

Soundings

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From the editor



There's a lot going on in the world – we're anxiously listening to the news and sometimes (in our house anyway) switching it off because it's all too distressing. And even in our little corner of the world, as Stewart says in his letter, uncertainty is what we can be certain of.

Change can be difficult. I thought about this the other day when we went for a walk along the Union Canal from Polwarth. Looking one way, the view was practically unchanged from 150 years ago, while looking in the other direction there were nothing but modern, high-rise buildings. It was a disconcerting dissonance.



In this edition of “Soundings” you can read some very personal thoughts about Ukraine from Andrew - with an offer of a free gift – a first for this magazine, I think – and an opportunity to help older people in Ukraine. Linda Small offers us some reflections on grief. There's a reminder about recycling and Fresh Start, an invitation to go to the Drama Group's *My Fair Lady*, news from the Brownies (they don't *look* 100) – and the usual features. Thanks as always to all contributors. Feel free to send in an article for next month!

Pam



From the minister

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

We can certainly be certain of uncertainty.

When thinking about recent events, this phrase came to mind. It seems that every time things begin to resemble normality, a spanner is thrown into the works.

We appeared to be coming out of Covid and then there is an increase in cases.

It looks things are settling down a bit internationally and then there is Ukraine.

PJPC has done pretty well during the last couple of years and then there is the challenge of Presbytery Planning and a nationwide 40% reduction in ministry posts.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Flux and change now almost seem to be the new normal. Perhaps this always has been the case. Sometimes it looks as if there will be no pause to stop and take a collective breath. What's next?

'I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.'

Opening words from Psalm 40, a Psalm of thanksgiving for previous deliverance and a prayer for help in the present circumstances.

When things are swirling around us, in the dizzy hurly burly, whether in our own lives or in the world, it can seem so hard to find that moment of calm to pause... to listen... to wait... to hear... to see God's presence in the world.

On the surface of things, where? Any divine presence seems to be written on water.

But, below the surface? So much that is good, so much that is caring, so much that is humane, so much that is faithful surges onwards and forwards. Do we see the underlying current?

The arc of history bends towards justice. Thus Martin Luther King Jr. once said.

The arc of faith is towards love and grace. Thus Christ once lived. And continues to live.

We wait patiently for the Lord.

In the waiting is faith, in the waiting is wisdom, in the waiting is Christ.

In the stillness of a garden in Jerusalem, grass wet with dew and flowers' heads hung low, the cry was heard and the waiting rewarded. Everlasting life and everlasting love never, ever change.

Of that we can be certain.

Stewart



Diary - Worship

Sunday 3 April (5th Sun. of Lent)	9.30am	Quiet, reflective time
	10.15am	Interactive, intergenerational time
	11.00am	Teaching time
Sunday 10 April (Palm/Passion Sun.)	9.30am	Quiet, reflective time
	10.15am	Interactive, intergenerational time
	11.00am	Teaching time
Thurs. 14 April	8.00am	Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 15 April	8.00am	Good Friday Prayers
	10.00am	Ecumenical Good Friday Service followed by pilgrimage to St. John's
Sat. 16 April	Evening	Breakfast Club Vigil
Sun. 17 April (Easter Sunday)	7.00am	Ecumenical Easter Service (Beach) followed by tea and coffee
	9.30am	Quiet, reflective time
	10.15am	Interactive, intergenerational time
	11.00am	Teaching time
Sun. 24 April	9.30am	Quiet, reflective time
	10.15am	Interactive, intergenerational time
	11.00am	Teaching time
Sun. 1 May	9.30am	Quiet, reflective time
	10.15am	Interactive, intergenerational time
	11.00am	Teaching time
Sun. 8 May	9.30am	Quiet, reflective time
	10.15am	Interactive, intergenerational time
	11.00am	Teaching time



Portobello and Joppa Parish Church Guild



'At Last! At Last!'

It is so good to report that the Guild will be meeting again on Monday 11th April at 7pm. Please note the earlier time.

The evening will begin with a short act of worship, followed by a quiz and then tea/coffee and CHAT!

Masks must be worn on the night and removed when eating. If you want to bring your own mug, then that is fine too. I shall be taking a Lateral Flow test before I come and would encourage others to do so if they feel comfortable about that.

In your last email letter from me, I asked you to bring along to the first Guild meeting, any unwanted Christmas gifts etc. and we shall have a stall on the night. There will be stars on sale for £2 and then gifts to be won. Our projects will have suffered so much this year and this will help to top up our funds to donate to them.

We also agreed that we would collect as an offering each night £2 to cover tea/coffee and goodies and also so that we can make a contribution to the church for heating and lighting. So bring some pennies with you.

The most important part of the evening is the CHAT! It will be lovely to meet up again as a Guild family and support each other.

Now the Guild is not just for ladies or the retired. We welcome anyone to our meetings and when we reconvene fully, I can promise you some very interesting speakers.

The first year of Guild membership is free so what have you to lose? I can assure you that you have lots to gain.

I look forward to meeting up with you all on the 11th. It will be buzzing!

Annette (Convenor)

Brownies Centenary

The 116th City of Edinburgh Brownies will be 100 years old in May.



Our unit was founded on 22nd May 1922 and originally met in the halls of Regent Street Church. The unit then moved to the Old Parish Church in Bellfield Street, either when the churches merged or when those halls were built.

Our unit meets on a Tuesday and we have a full pack of girls enjoying the various activities of Girl Guiding. Our centenary is a big event for the unit and it's a huge achievement to reach 100 years when so many of our local Girl Guiding units have had to close because they did not have enough volunteer leaders to keep them going.

We are hoping to have a Birthday event sometime in the near future when funds and Covid allow and more details will be provided in due course.

Meantime, if anyone has any memories or photos of their time in the 116th (Tuesday) Brownies then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Helen

116th City of Edinburgh Brownies



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Fear Not, For I am With You

Could it be that without expression, a tsunami of silent grief will continue to wash over our world in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, for some time yet to come?

My own grief has taken me deep into the words of scripture, coming to rest on the experiences of these three incredible women: Job's wife; Naomi, mother-in-law of Ruth; and Mary the sister of Lazarus.

Job's wife experienced the death of each of her children, Naomi the death of her husband followed by the death of her two sons, and Mary the death of her brother.

C. S. Lewis wrote: *I thought I could describe a state; make a map of sorrow. Sorrow, however, turns out to be not a state but a process.*

If sorrow is not a state but a process, then how did each of these women navigate their way through the grieving process?

What struck me while embracing their stories was their ability to vent their emotions before God and others.

We see Job's wife as if chastising him, in the opening chapters of the Book of Job, saying: *Why do you still hold fast to your integrity? Why don't you curse God and die...?* (Job 2, 9)

A bitter and jagged retort birthed in the depths of unspeakable tragedy, whilst also witnessing her husband's painful demise.

On returning to Jerusalem, the widow Naomi is recognised by her kinswomen, whom she rebuked bitterly, by telling them not to address her as Naomi: *Call me Mara for the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full and the Lord has brought me back empty.* (Ruth 1 19-21)

How has your life changed in the last two years? Have you allowed time to process these changes?

Jesus arrived four days after the death of Lazarus. Mary rushed out to meet him and falling at his feet bitterly addressed Jesus by saying: *If you had been here my brother would not have died...* (John 11, 32)

Just listen to the pain in her accusatory tone.

My life has also been changed by bereavement.

Prior to my dad's sudden death in 2020, I felt I had come to the end of my strength. Even in illness he was formidable.

While I was in conversation with a friend, a passage from Genesis came to her mind and she suggested I read it.

Here, deeply troubled and fearing the inevitable, Hagar had separated herself from her dying son. In the midst of her weeping an angel of God asked from heaven: *What is the matter, Hagar?* (Genesis 21, 17)

In some translations it reads: *Why are you crying, Hagar?*

I felt this question was also being levied at me, and I was so very angry.

Surely the God who sees needed no explanation as to why Hagar and I were crying?

Defiantly murmuring, *What is the matter!!* I let loose in the pages of my journal, emptying myself of everything I had been holding on to until I had cast every last care – in a scrawl barely recognisable as my own.

This powerful experience proved to be a real turning point. Next day I felt empowered to carry on, never once suspecting that these were to be the final weeks of my dad's life.

He suffered a cardiac arrest at home, I was with him and performed CPR as we waited for emergency services, but I knew he had taken his leave and he wasn't coming back. A statement then had to be given to the police, walking them through everything that had just happened.

Job's wife has walked through the valley of the shadow of death. How she emerged from the darkness of overwhelming grief to embrace new life in her arms is untold.

Christian writer Max Lucado said: If you can only remember just one line of The Book of Job let it be this one: *I knew you then only by report, but **now I see you with my own eyes.*** (Job 42, 5)

How does God reveal his presence to you?

Naomi introduced her widowed daughter-in-law Ruth to Boaz. They married and had a son. On seeing Naomi holding her precious grandson Obed in her arms, the women said to Naomi: *Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without any next of kin... the child will give you renewed life and be your support and stay in old age.* (Ruth 4, 14-15)

The blessed child Obed became the father of Jesse, grandfather of King David.

Four days after the death and burial of Lazarus, Jesus stared into the lifeless tomb and called forth his friend. To every one's disbelief, Lazarus emerged from the darkness into the light.

The impossible made possible through Christ who commanded it. Witnessed by Mary who was perhaps now remembering the words of Jesus when he said: *Did I not tell you that if you have faith you would see the glory of God..?* (John 11, 40)

Reading Hagar's story starting from Genesis 16, 1-14. I came to see the promises and provisions God had **continued** to make for her and Ishmael, including the provision of water for the dying child. (Genesis 21, 17-19)

We might think we have been abandoned. Forgetting that when we see only one set of footprints in the sand, it's not because God is not there; simply that he is carrying us. Honouring His promise: *Fear not for I am with you.*

Each of these women has seen the glory of God spilled out for them through the provisions God has made in their lives.

The greatest of these provisions is His LOVE.

Love can be found in this story of another incredibly strong woman faced with grief - *Anna the Prophetess* is a contemplative and imaginative piece written and read by Linda Pollack, a minister in the Church of Scotland.

<https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/podcast/anna-the-prophetess-by-linda-pollock-podcast>

Linda

***Christian Aid book sale, St Andrew's
and St George's West Church on 14th
May and 16th- 20th May***



Items for this sale can be brought to St A's and G's from Monday 2 to Wednesday 11 May (excluding Sunday 8th) from 9am – 9pm (though 9am – 5pm on Saturday 7th). These can include: books of every kind, paintings, antiques/collectables, printed ephemera, stamps and postcards, sheet music, records/CDs/DVDs, toys/games/jigsaws.

This sale has been held annually (Covid permitting) since 1973 and has raised over £1 million for Christian Aid.

Gardening with George – More plant lore from George, horticulturist and star of the small screen.



Already the first daisy flowers are starting to appear in the lawn. This small flowering plant belongs to the botanical family, Compositae or Asteraceae, a massive plant family that contains around 32,000 different plant species.

The botanical term *composite* comes from the fact that the flowers of all the plants in the family contain two different and distinct flower types. The outside ring of coloured petals is composed of ray florets whose main purpose in life is to be showy and attract pollinating insects to the densely packed accumulation of disc florets in the yellow centre. This is the 'wee modest crimson tippet flower' which the ploughman Robert Burns was wont to 'crush amongst the stour' and it has quite a history in truth and legend. Commonly known as the 'Day's Eye', the flowers open in the morning and close in the evening. During the days when the sun shines, it turns its head towards the lifegiving sun and follows it round on its daily arc.

The Daisy is the birth flower for April and is the nickname often linked to the name Margaret. It is a symbol of a chastity, purity, fidelity and eternal love. It is suggested that God sprinkled daisies across the world to cheer up those parents who had lost children. Many of us will have constructed daisy chains and worn them as bracelets or head wreaths. The young leaves and flowers are edible and can be used in salads (I have not tried them yet) and are reputed to contain high levels of vitamins.



The Ukrainian national flower, the sunflower, symbolises loyalty, adoration and faith and is a member of the daisy family along with dahlia, chrysanthemum and artichoke. All are important either as ornamental or as commercial crops. I have

sown some seeds of sunflowers this year - tall ones, short ones and some which have large flower heads. Sown in fresh compost, they took just 10 days to germinate and appear above the soil and once they're fully established I will plant them out in my 'wild flower area' at the allotment. There they will provide nectar for visiting insects and eventually seeds for the birds.

We put up bird feeders filled with sunflower seeds to feed and encourage garden birds. The black sunflower seeds are a particular favourite of the great tits and coal tits that visit. The mischievous coal tits plunder the newly filled feeders and can often empty them in a single day. They don't eat all the seeds – instead they carry most off and deposit them around our small garden or in those of our neighbours. Their hope is that they will remember where they hid the seeds so that in leaner times they can reclaim and eat them. However, they often forget where they cached their tasty morsels, which when left to grow, sprout and flower in the most bizarre and unexpected places.

Spring is 'well sprung' now and with the daffodil season in full flow and various vegetable seeds starting to sprout and grow, this annual season of renewal is most welcome after the long dark days of winter.

So my advice this month is: don't kill all the daisies, enjoy their bright little upturned faces, leave some for the bees and hoverflies to enjoy, plant some sunflower seeds, and remember the people of Ukraine when you enjoy the unexpected bonus of a bird-sown sunflower.

Symbols of hope, innocence, humility, purity, loyalty, adoration and above all faith.

Enjoy your garden spaces.

George Anderson





Thank you to friends who have donated goods to **FRESH START** for their Starter Packs. Please note they no longer accept duvets (unless brand new in packaging) or pillows.

For their Starter packs, Fresh Start appreciate donations of

cleaning products	kitchen utensils
crockery and cutlery	single or double bedding
curtains	small electrical appliances
food	toiletries and towels
pots	

PJPC RECYCLING

The new Recycling Team here at PJPC wishes to promote more recycling amongst our congregational family, their relatives, friends and neighbours, and is undertaking the collection of six particular items. The team will also keep you informed about other actions you may like to take. You may of course already be collecting other items other than those listed below, and we invite you to share information about that. We are all in this together and so we also want to know how we can help YOU, or your children or grandchildren in their efforts to keep 'stuff' out of landfill.



Soooo, where do we start?

There will be containers in the Flower Room where your items may be left, however stamps may be left in the box on the west side of the vestibule. The team member responsible will collect them regularly.

The six items we ask you to collect are

<p>USED STAMPS & very old POSTCARDS</p>	<p>Leave stamps on and (on future donations) when cutting from envelope, 2cm margin of paper.</p>	<p>These go to Cross Reach, the Church of Scotland Social Care Provider</p>
<p>MILK BOTTLE TOPS</p>	<p>Washed – all colours</p>	<p>These go to Borders Bottletops for Charity</p>
<p>PENS, all plastic pens</p>	<p>These, among various other items, go to TERRACYCLE*</p> 	
<p>SOFT CONTACT LENSES & PACKAGING</p>		
<p>BLISTER PACKS</p>		
<p>TOOTHPASTE TUBES & TOOTHBRUSHES</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any brand. Cut off bottom. 2. Bin that wee bit. 3. Use toothpaste! 4. Wash toothpaste tube, please.

*TERRACYCLE is a company which is 'Eliminating the Idea of Waste' by recycling the "non-recyclable" and in so doing, is able to divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills and incinerators each month. They partner with individual collectors such as ourselves, as well as major consumer product companies, retailers, manufacturers, municipalities, and small businesses across 20 different countries.



A call to prayer

“For the happy heart, life is a continual feast”- Proverbs 15,15.



Every day, a man and his granddaughter would sit outside his petrol station waiting for customers. A man passed by. “What sort of a town is this?” he asked.

“Well, what kind of town are you from?” asked the grandfather.

“The people are awful,” said the man. “That’s why I’m moving.”

“It’s like that here too,” said the older man.

Later, a family stopped for petrol. “Is this a good place to live?” the father asked.

“What’s it like where you’re from?” asked the old man.

“Oh, everyone’s always willing to lend a helping hand,” replied the father. “I’m going to be sorry to leave it.”

“It’s like that here too,” said the older man.

Later, the granddaughter asked, “Grandpa, how come you told the first man that this was a terrible place to live, and the second man that it was wonderful?”

Her grandfather replied, “Sweetheart, people take their attitudes with them – and that’s what makes things bad or good. Which is why the Bible says, “For the happy heart, life is a continual feast.”

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Brain-teaser



This month, I've been thinking of Easter Sunday. Here are words which start with the letters EASTER SUNDAY. Can you find them in the grid below – forward, backwards or upwards?

Egypt, Apostles, Sabbath, Testament, Esther, Romans Service, United, Numbers, Daniel, Acts, Youth.

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Alison

Sunflowers for Ukraine

We'd like to give you a packet of sunflower seeds to grow; to enjoy; to help spread a message of hope and solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We'll also make a donation on your behalf to Age International's 'Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal'.



Sunflowers for
Ukraine

We've all been affected by what's happening in the Ukraine.

To me, it's personal. My dad was from the Ukraine. Of another time, he was a refugee who came to Scotland, settling here in Edinburgh.

Reading something written by Age International it struck me how older people are disproportionately affected by the war in Ukraine. Millions of people are being forced to flee their homes in search of safety. For the older people left behind, the situation is particularly dangerous.

There are many ways we can respond – Age International's 'Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal' being one, helping to provide life-saving support to older people and their families.

Sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine. Amid the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, the sunflower has become a symbol of hope and solidarity around the world.

Since gardening and growing flowers are favourite pastimes of a lot of older people, at Home Instead we thought we would respond in this way:

1. We'd like to give you a packet of sunflower seeds to grow; to enjoy; to help spread a message of hope and solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
2. We'll make a donation to Age International's Appeal on your behalf.
3. The appeal is linked below if you would like to know more about it and should you wish to make a donation yourself.

Given Home Instead's goal of bringing joy to older people and this being personal to me, this feels like a good way for us at Home Instead to respond. I hope you will support us by ordering your packet of sunflower seeds from me – which we will be happy to get to you in time to plant in the Spring.

You can find out more about [Age International's 'Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal' here](#). Many thanks for your support.

Andrew, Owner and Director, Home Instead Edinburgh



Getting to know you – Andrew.

Joanna and I moved to Pittville Street in 2001. We were definitely the youngsters on the street back then! We tried out all the local churches before joining what was to become PJPC. Both proved to be good moves for us and for our daughter Iona, who was born in 2007. I served on the Finance Committee for a while and have been known to turn out at Golf Club outings, though not for a while. There's no truth in the rumour I was asked to leave both for not being able to count!



Q. What is a favourite hymn, and why?

A. Since first hearing it, I've always liked 'The Peace of the Earth be with You' in Spanish and English – seems especially apt now.

<https://music.churchofscotland.org.uk/hymn/798-the-peace-of-the-earth-be-with-you>

Q. What is an early church memory?

A. Christmas evening services at Holyrood Abbey singing 'Silent Night' in the dark, unaccompanied by music, in German. Not sure why – I don't speak German – must have been atmospheric.

Q. What's your earliest *childhood* memory?

A. A friend's father driving us to school in the snow in P2 or 3 – driving down St Mary's Street at speed to build up momentum to get up The Pleasance on the other side. Thankfully the lights at the bottom didn't go to red as we approached. Not sure about the wisdom of this manoeuvre; discuss...

Q. What is your job, and in an alternative life, what job would you have chosen?

A. No job for life for me, no one would have me that long – haha!! I coached squash semi-professionally as a student; qualified as an accountant on a graduate training programme with Scottish Equitable; spent 7 good years working with Standard Life including visiting their overseas businesses; and saw ‘Fred the Shred’ Goodwin at work with RBS which gave me all the impetus I needed to leave corporate life. Since then I’ve run three businesses of my own. In an alternative life? I’m probably unemployable – as an employee – so I’d be kind to the people I’d meet in that alternative life and say I’d be running my own business, something that combines my love of food, travel and languages.

Q. What are you reading at the moment?

A. I don’t read much, to be honest – Ms Fortesque, my S4/5 English teacher, wasn’t (for me at least) overly inspirational. The last book I read was ‘Doddie’s Diary’ – what a guy – for a great cause.

Q. How did you find lockdown?

A. Our business is in the home care sector so we were busy – I was glad to be busy and able to maintain some degree of normality. Grateful too that everyone stayed safe. Aside from that, it reminded us how lucky we are living in Portobello/Joppa with all the open space.

Q. What are you longing to do once Covid is no longer a major problem?

A. I think we’re there now, in terms of Covid no longer being a major problem. Of course, we’re all rolling back to ‘normal’ at our own different speeds. I’m more one for being grateful for what you have rather than longing for too much more, so I’ll say everyone getting to the point where they feel comfortable getting on with their day-to-day-lives without Covid being an overarching shadow or the topic of everyday conversation. Particularly for our young people. We’re off on holiday to Portugal soon. I’m looking forward to catching up with a few people we know who run cafés and restaurants over there. For them it’s been a tough couple of years, so even this Scotsman could be moved to tip generously. Maybe.

Q. What is your most prized possession?

A. She'll not thank me for referring to her as a possession, but I'll take the risk and say our daughter Iona. Like many, I've got too much 'stuff' (possessions) but don't attach that much importance to them – why did I buy them all in the first place??!

Q. Tell us something that not many people know about you.

A. That would be telling! Ok then... I was once assessed as having the fitness levels of an Olympian athlete – until a data entry error was identified. I still came out pretty fit overall, though it was a bit of a disappointment after the initial results.

Q. What luxury would you take to a desert island?

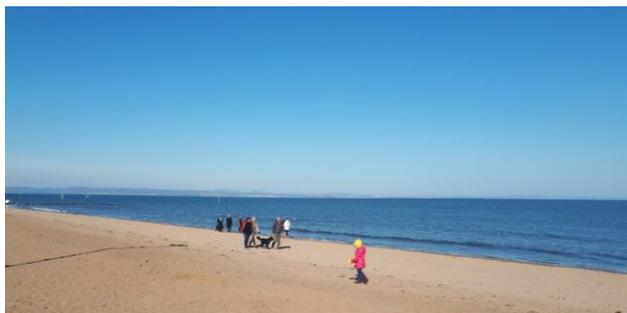
A. A sailing dinghy – I'd get bored pretty quickly!

Q. What do you do to relax?

A. Along with friends I've had an Edinburgh Rugby season ticket for longer than is probably good for my blood pressure – over the years they've lost more than they've won! Still, a pre- or post-match curry and the match go a long way to making Andrew a happy boy - especially when we win! Or more realistically when the curry is good.

Q. Where would you go in a time machine and why?

A. Here and now. Life's pretty good!



Q. What is a favourite quotation?

A. The more you practise, the luckier you get.

Q. What kind of music do you listen to?

A. For someone who has hardly been to a concert, bought or streamed music – I've got a pretty broad range of music likes. When the radio is on in the car, I'd not turn off Buena Vista Social Club.

Q. What do you miss about being a child?

A. Being flexible and never being short of energy.

Q. How would you like to be remembered?

A. I've no plans to go anywhere very soon, so I'll say that whatever I'm to be remembered for, I'm still to do ... leaves room for improvement! That's what my school reports said anyway.

Q. What gets you up in the morning (apart from your alarm clock)?

A. Having something worthwhile to do, whether it's a day at work, or a day at play.

Q. Where would you like to be right now?

A. As we know, Portobello/Joppa is a fine place to be.

Q. What makes your heart sing?

A. Watching Iona, her friends and other young people growing into confident young adults. They seem so much more aware, confident, resilient and inclusive than ever I was at their age. Even in these sad and uncertain times there's still hope with and for them of a good and better future.



LIFE AND WORK APRIL 2022



Easter Art Jackie Macadam talks to Christian artists about how the Resurrection story has been represented in art.

'I Knew That I Couldn't Not Follow Jesus' Interview with artist Iain Campbell.

Marks of Mission: Loving Service Continuing the series looking at the Marks of Mission, Thomas Baldwin speaks to the convener of CrossReach about how the Church responds to human need by loving service.

Faith in Action An official monthly update for 2022 from the Faith Action Programme

Who Guards the Guards? In his final column as Moderator, Lord Wallace pays tribute to the work of chaplains

Love, Grace and Transformation The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers argues that in His execution and resurrection, Jesus is an archetype of redemption

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Margaretta Nicol of Musselburgh

27 February

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5 March

Jimmy MacGregor of Portobello

10 March

Alice Tickell of Joppa



MAGAZINE/DIARY DEADLINES

May 2022	Sunday 17 th April 2022
June/July/August 2022	Sunday 22 nd May 2022
September	Sunday 21 August 2022

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Parish Church

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