical procedure, I was asked for my next of kin or emergency contact. I realised that I do not have an official designated person. Also, when we found out through word of mouth that one of our members was in hospital, there was no way to contact her or her family member. We will be working on this project this summer. We want to make sure that no one falls between the cracks.

This summer, Sarah R, an ministry student from Austin Seminary in Texas will be with our congregation for eight weeks. She will be staying in the manse but will be available for a house sitting opportunity. I thought it might be good for her to experience Edinburgh city proper instead of simply being out in the suburbs of Blackhall. She will be spending two weeks up in Torphins, a wee village in Aberdeenshire.

Given that I am now waiting for a total knee replacement, and my mobility has dramatically decreased as a result, I was wondering if people would be interested in a weekly "Cuppa and a Blether" meet up at the church. My walking limitations are such that between the challenge of parking and distance from the church, home visits are quite difficult right now. My apologies but I am trying to figure out a workaround. Sincerest apologies for the delay of the Beacon as a result of pain management challenges. This is indeed an unexpected situation but through some creativity, I imagine we can find a good solution.

In the midst of the impending changes, we are invited to keep our focus on God and our faith in Christ, trusting that Jesus' call to love one another as ourselves will be transformative in both our personal and communal lives together. God's spirit is guiding us into a new reality, beyond our imagination or expectation. (Eph 3:20). It's all good.

Peace, *Laurene*

Fellowship and Fun



*A Fabulous Season of
Bowls & Scrabble*

*Many thanks to
Margaret Davidson!*



COFFEE
MORNING

Our Sunday 19th February
Baking Stall raised £160.

The Saturday 25th March Coffee
Morning raised £280.50

Thank you to everyone who
helped make these events
a success.

We are holding an Afternoon Tea
on Saturday 27th May from 3pm.

Sandwiches, scones and small
cakes will be served with pots of
tea.

Tickets priced £8 will be on sale from the Fund Raising
team. This should be a very pleasant afternoon, so
please come along and bring a friend!

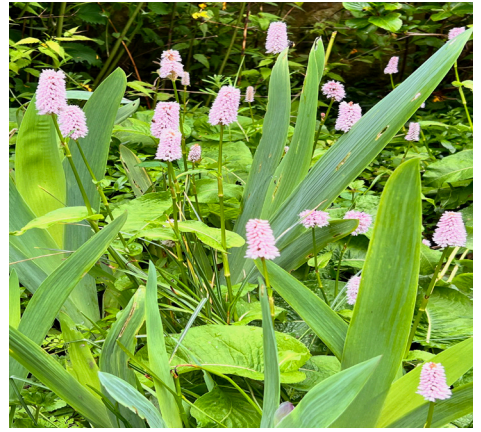
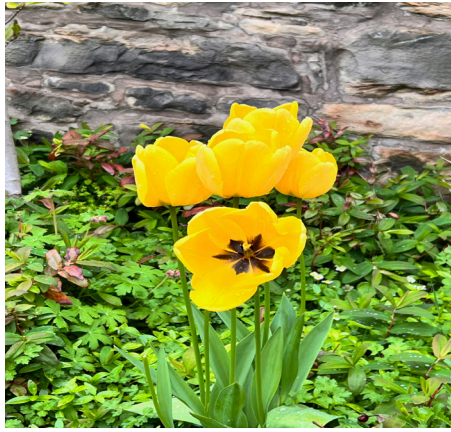


Upcoming Dates for Coffee Evenings
Garden/Garden Room, Wednesdays
12th and 26th July



Saturday 3 June at June 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, we will meet for games, crafts, storytime and a light lunch. We invite children to come along with an adult, and anyone else who would like to know more about Messy Church will be welcome to join us.

This will be our last meeting until after the summer break.
Questions, email Jan at messychurch@bstmchurch.org.uk



Our church garden is looking quite lovely and beautiful this Spring.
Huge thanks to Deborah and Diane for all their hard work! They are always looking for other helpers.
It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and learn so much from our knowledgeable and skilled gardeners!
Please let Deborah or Diane know if you would like to be a part of the gardening team!



A message from our former organist, Chris Dyter

Dear folks of Broughton St Mary's,
It's with a sad but thankful heart that I bid you a belated farewell as your organist. BstM's came into my life in 2016 and helped me through what was a really difficult time. Always treated much more than a mere paid employee, I was very happy and grateful to be immediately enfolded within the love and fellowship of the congregation.

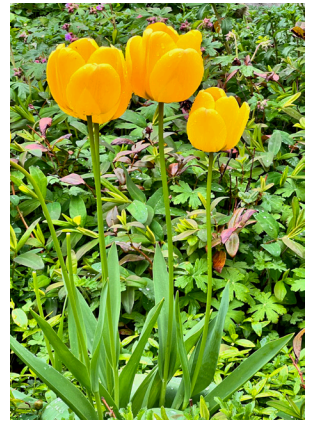
Playing for you all Sunday by Sunday gave me great joy, the kind that can't be summed up in a few words. I hope that this feeling was shared with you in some measure over the years, and I've many cherished memories of leading the congregation in song and weaving together those mystical and glorious tones from the organ. Working with the choir was always fruitful and often hilarious, and I particularly miss their cheerful faces, always willing to help, to have a giggle, or have a wee cry alongside you when you need it. Not just a choir, but good and true friends.

I wish you all well going forward into the New Year, and I go to my new position at South Leith Parish Church buoyed by your confidence and goodwill and ready to share my gifts anew. BstM's will always have a special place in my heart...I hope that you have one for me too.

Love, Chris

Flowers for the Sanctuary and Vestibule

	Donor	Arranged by	Delivery
7 May	Moira Campbell	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
14 May	Joan Gault	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
21 May	Anne Dick	Anne Dick	Volunteer needed
28 May	<i>Worship will be held at St. Andrews and St George's West Parish Church</i>		
4 June	Irene Marshall	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
11 June	Moira Campbell	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
18 June	Doreen O'Neil	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed



Flowers 2023

Thank you to those who responded to the request for donors to provide flowers for the sanctuary and vestibule.

The following dates are available for flower donation in 2023:

25 June	29 October
2, 9, 23 July	12, 19, 26 November
20, 27 August	10, 17 December
3 September	

If you wish to reserve any of the above dates, please let know Ian Buckingham at sessionclerk@bstmchurch.org.uk.

Volunteers are always needed to arrange and deliver flowers. Please contact Ian Buckingham or Colin Beck if you can help.

Sunday Worship

Services in the sanctuary at Broughton St Mary's take place each Sunday at 10:30am. Services are live streamed every Sunday via the church's You Tube channel. The viewership continues to increase as people are making use of this means of connecting with the church, both here and overseas!

You can view live and archived services at the following web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/@bstmchurch>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9IDzDM-4MZH-WJw4qFnVxcg>

Please note that services are no longer available on the Zoom platform, which means that it is no longer possible to connect to a worship service via telephone.

CHANGES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Death of Mrs MARGARET CHERRIE, formerly of 11/1 Heriothill Terrace, EH7 4DZ

*New Town Parish Grouping Worship
Pentecost Sunday, 28 May at 10:30 am
St Andrew's & St George's West
13 George Street, Edinburgh*

We will be joining together with the congregations of STAGWS and Greenside Parish Churches to celebrate Pentecost. We hope to provide transport for anyone who may find it difficult to attend the service at STAGWS.

Please speak to Laurene or Ian, if you need transport, or can assist those needing a lift.



Shared worship leadership is an important aspect of our worship together. Everyone is gifted by God, maybe you would like to explore your gift of leading worship.

Please know that if you simply want to give it a try as a scripture reader or leader of the prayers of the people, you can. Please speak to Laurene or Ian! It will great to have you being a part of the worship leadership team.

Organ Recital and Choral Concert

Our guest organist Oli Kelly and church choir will give a charity recital and concert at 7.30pm on 19 May in aid of Drake Music Scotland. Drake Music Scotland provides music making opportunities for children and adults with disabilities and special needs. A representative of Drake Music Scotland will be at the concert to talk about the work of the charity.

The first half of the concert programme will feature Oli Kelly on the organ and after a short interval Oli will conduct the church choir in a selection of pieces ranging from Palestrina to Howard Goodall. It is anticipated that the concert will last approx 1 hour 20 mins including the interval. After the concert there will be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments.

The event is not ticketed, and it is hoped that, if possible, you will be able to make a donation on the night towards the work of Drake Music Scotland. You can learn more about the work of the charity by visiting its website at <https://drakemusicscotland.org>

We look forward to seeing you on 19 May for this evening of music making!

Building Manager Job Description

Broughton St Mary's Parish Church is seeking a part-time Building Manager for their busy Community Hub. As well as church groups, the building is used by many different community organisations with on-going booking arrangements and a significant number of one-off events.

The Building Manager will work as part of the Admin team. The place of work is at the church 12 Bellevue Crescent EH3 6NE. Actual hours of attendance will vary depending on the bookings schedule, but will include evenings and weekends. A total of 15 hours per week is expected but is open to review in light of experience. Please see the job description for more details:

Duties and responsibilities:

- Prepare the sanctuary for worship, setting out seats and equipment for Sunday worship & set up Garden Room for teas and coffees
- Liaise regularly with Bookings Manager to confirm schedule of forth-coming building users
- Unlock building and welcome building users who require access – mostly one-off bookings.
- Check building and lock it up when required.
- Enable access and oversee tradesmen and maintenance providers
- Set timers on boiler & entry system
- General light janitorial duties
- Be a welcoming and helpful representative of the church

The Building manager should have the following skills:

- Able to welcome people and help create a caring community
- Able to use own initiative and work with limited supervision
- Able to form good relationships and communicate effectively
- Flexibility to deal with issues as they arise
- Physically able to move tables and chairs
- Able to exercise discretion in dealing with confidential or sensitive matters
- Hold a PVG certificate (for working with vulnerable groups)

The Building Manager post is for 15 hours per week. Work is to be done on the church premises. The Salary is £11.50 per hour.

Applications with accompanying CV should be emailed to bookings@bstmchurch.org.uk for the attention of Graham Rogers, Convener and Ian Buckingham, Session Clerk by Friday, 19 May 2023 at 12:00 noon.

The Choir of Broughton
St Mary's Church Presents:

A Celebration of Music

*AN ORGAN RECITAL
AND CHORAL CONCERT*



FREE ENTRY

7pm / Friday 19th May

Broughton St Mary's, 12
Bellevue Crescent, EH3 6NE

A fundraiser for:



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