

St Ninian's Church

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In the heart of Corstorphine



Dear Friends



Jesus said, 'Everyone who drink this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never suffer thirst any more. The water that I shall give him will be an inner spring always welling up for eternal life.' (John 4: 13 – 14)

Drink a glass of water with every meal. That is the advice of Dr. Michael Mosley in his book *Just One Thing: How Simple Changes Can Transform your Life*. Dr. Mosley suggests many others, but as we come into summer and the temperatures rise, I thought 'drink a glass of water with every meal' was one worth considering. Apparently, it could help us lose weight, solve problems, keep calm, and boost our mood.

Jesus would have agreed with Dr. Mosley. After all, Jesus compared himself to a glass of water knowing that water, as a source of life, is good for our physical and mental well-being. Life though is not just about being physically and mentally healthy, there's a lot more to it than that. A glass of water might tip the scales in the right direction, but not the scales of justice, love, or peace. It might help us solve problems in our lives, but there are big problems to solve the world, which need more than a glass of water – poverty, homelessness, natural and manmade disasters. A glass of water might help us keep calm, but will it help us to take responsibility, and so find purpose and meaning in our lives?

Life feels like it is full, and that it has a significance that lasts forever, not just when we are physically and mentally well, but when we are reconciled through love, justice, mercy and peace to the families, communities, and countries around us, and the world – both natural and human – that we live in. If we follow Jesus, shoulder our crosses, and walk his road in the

footsteps of the Son of God, seeking God's kingdom, we will discover that our desire for that better world is like a spring of the clear, fresh, pure water of God's righteousness welling up inside of us forever.

I hope that over the coming months of the summer you will experience something of Christ's life-giving water welling up inside you that will give you a sense that life has a deep and eternal significance. At St. Ninian's, our congregational life together is refreshing. Whether it comes from the spring of new life that our students bring to the congregation – Emma and Penni most recently – or from the fellowship and joy that Friendly Corner offers our community, or from the business of the church's weekday life, or from the peace of an open church on a Tuesday, or from the significance of Sunday morning worship, there is always a spring of life bubbling up in St. Ninian's.

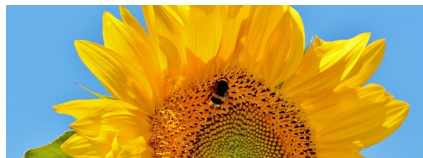
I would like to finish by mentioning one spring of life that has bubbled away for forty years in St. Ninian's. This year marks Anne Kirkpatrick's 40th year playing the organ at services in St. Ninian's. Anne began as deputy to Robin Dempster in 1985, and in 1989 she followed Robin as our number one organist. I think she is the number one organist in Edinburgh, possibly even Scotland! Who else has not only played the organ for so long in one congregation but, over all these years, has maintained a choir of substantial size and in such good voice? Thank you, Anne, for your service to St. Ninian's. In our congregation you have been an inner spring welling up weekly, offering us the life-giving beauty of music and singing.

Best wishes, James

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Look Ahead



Sunday, 11th May, 10:30am **Christian Aid Service**

Saturday 17th May - Thursday 22nd May **Church of Scotland General Assembly**
(the minister is a commissioner this year)

Sunday, 25th May, 10:30am **St. Ninian's Choir Service**

Wednesday, 28th May, 7:30pm **Kirk Session meeting**

Sunday, 1st June, 10:30am & 3:00pm **Quarterly Communion**

Sunday 8th June, 10:30am **Pentecost**

Sunday 15th June, 11:45am **Annual Stated Meeting in the sanctuary following the service**

Saturday 12th July - Saturday 26th July (inclusive) **Minister on annual leave**

Sunday 27th July, 10:30am **Summer Songs of Praise Service**



Congregation Register

Funerals:

29 th January 2025	Mr Archibald (Archie) Mack, Corstorphine Hill Avenue
31 st January 2025	Mrs Åslög (Awsa) Hussell, Clermiston Road
9th February 2025	Richard Hislop, Cramond Residence
27 th March 2025*	Mrs Sheila Ramsay, Ladywell avenue
29 th March 2025*	Mrs Dana Edgar, Dovecot Road

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Our Guild @ St Ninian's

Time to take a break and recharge our batteries; time to start planning and creating the programme for session 2025 - 2026.

Yes, we shall be back on Tuesday 30th September. If you have missed out before, please consider joining us in the Martin Shields Hall at 2.15 pm any Tuesday from then until 9th December 2025. There is no committee and so no commitment just come and share faith, fellowship, friendship and fun.

With the continuing strategy of "Let's Build a House" the new theme will be "Living Stones". We shall be looking at the living stones in St Ninian's – the people who share their talents to strengthen the ministry within its walls and to expand its mission in outreach.

Our programme will include talks, presentations, celebrations of birthdays and our anniversary, a few special afternoon teas and occasionally a sharing of our own resources.

At our recent AGM we said farewell and thanks to Gaynor, our treasurer who has looked after our finances through the past few years and to Norma G. After 25+ years as tea convener and provider of pancakes, birthday fare and anniversary cakes she has decided to take off her apron as "Queen of the Kitchen". Fiona Knapp and Norma Hudghton are stepping in to their shoes. Fiona will be our treasurer (that and a Guild contact are the only two people required to run a Guild branch) with Norma H as second signatory. Fiona, Norma H and Sandra Jamieson will organise the kitchen side of the hatch. Thanks to each of them for offering – we shall be in good hands.

During the Summer we shall meet on Tuesday 1st July with a flower theme and tea to celebrate the many birthdays that have passed in May and June. You are welcome to come and join us at 2.15 pm in the Martin Shields Hall.

May sunshine fill the days ahead

Valerie Thomson

Guild Contact



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Christian Aid

In March, Myanmar, one of the world's lowest-income countries, was hit by a 7.7 magnitude earthquake which reportedly killed 3,600 people, injured over 5,500, destroyed homes and left people in urgent need of drinking water, food and shelter. Christian Aid sent out an appeal and the congregation at St Ninian's responded very quickly by generously donating £1025.65 to the Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

This year, Christian Aid Week is 11-17 May and, at the time of writing, is fast approaching. On its 80th anniversary, Christian Aid is focussed on supporting the people of the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala, Central America, where climate change is meaning that water sources are drying up and vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.

Aurelia and her family belong to the indigenous Q'eqchi' community. Aurelia discovered the work of Congcoop, an organisation which, with Christian Aid funding, supports communities to adopt agroecological approaches to farming, allowing communities to work with, not against nature. By working with Congcoop, Aurelia gained the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds which are better suited to the changing climate. She is producing her own organic fertiliser, creating nurseries, constructing rainwater collection systems etc and is now cultivating cacao, sugarcane, cinnamon, corn and pineapples. It's steady progress that holds promise.

At St Ninian's our Christian Aid Week's activities are as follows:

- Sunday Service on 11th May will be on the theme of Christian Aid
- Retiring collections will be held on Sundays 11th and 18th May
- Soup and Sweet Lunch will be on Sunday 11th May after morning service
- CA Quiz will be on sale on the Sundays 11th and 18th May in the Crush Hall
- Sunday School baking will be on sale on 18th May in the Crush Hall

We did a sponsored walk across the Forth Road Bridge and back on Saturday 26th April with our friends from St Anne's Church. 39 walkers (27 from St Ninian's, 12 from St Anne's and Lauren Petherbridge of Christian Aid Scotland) completed the walk. A fun time was had by all from the youngest (age 10) up to Nonagenarians. Afterwards, some of us retired to the Railbridge Bistro for coffee and cakes.

Alec Millar



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Mission Committee

Fresh Start were overwhelmed by the amount of goods delivered to Ferry Road Drive from our March collection. In June we will be looking for cleaning materials, toothpaste, hand soap, toilet rolls, bin bags & liners, dust pan & brushes, all purpose cleaners, laundry tablets and J cloths.

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who helped deliver the Congregational Easter Cards this year when over 2000 cards were delivered the homes within and members out-with the Parish.

We will be looking for help to deliver our Spring Bags of Hope shortly. Included in these bags will be a hand painted stone, the Mission Committee had a great night or craft night!!! preparing the stones. Have a look at our efforts in the accompanying picture. Look out for information in the Intimations over the next few weeks.

Our Congregational Summer Lunch will be held on Sunday 24th August immediately after morning worship. Please put this date in your diary.



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On Tuesday evening on the 29th of April the Mission Committee along with the Minister arranged a New Members social to welcome new members over the last few years. As some of these members had children, they were also invited, and we held this event as a pizza and ice cream night. We had a great selection of pizzas, described by one of the children as absolutely amazing. Also included were Kirsty (Church Administrator), Ishbel (Book Keeper), Philip (new Treasurer), Brian (new Freewill Offering Treasurer), Wilma (new assistant Church Officer), Alistair (Fabric Convenor), new members District Elders, Session Clerks, Jim (Roll Keeper) some with family members. A big thank you to all who attended and helped make the evening a great success.

Margaret Hunter
Convenor



St Columba's Hospice Coffee Morning

Our annual coffee morning in aid of funds for St. Columba's Hospice was held on Saturday 8th March when we raised the incredible sum of **£4439.93**.

This would not have been possible without all the help and generous donations from all who supported and helped at this event. Since we started in the year 2000 we have raised in excess of **£58,000**. The organisers wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who have supported us over the years.

**St Columba's
Hospice Care**



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Are you on the right track?

This is a question frequently asked by Tele Evangelists. Usually, this question is accompanied by adverts telling you that the answer to this, and other questions can be found in the teaching of the Tele Evangelist Preacher. Watching the broadcast is not enough – what you need to do is spend money on any number of written commentaries and texts available from the website. Spending enough money on this will provide you with sufficient guidance on the journey to take.

Politicians will frequently tell you that we are all on the wrong track as a result of the party in power choosing the wrong route. If you vote for this party Edinburgh, Scotland and the United Kingdom will abandon the side lines for a high-speed main line heading in the correct direction.

On 27 February this year I suddenly received an email which suggested that I was heading for the wrong track.

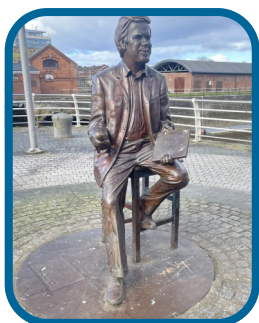
Anyone who sits next to me after church will know that I am a season ticket holder for Edinburgh Rugby. My birthday is on 28 February. When my wife and I were discussing what to do we suddenly realised that Edinburgh were playing that day. It seemed like a great idea to watch Edinburgh play in Munster, Ireland. I immediately found the Munster website and, was able to buy two tickets in the standing area.

Munster usually play their home matches in Thomod Park, Limerick. We were able to arrange a flight home from the nearby Shannon Airport but we had to get there by flying to Dublin and take the train to Limerick. I booked a hotel, in the centre, near the ground. I also booked tickets for a show, in a Limerick Theatre, the night before the match.

On 27 February 2025 we arrived Dublin and took a taxi to Heuston Station. We bought a ticket to Limerick. Our journey would start on the train that goes to Cork but would change trains at a station called 'Limerick Junction'. A train would be waiting to take us on the rail spur that went to Limerick.

We were only ten minutes from Limerick Junction when I got an email from Munster Rugby about arrangements for next day's match. I suddenly realised that there was a problem. The email had a picture of the stadium where the match was being played. Thomod Park is a modern stadium that was redeveloped in 2008. The two main stands have distinctive imposing arches and the ground has capacity for 25,000 spectators. Whatever I was looking at was not Thomond Park.

Having looked at the email further I suddenly realised that I had made a colossal error. Whilst Munster usually play their home matches in Limerick, they sometimes play their matches in Cork. This match was being played in Virgin Media Park, Cork. The Cork venue only holds 8,008 and looks much smaller than Thomod Park.



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When we mentioned this, the man next to us on the train suggested that we just stay on. After all, we were on the correct train for Cork. We explained that, since we booked the hotel and were going to the theatre that night, we would just head for Limerick and worry about the rest later.

On arriving in Limerick, we got help from the Hotel receptionist. Cork was 62 miles away. Since we would not be able to make a return trip by public transport, the logical solution would be to hire a car. If we did hire a car at Limerick we could drop it off at the Airport and would not have to worry about how to get there.

Next day we spent the morning at King John's Castle, Limerick, before picking up the car. We drove towards Cork and spent some time at Blarney Castle to see, but not kiss, the Blarney stone.

We had not expected Edinburgh to win but they were up 29 points to 7 at Half Time. They held on for an unexpected victory – what a way to spend my birthday!

The following day we had a short drive to Shannon Airport and discovered that we would be flying home on the same plane as the Edinburgh team.

Having thought long and hard about our weekend trip I came to the conclusion that we had chosen the correct track but only by accident. Although the match was played in Cork the airport was much closer to Limerick. We were able to experience two cities and not one. We saw a great play the night before and enjoyed the drive to Cork with a trip to Blarney Castle thrown in.

If there is any lesson to be learned it would be not to worry about being on precisely the correct track. We were always heading roughly in the direction of the match and the flight home afterwards – just how we were to get there was a matter of detail.

Graeme Henderson



A tale of two Cities (and Stadiums)

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Chelsea Flower Show



20th – 24th May brings us the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The most prestigious gardening show in the world, it attracts about 168,000 visitors a year. Its cutting-edge garden designs have been called the 'haute couture' or 'World Cup' of gardening..

Here are 12 interesting facts about the Show:

- * The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.
- * The Show began in 1913, with about 250 exhibitors in a large single tent. Today the Show covers more than 23 acres with more than 550 exhibitors and gardens, not to mention the Great Pavilion.
- * The Great Pavillion is HUGE – it covers 2.90 acres, with enough room to park 500 London buses.
- * The Show has been held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London every year since 1913, excepts for gaps during the two World Wars and Covid.
- * It takes just under three weeks to build a Show Garden, and five days to take it down.
- * In 1927 there was a campaign to get the RHS to ban foreign exhibits, to reduce competition. The RHS refused, saying 'horticulture knows nothing of nationality'.
- * The late Queen Elizabeth II attended RHS Chelsea more than 50 times.
- * It takes 14 judges and two moderators 25 hours to judge and assess all gardens at the show. It takes 50 judges and four moderators three hours to judge all the exhibits in the Great Pavilion.
- * Garden gnomes have always been banned, except in 2013, the show's centenary year. That year, well-known supporters, including Elton John, Dame Helen Mirren, Joanna Lumley, and Mary Berry – painted gnomes to sell for charity.
- * 2020 brought the first ever virtual RHS Chelsea, during the Covid pandemic.
- * It is not Britian's largest flower show, that is now the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival.
- * One very wet year the show was nicknamed the 'The Chelsea Shower Flow.'

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St.Ninian's Church, Corstorphine
General Fund Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period ended 31 December 2024

General Fund - Summary

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual	Variance
Total Receipts	193,897	188,125	● 5,772
Total Ordinary General Expenditure	(199,900)	(195,506)	● (4,394)
General Fund - Surplus (Deficit)	(6,003)	(7,381)	● 1,379
Legacies Received	10,000	3,000	● 7,000
TOTAL	3,997	(4,381)	● 8,379

General Fund - Analysis of Receipts & Payments

Receipts

Congregation Offerings (inc. Gift Aid)	128,138	131,542	● (3,404)
One-off Donations	843	468	● 376
Contributions from Congregational Organisations	3,209	1,780	● 1,429
Contributions from outside organisations for use of halls	45,213	39,168	● 6,045
Bank Interest and Investment Income	13,100	9,866	● 3,233
Other Receipts	3,394	5,301	● (1,907)
	193,897	188,125	● 5,772

Expenditure

Giving to Grow contributions / Presbytery Dues	(89,414)	(89,547)	● 133
Costs of Raising Funds	(320)	(315)	● (5)
Local Salaries, Social Security & Pension Costs	(38,366)	(34,888)	● (3,478)
Office / Administration Costs	(8,430)	(6,131)	● (2,299)
Fabric Expenditure	(25,369)	(32,810)	● 7,442
Premises running costs (halls & manse)	(30,821)	(22,192)	● (8,629)
Other Local Costs	(7,179)	(9,403)	● 2,224
Depreciation	0	(220)	● 220
	(199,900)	(195,506)	● (4,394)

COMMENT

As at 31st December 2024, there was a deficit on the General Fund of **£6,003** which was **£1,379** better than the position for the same period in 2023. This difference can be explained as follows:

Higher Income = Increase in surplus of £5,772

There were increases in Contributions from Outside Organisation for Use of Halls of **£6,045** and increases in Bank Interest & Investment Income of **£3,233**.

There was a decrease in Congregational Offerings and Gift Aid Reclaim of **£3,404** due to an overall reduction in offerings in 2024 which was offset by increase in one off donation of **£376**.

There was a decrease in Other Receipts of **£1,907** mainly due to lower Listed Places of Worship Grant because of less fabric repair expenditure during the year.

Higher Costs = Decrease in surplus of £4,394

The main areas of higher costs were:

Local Salaries, Social Security & Pension costs of **£3,478** due to 2024 salary increases and new book-keeper position.

Premises costs of **£8,629** mainly due to increase in electricity (**£2,978**) and gas (**£4,108**) costs because of new contract with higher rates. Office & Administration costs of **£2,299** due to higher printing and stationary costs (**£1,131**), new office equipment and photocopier maintenance contract fees (**£749**).

However, the above higher costs were offset by cost reductions in Fabric Expenditure of **£7,442** and Other local costs of **£2,224** due to lower miscellaneous expenses compared with 2023.

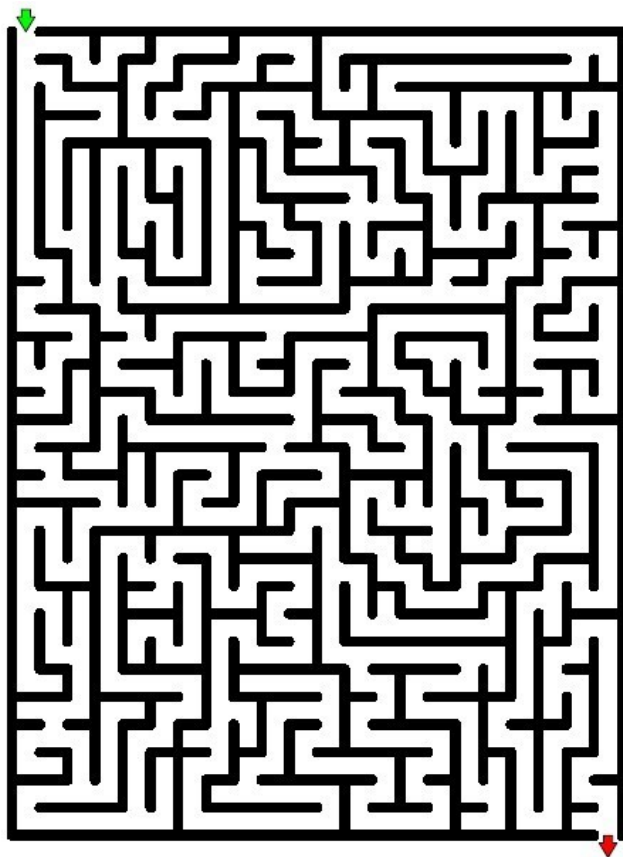
Taking account of the **£10,000** legacies received during the year, the final position was a surplus of **£3,997**.

A meeting of the Kirk Session was held on the 23rd March 2025 to approve the 2024 financial statements. On the 25th March 2025, Jeffrey Crawford & Co, our Independent Examiner, signed off St. Ninian's Finance Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The accounts were subsequently reviewed and approved by Presbytery and submitted to the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Sudoku

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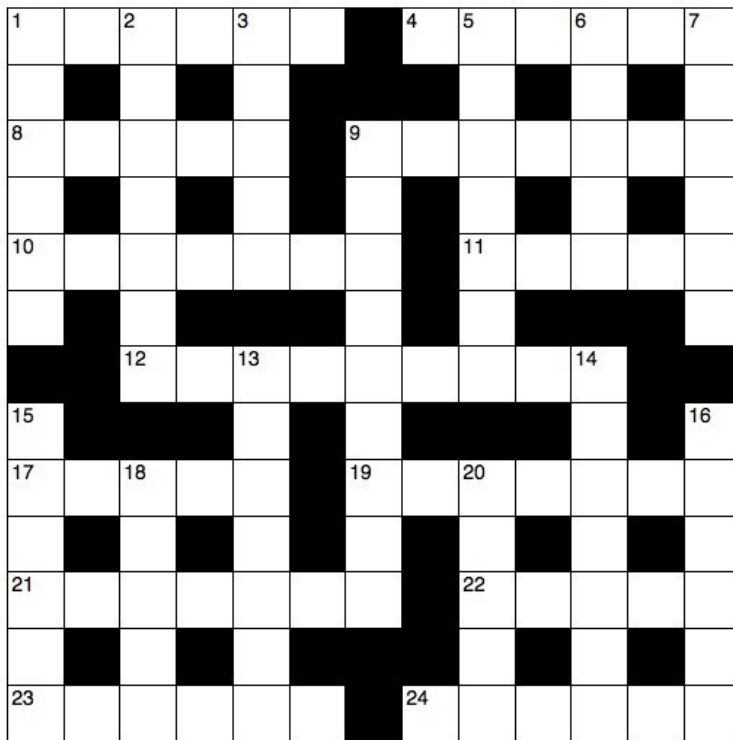


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Crossword Time



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — be-

cause he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)

- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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Parish People : Margo Dunn

How long have you been involved in St Ninians's and in what ways

We returned to Edinburgh after a brief stay in the West and came to live at Fox Covert Avenue, joining St Ninian's in 1966. The following year our younger son Stuart was born and we were delighted when he was baptised by the then minister Colin Martin. It was a very happy occasion surrounded by friends and family. With three children under five years old, my time was spent ferrying them around - firstly to Sunday School, then Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts. I only just managed to fit in attendance at Church on Sundays! However, during the ensuing years, Iain became more involved with the Sunday School and became a Deacon. After much soul-searching and encouragement from Colin Martin, he finally felt a call to the ministry, leaving teaching in 1980. Our lives moved from St Ninian's once Iain enrolled as a student at New College, he being appointed during his course to several Edinburgh kirks. I accompanied him, becoming involved in their Services and with their Choirs. Once Iain was ordained and was called to his first parish over in Fife, Cellardyke next to Anstruther. I found myself teaching in Sunday School; singing in the Choir; reading lessons and - most important of all!! - elected President of The Guild with its 40-50 members!! This continued throughout his ministry both in Edinburgh and in two exchanges to the USA. In retirement, we were fortunate in having two Locum posts abroad - one in Malta; two in Gibraltar together with three in our own capital city. Each had its own challenge and as minister's wife I learned a great deal over these years. Finally, he retired completely and we rejoined St Ninian's. We have much enjoyed renewing friendships made in the '60s & '70s and also making many new friends. It has been a pleasure to sing in the Choir; read the Lessons and take part in Special Services. Thank you, St Ninian's for welcoming me back!

Any special memories of the Church?

During Iain's sabbatical in Rome. We received an invitation to attend Wednesday prayers at the Vatican. Driven to the rear of this magnificent building, we were then led by two Swiss Guards to the top dais close to the clergy and to the Pope, John Paul II. A memory indeed!

Do you have a favourite Hymn?

Love Divine, all loves excelling (519 Hyfrydol) with its meaningful words and sentiments. We had this at our wedding in Wardie Church in 1962 and again at St Ninian's when we celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

What is the best piece of advice you've received?

A former Moderator's wife when I explained to her that I was feeling nervous and unsure of what is expected from a minister's wife. She immediately replied "Always remember to be true to yourself and your beliefs and never be afraid to ask for help"



Something people don't know about me?

I appeared on Yorkshire TV along with Iain in a show called 'Husband of the Year!' We successfully progressed to the Final, but unfortunately only came away as Runners-up

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Primary Sunday School

We have had another busy term with good attendance from our cohort of 10 or so children, we have also had Quinton join us in March, which was great. The roots resources have kept us busy this term with lots of arts and crafts and planting. The children planted sunflower seeds to represent the promise of something even better to come and gladioli bulbs to illustrate second chances, I have heard from Simone that both Jeff's pots are starting to show signs of life which is very impressive.



For Mother's Day we didn't follow the resources but talked about mothers, the children decorated jars with a candle and a label which read "Mum you light up my life", thanks to Daina for this activity and Fiona baked shortbread hearts which the children also decorated, how many their mum's saw I am not sure?? We continued the tradition of handing out Daffodils to all the ladies in the congregation at the end of the service, I think that there was a bit of a competition going on to see who could hand out the most...

In our last session of the term before we broke up for the holidays our lesson was "What's your passion?" where we read the story about Jesus visiting Mary, Martha and Lazarus, our activity that day was for the children to create their own "sweet-smelling jar", which they did with pine cones, cinnamon, essential oils and other ingredients, I have to say that they all smelt nice, with a hint of Christmas.

This coming term we will have a Christian Aid fundraising activity on Sunday 18th of May where we'll have a Bake Sale after Church, which we hope the congregation will support.

Barbara Mackie

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Past Times in St Ninian's

"All I ever really needed to know I learned in kindergarten"

"Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

"These are the things I learned. Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Flush. Wash your hands before you eat. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic. Hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant grows up and nobody

really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup – they all die. So do we.

"And then remember that book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

"Think what a better world it would be if we all – the whole world – had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and clear up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together." "A.S."

[An enquiry to our former Minister, the Rev Alex T Stewart, has confirmed that he was the author of this short and entertaining piece.]

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"Now that our building programme is complete we wish to make a great effort to clear our outstanding debts and thus repay those who have been good enough to give us interest-free loans. There are three additional Fair items which we hope will add considerably to the financial success of this event.

"1. Because of the time of year we hope to make a big feature of a gardening room and hope that many gardening enthusiasts, especially those with greenhouses, will plant seeds now and thus be able to donate boxes of bedding plants by Fayre time.

"2. We are about to appeal to the congregation for stamp albums and foreign stamps which will be sorted out (A) for sale to children, and (B) more valuable stamps and albums will be sold at a stamp auction to be held at the Fayre in the afternoon.

"3. We are about to appeal to the congregation for small antique items and those, with the more valuable items brought in by the general collection in the plastic bags, will be put aside and sold at an auction also to be held in the afternoon at the Fayre.

"If the Fayre is to be a success we must have a large number of volunteers. Anyone wishing to help, please contact me."

"R Jamieson" [known as Bertie]

Thanks to Andrew Broom

Puzzle Answers

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Good Friday

COMBINED CORSTORPHINE CHURCHES

As part of Holy Week in 2024 three crosses were carried to St Ninian's on Good Friday for a service shared with members of all the greater Corstorphine churches, where the crosses were to remain until the next Eastertide.

This year it is the turn of Craigsbank to host the service, and so a good turnout of people from most of the Corstorphine churches gathered outside St Ninian's to prepare to deliver the crosses to them, by processing behind three strong men along St Johns Road.

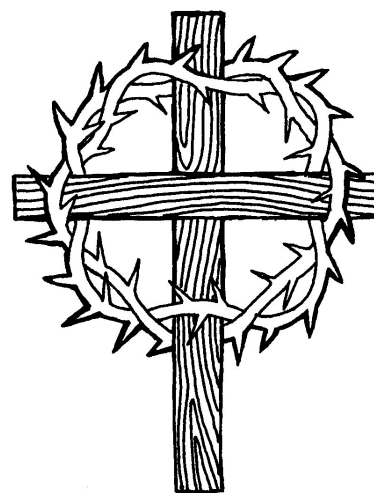
We were bearing Christian Witness and raising awareness among people who were passing by in the steady stream of traffic through Corstorphine.

Unfortunately the forecast was not correct to say that it would stay overcast cloudy and windy but dry. The rain began even before we set off and it continued to rain steadily as the procession headed to Craigsbank. With dripping umbrellas and coats, everyone was relieved to be welcomed inside to a dry and warm church!

The Rev. Alan Childs led the worship and the organist Johnprovided the music, along with a cello, electric guitars and a violin as well as singers from several churches, who supported the congregation in the hymn singing. We also enjoyed solo renditions of the anthems. The key-note reading was delivered by Sandra Brown, a member of Craigsbank, and was Psalm 22, which accurately presages the treatment of Jesus' passion, crucifixion and resurrection. While listening to its verses you constantly have to remind yourself that it is of course in the Old Testament, written long before what happened to Jesus, as the Rev. Child's sermon emphasized. As you will know, it begins with the powerful and agonizing words 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?'

After the service many people stayed for a fine selection of baking and hot cross buns, and a warming cuppa and more fellowship. A steady stream of them came over to thank Sandra for her moving reading of the psalm.

Suzette Bell



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Easter Morning



Easter Cross

For many years now there has been a Easter Cross that sits in front of the Lectern in the Church on Easter day. The cross is made up of ruscus, white double top chrysanthemums and yellow chrysanthemums. Anne Kirkpatrick and Margaret Hunter spend a morning putting the cross together, with a little help from the Minister!!

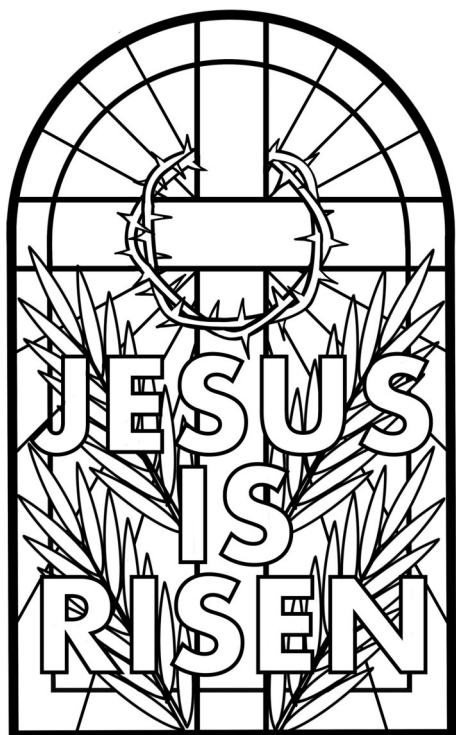
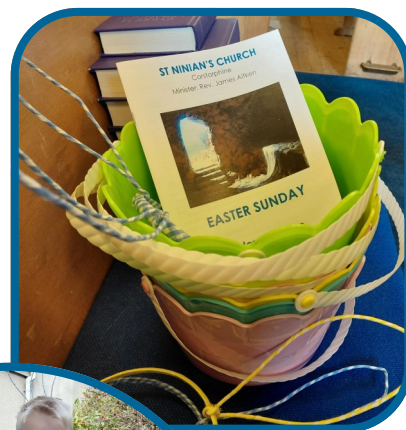


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Easter Egg Hunt
after the Service



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Easter one-liners



What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear?

An eggsplanation

What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear?

14-carrot gold

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music?

Hip hop

What do you call an Easter Bunny wearing a kilt?

Hopscotch

What do you call a bunny with fleas?

Bugs Bunny

What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards?

A receding hare-line

How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group?

Just look for the gray hares.

Why do people paint eggs for Easter?

It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

What do rabbits say before they eat?

"Lettuce pray."

Where does Christmas come before Easter?

The dictionary.



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