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Making God's love known through Jesus Christ

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What does a locum do?

Dear Friends,

First, thank you for the warm welcome that so many people and children have given me during the last two months. It is indeed a joy and privilege to serve at Barclay Viewforth Church as a locum and thank you to everyone who has helped and advised me so far. But what should a locum do at BVC during this particular vacancy, you might ask.

There is a highly committed ministry team comprising Elaine Hogan, Stefanie Conradt and Julie Nicholson, who between them cover pastoral, children and families, and administration. They work faithfully in keeping day to day matters moving along as smoothly as possible during the vacancy.

In addition, BVC has an experienced Session Clerk in John Ritchie and a caring group of Kirk Session elders who along with the interim moderator Ian MacDonald are ensuring that vacancy matters are progressed as efficiently as possible, as well as ensuring finance, property and administrative matters are run smoothly. There are also very able Christian leaders

who run church-based groups. Hence the question, how does a locum fit in to a family of strong Christian leaders?

The obvious answer, of course, is to help lead some of the services of worship,



which is one of the privileges of being a locum. However, with Elaine, Stefanie, Shirley Fraser, Connect Plus (leading Ability Sunday), Fiona Tweedie, Iain Sutherland, Nikki Kirkland, Ian Macdonald and Sam Torrens all helping us through the vacancy, for which we are most grateful, I am not needed to lead worship every week. Where else can a locum help, support and encourage people in the Christian faith?

The Kirk Session invited me to the elders' conference in June, and that gave me some ideas of where my Christian leadership and efforts might be needed. Three areas were apparent.

First, there is a need to revitalise our congregation's house groups. The idea that emerged was to have a 'starters' Bible group' that might lead to new groups being formed. Currently, there are two active house groups. Hence we have started the Christian faith/five Church of Scotland vows Bible meetings that run on Thursdays and Sundays. For many of us, we are reminding ourselves of the Church of Scotland vows that we took many years ago. Others are exploring such Christian vows for the first time. Let us take time out from our usual busy weeks, think again about our core Christian beliefs, and rededicate ourselves to God's service.

Second, we currently do not have a weekly congregational prayer meeting and yet the monthly prayer meetings on the third Sunday of each month (09:30–10:20) are well supported – people need prayer – and a church family needs to pray at all times. We will launch a regular weekly prayer time soon. Please let me know what day and time suits you.



Third, people sometimes grow into a church family through social activities, as BVC has demonstrated successfully over the decades. Many of the meetings of the first Christian communities involved meeting over a meal. Our strawberry tea held on 10 August was an impromptu get-together, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by many. Let's continue to have more socials in the autumn and winter months and make everyone feel part of the church family.

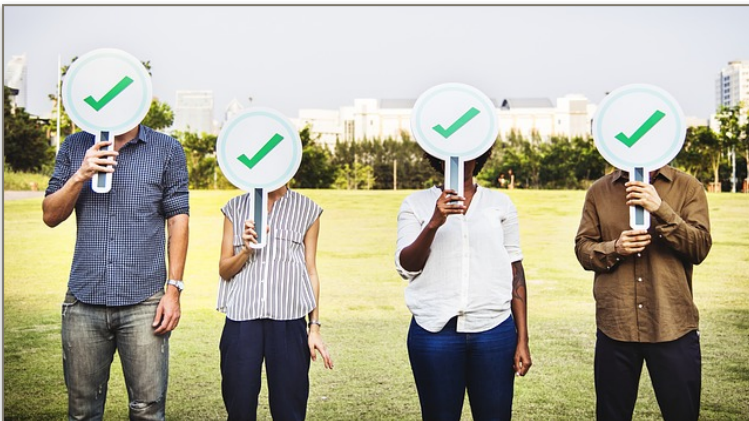
The rest of the locum tasks are up to you. Just tell me how I can help, and I will gladly serve in Jesus's name. May all of you sense God's presence during this vacancy and may you continue to enjoy praising and serving him. Every blessing.

Martin Pearce, Locum

Vacancy update

The group preparing the **Parish Profile**, which will give details of our congregation to potential applicants, has completed its draft. Kirk Session met at the end of August to consider the document. You will be able to read the profile when it is published on our website. (Indeed, as you read this, it may already be there.)

We are finalising the **Electoral Register** of people who can elect our **Nominating Committee**. That committee will consider applicants, go to hear them preach, and conduct interviews. Members are automatically on the Electoral Register, but regular worshippers (adherents) who are not members of the congregation can also ask to be added. The required form will be made available for the first two Sundays in September, but please contact the church office if you will not be in church those weeks but would like a copy.



The election of the Nominating Committee should take place **after the morning service on Sunday 22 September**. We will be filling 11 posts, and election is by secret ballot of those who are on the Electoral Register *and* are present at the meeting. Voting by proxy is not possible.

Ideally we would like to have a Nominating Committee that reflects the diversity of the Barclay Viewforth congregation, and I would encourage you to prayerfully consider who might be proposed. Those nominated must themselves be on the Electoral Register, and their agreement is needed (as is a nominator and seconder). Ministers and deacons (in both cases including those retired) and employees of the congregation are not able to serve on the Nominating Committee. The big request is for you to consider this in advance and, if you are thinking of nominating someone, please speak to them first so they can consider before the meeting on the 22nd.

John Ritchie

Congregational roll

Baptism

Lucille Elizabeth Renfrew

28 July



Come on board!

As many of you will know, we run a creche in the Chalmers Hall every Sunday for our under-3s. It is a happy space for our wee ones to play and get to know each other. Currently there are 11 of us on the rota, and we wondered whether anyone else would like to join in the fun. It is a lovely way to get to know the newest members of our congregation.

Before the service starts, we set up the room with mats, toys and books. We then leave the service with the children after the 'all-age talk'. During the service we read books, build towers, play tea parties etc.! We tidy away together and return to church before the end of the service. There are always three of us 'on duty', so no worries about not knowing what to do! With 12 people on the rota everyone has a turn once a month.



Please visit creche or be in touch if you would like any more information. Hope to hear from you soon!

Mhairi Ritchie

Edinburgh Street Pastors

Edinburgh Street Pastors just celebrated their tenth anniversary in May this year. We have been helping, caring and listening on the streets throughout this time and have grown to have six teams patrolling every Friday night and two Saturdays of the month. We plan to start a new Saturday team early next year.



We have 57 active volunteers from various churches around the city and from many nationalities and backgrounds.

We are seeking new volunteers and have a training programme this autumn. Training is running from Friday 18 October to Sunday 20 October and will include a Friday evening, part of a Saturday and a Sunday afternoon session. The second weekend of the training is happening from Friday 15 November to Sunday 17 November with the same time commitment.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Recruitment and Training Administrator at edinburghsp.training@gmail.com. You can read more about us on our website: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/edinburgh>

God of surprises

In the last edition of the magazine I wrote the first in a series about what we can learn from trees – or what God is showing us through trees. Here is part two.

This sycamore stands among many magnificent trees in the Astley Ainsley hospital grounds. What made this tree stand out for me? It literally spoke to me one day when I was walking past it. I suddenly heard a cacophony of noise emanating from the tree. It made me stop and look. I was looking up into the branches when suddenly a jackdaw appeared from a slit in the trunk. Another day I returned and waited expectantly. All was silent. But there was a jackdaw in the trees behind me, obviously waiting for the right timing. I

made myself more inconspicuous and patience paid off. The jackdaw approached the tree and eventually swooped in, and its young celebrated with the wonderful noise that I had heard the previous week. I went closer, and caught the parent leaving. A seemingly



standard, and not particularly spectacular, tree held a special secret. And that secret I now share.



God can be described as a God of surprises. You never know what might happen next. Isn't that a wonderful thing! As long as it's a surprise rather than a shock, which can obviously have a very different effect on us. In the normal and everyday, there can be special things waiting for us. We

need to take some time with God and listen, and wait. That's something we need to learn as Christians, which can be very hard if we don't have a patient kind of personality. But the rewards will be worth it. And if we spend time waiting on God, and listening out for what he has for us, isn't it time well spent rather than time wasted. This image of an old 'boring' tree might also be an example of how we shouldn't judge others. I could have walked past this tree 100 times without knowing there was anything else going on – that there was new life growing inside, waiting to emerge. And so, perhaps we should remember that we don't know what's going on inside another person, whether struggles, or the magical workings of God's kingdom. We might look exactly the same in other people's eyes, but we are all different – all special. With God at work in us, we change and grow.

Julie Nicholson

Worship at Barclay Viewforth Church

Sunday Morning Services. We celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in June, and since then we have continued to follow the Acts of the Apostles, which could easily have been called the Acts of the Holy Spirit. Acts reveals how the Holy Spirit helped ordinary people to become extraordinary evangelists and change the world. We will meet a number of these new Christians while we focus on Acts most Sunday mornings until November.

My prayer is that through the systematic reading of Acts we will learn from role models of the early Christian communities and our faith will be stronger than ever. All of us need to have a robust Christian faith. None of us are protected against misfortune, ill health and sadness. However, we counter sad and bad news with the joy of knowing that nothing can separate us from Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God our Father.

We are meant to worship together, pray together and serve God through life together. My prayer is that we will all sense God's presence in our midst as we go through this vacancy period or time of trial, as we say in some versions of the Lord's Prayer.

If you would like to learn more about the Acts of the Apostles than we can cover on Sunday mornings, please let me know. We can always study the Acts of the Apostles together and learn from one another.

Sunday Evening Services. As in the morning services, we will be reading through a complete book, namely the First Letter to the Thessalonians. We have chosen this because it is one of the Paul's first letters, written long before the Gospels.

In October, we will look at some topical subjects. We need to hear what the Bible tells us about current affairs, particularly when there is so much uncertainty in the country and the world today.

In November, we plan to look at relationships between individuals and groups within a church family. We often say that the Christian faith and our church is open to people of all faiths and none, but how do we welcome and integrate people who are lonely, who live alone, who are bereaved, who are coping with mental, physical, emotional or spiritual illnesses? What does the Bible tell us about such issues?

May the Grace of God help us all to grow in faith together at all our services of worship.

Martin Pearce, Locum

A meander after church

After the morning service on Sunday 18 August, a small group of us headed out into the changeable weather conditions that the summer threw at us. From a baby in a buggy to an octogenarian, this is a walking group accessible to most folk. As you can see from the photo, no one is too old to play Pooh Sticks!

The reason we were out walking came from comments at the Kirk Session conference that we could do with having more social activities. Katharine and I try to go for a walk about once a month, so on this occasion we had it on a Sunday and invited anyone else who fancied getting out and about to come along and join us. We decided on the day where we would go, waiting to see who turned up and what the weather was like. In the end we opted for The Hermitage of Braid, a flat walk close to church which offered some shelter.

We all took our own lunch but some people brought goodies to share. We sat on the bridge at the Braid Road entrance eating our lunch in the rain, but soon the sun came out and we headed along the path. Daniel only managed to stay for lunch before heading off as he had a prior engagement, but the rest of the group headed along to Hermitage House, Katharine reliving memories of pushing Fiona in a buggy while Fiona was being sick – resulting in her not visiting the Hermitage much since then! Sarah, Connie and David headed back at that point, while the rest of us headed along to Scout Bridge, where Katharine, Noah and I went for a paddle, while others used the excuse of not having a towel to stop them enjoying the cool water on their feet!

We have so many lovely places to visit in Edinburgh, and sometimes you need a bit of an excuse to go out and enjoy them, so why not join us another time on another adventure? Look out for notices coming up just in case! Paddling optional!

Julie Nicholson



Prayers of thanks for all at Barclay Viewforth Church



Here are some thank-you prayers about the church family at BVC that you might wish to use to pray. Once said, you may find yourself praying on a range of subjects, not just for BVC! Keep praying – it is something we can all do, and prayers are always needed, not least during a vacancy.

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the people who participate in leading worship during the vacancy. For people who lead prayers, read scripture, preach, and participate in the all-age talks; for the choir, for our musicians, for the sound and slide operators; for people who provide flowers, prepare the church, produce the order of service, and serve refreshments; and for all who come to worship you, whether they come every week or occasionally.

Loving Father, thank you for all the parents and grandparents who bring children to the services, and thank you for the children's enthusiasm, energy and growing faith.

Servant King, thank you for all the people who serve on our Kirk Session and look after our property, finance and administration. We thank you for the people who run the groups that use our halls, and all who have welcomed people into our church family.

Almighty God, thank you for being the God of surprises. Every time we are unable to do something using our own strength, you give us unexpected help. We pray specifically for the appointment of the Nominating Committee and that they will discern your will in finding a sole nominee to be our new minister.

God of faithfulness, thank you for bringing different preachers to help us through this vacancy period. We pray that you will continue to bless their ministries wherever they serve.

God of hope, thank you for bringing new people into our church family and for giving us hope that our church family will grow in the future. We pray that everyone feels at home in our church family.

And thank you most of all, **Gracious God**, for your son, Jesus, our Lord and our saviour from sin and death. Amen.

Martin Pearce, Locum

TCP

Over the summer we have managed to print out and distribute our fourth issue of *Tollcross Neighbourhood News*, thanks to Sue Dorrens in the Burgh Locksmiths, who has undertaken its production. The initial aim was to introduce the local shopkeepers we visit to one another and tell a bit about their business. This has had the effect of drawing shopkeepers together and has created an appetite for further editions to share news, e.g. Saundersons planning a meeting in our halls to teach us all about the defibrillator they have fitted outside their shop for the benefit of the community. Church news is also included in each issue. Since the publication, we have visited many more businesses/shops and have found it an easy way to introduce ourselves.

Copies of the newsletter can be found in the Pillar Hall. Those of us involved in TCP enjoy our visits, hearing all the news and getting to know our Tollcross neighbours. We'd love to have others joining with us. All you need is a sense of humour and a heart for your neighbours. You can enjoy listening to an amazing variety of interesting people.

Helen, Elaine, Una and Barbara

Heather's next adventures

I will shortly be leaving for New Zealand for six months to take part in one of Youth With A Mission (YWAM)'s Discipleship Training Schools (DTS). The final date for me heading off has been confirmed as 16 September, so the 15th will be my last Sunday at Barclay until April next year. Preparations have been going (mostly) very well: all the flights are booked, visas have been granted, and I am accumulating a rather large pile of things I need to take with me!

I will be writing a newsletter of sorts at various points over the next six months, the first of which will hopefully be before I leave. This will tell you a bit about what I'm getting up to, as well as things to pray for. I will have some printed for the Pillar Hall, but if you would like to receive this directly by email then I will be putting together a mailing list, so do come and find me and I can take note of your details.

In the meantime, it would be wonderful to have your support by praying for the following for me and for the other people taking part in the DTS:

- smooth final preparations
- safe travelling
- the awareness that God is in everything we're doing.

I'd also like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Your support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Heather Tweedie



Football update

As I write, a great summer of sport has yet to be concluded. Wimbledon, the Cricket World Cup and the Open Championship all feel quite recent, and there are still three Ashes test matches remaining to unfold. The Rugby World Cup is furthermore on the horizon.

The football league seasons have also commenced on both sides of the border, and the Edinburgh Churches football league began on the last weekend of August. The curtain raiser involved two stalwarts of the league, Charlotte Chapel and our very own Barclay Viewforth United. [BV United won the match! – ed.]

The Barclay Viewforth players have been applying themselves hard in pre-season training since June and are now set for the 2019/20 season under coach/manager Chris Whelan. The Friday opener is the exception and 95 per cent of matches are scheduled for Saturday mornings with 10:00 kick offs, not always ideal for Rugby World Cup enthusiasts. Alongside league matches, Barclay Viewforth will contest ECFA cup matches and have been drawn in a group with St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Bristo Castle Church of Scotland, Gorgie Salvation Army and White Lightning. Scheduled fixtures, to be played as in previous seasons on pre-booked public football pitches in Edinburgh and Midlothian, can be found in the church magazine calendar. Rumour has it that the team's smart new blue away kit will make an early appearance.

If you have any questions about the football setup or would be interested in viewing a match, please don't hesitate to speak to me. I'm usually around for coffee after morning services.

Andrew Stephenson

Scheduled BV United matches for the autumn (kick-off at 10:00 in all cases):

St Mary's Metropolitan (Cup)	7 September	
St Mary's Metropolitan (League)	14 September	
Bristo	21 September	
St Columbia's Free	5 October	
Broxburn Baptists	12 October	
Niddrie Community Church	19 October	
Port Seton	26 October	(Dalkeith Community Schools)
Bristo (Cup)	2 November	
Ladywell Baptists	9 November	
Gorgie	16 November	
Niddrie Community Church	23 November	
White Lightning	7 December	
Gorgie (Cup)	14 December	



Flower rota

Thank you to those who have donated and arranged the flowers for the sanctuary for September.



	Donated by	Arranged by
1	Moira Bain	June Macleod
8	Isobel Anderson	Isobel Anderson
15	TBC	TBC
22	Alan Renfrew	TBC
29	Ana Wilcox	TBC

Kitchen notes: store cupboard pasta sauce

This summer has been a wonderful mix of time relaxing in Edinburgh and time away. One of the best parts of going on holiday is sampling new and different foods (along with not having to do the washing up!). However there is nothing better than the first proper cup of tea when you get home.

Having had a couple of weeks off from the kitchen I really enjoyed the chance to cook a simple pasta dish for a small group of friends. I didn't really use a recipe to make the pasta sauce but used the veggies I had in the fridge and then served it with pasta, grated cheese and garlic bread.

- 1 red onion
- 1 pepper
- 1 courgette
- 1 box of mushrooms
- 1 head of broccoli
- 1 jar of olives
- 1 box of passata
- 1 bunch of fresh basil
- 2 cloves of garlic



1. Chop the onions and gently fry. Add in the chopped peppers and chopped garlic.
2. Break the broccoli into small florets and add to the pan.
3. Thinly slice the courgette and chop the mushrooms, and add to the pan.
4. When the vegetables are almost cooked, add the passata, olives and chopped basil, and simmer. Season with salt and pepper.

Linda Garside

A little bit of golf and tea

On Saturday 10 August seven of us dodged the forecast thundershowers and played in glorious sunshine for the Barclay golf cup on Bruntsfield Links. There was a bit of confusion on the day with the scoring, since we actually played 19 of the 36 holes and some scorecards only counted 18. However, the rightful winner was Andrew Stephenson with a score of 63, seen here being presented with the cup by Eric Jeffrey, the previous winner in 2009. After the match, we joined the others in the Pillar Hall for the strawberry tea. The cup has been played for since



1932, and the oldest surviving winner is Stewart Tod, who won in 1964. We will do it again next year!

Moray Rumney

After a glorious sunny day the golfers and spectators returned to the Pillar Hall, where, with thanks to Martin, a superb strawberry tea awaited them. The afternoon was well attended, with adults and children tucking into scones and cakes. We also enjoyed strawberries with either cream or ice cream or maybe both. We were also treated to

some lovely fiddle music by Moray and Elaine Rumney, with Alasdair on the piano. All in all, a very successful afternoon.

A big thank you to Martin for providing the goodies, to the musicians, and, last but by no means least, to the kitchen staff.



Jean Macaulay

Our new intern: Artemis

We are welcoming Artemis as an intern for our Children's and Families' Development Work from 12 to 23 October, and she writes:



Hi, my name is Artemis. I'm 17 years old and I'm in grade 12 of secondary school. I live with my parents and my brother Anton in Aachen, Germany. We are members of the Free Evangelical Church *Christusgemeinde Aachen*. I help out with the kids' programme regularly and attend the youth programme of my church.

My hobbies are the youth programme at St John Ambulance, babysitting, gymnastics, dance, and visiting cafés with my friends. I love to travel, read, and spend time with my family. I hate coldness and bananas.

I'm looking forward to my internship at Barclay Viewforth Church and to meeting you all.

See you soon, Artemis.

Stefanie Conradt

Summer Sunday Club

I recently volunteered for this and signed up for three consecutive Sundays, thinking that I would do my bit and that it would be a 'walk in the park', having had three sons of my own in quick succession. Ha ha ha, was I in for a rude awakening!

The children were all very polite and well behaved, and each week I got to know them better. They did everything that was asked of them. So far so good. However, trying to think of activities that were fun and uplifting religiously was a real challenge. Fortunately, each week there was someone more experienced than me who had done this before, which definitely helped.

I found this both challenging and stimulating, and look forward to volunteering next summer. It does give you an insight into how hard the regular Quest and Next staff work tirelessly week in and week out. I'm sure that we and the children should all appreciate what they do more.

Nat Elrick

Getting to know you

As a new feature, we hope to introduce a new (or indeed old) face or two at BVC each month in the magazine. So, to get the ball rolling, as the editor, I thought it only right that I should begin by sharing with you all a little more about me!



Tell us a little about who you are

Well, you'll all know my name – Emma Torry – and you've probably met my older daughter, Kitty, while she's trying to sneak an extra biscuit after the service. My younger daughter, Rachel, is too small to make a dash for the snacks yet! I'm married to Brian, though he doesn't come along to BVC. I was born in St Albans, Hertfordshire, but have now lived in Edinburgh for 15 years.

How did you find yourself at BVC?

I actually visited BVC back in 2004 when I first came to Edinburgh, but settled at another church, more evangelical/contemporary in style. After four years there, I realised that church was no longer a good fit, and I remembered I had liked BVC when I had visited before, as it is very similar to the Church of England church I grew up in. As I lived just on the other side of the Meadows, it seemed easy to pop along. The rest is history!

Can you tell us a bit about how you became a Christian?

I grew up in a Christian family – both my parents and all four of my grandparents are/were committed Christians. However, I didn't really come to a place where I felt I truly had a relationship with God until I was 18. My parents had just told me that they were getting divorced, and I didn't know where else to turn that Sunday night. I felt a real connection with God that night, but what really changed was that I still felt that connection on Monday morning at school.

Has your faith journey led you to any particularly interesting places?

I actually came to Edinburgh as a missionary. I joined YWAM for my gap year to do basic mission training, and by the end of the year, I knew God was calling me to live here. I turned down a university place and worked for YWAM for a while before taking an access course and going to university here.

What do you spend your time doing when you're not at church?

Most of you will know I am a singer and musician, which means trying my best to get in some practice every day. I like to knit and sew, and I'm an avid reader. I'm pretty active too – I practise yoga most days, and enjoy weight-lifting and swimming.

Favourite Bible verse, Bible story or Christian quote?

Tough one. I'll share one I chose for my wedding: 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' (1 John 4:16b)

Shoebox appeal

As in previous years, we will be supporting the Blythwood Care shoebox appeal. Blythwood collects and distributes shoeboxes at Christmas to adults and children, mainly in Eastern Europe, who would otherwise not receive gifts.



If you would like to fill a box this year, here is a reminder of the suggested items to include.

Please include the following:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Soap
- Small toy (new, shop-bought)
- Sweets (no chocolate, best before March 2020 or later)

You might also want to include:

- Shampoo
- Face cloth
- Deodorant
- Moisturising cream
- Sanitary products
- Shaving foam/razors
- Underwear
- Socks or tights
- New make-up

- Sewing equipment
- Household candles
- Screwdriver/pliers
- Kitchen utensils
- Pens/pencils
- Notepads
- Colouring books
- Rulers
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Clothes

Please do not include:

- Used or damaged items
- Anything related to war or violence
- Handmade toys
- Chocolate
- Food other than sweets

Copies of the checklist will be available to pick up from the Pillar Hall shortly. Filled boxes can be brought to church on Shoebox Sunday (date TBC) or in the preceding weeks.

If you have shoeboxes, but are unable to fill them, please bring them to church for others to use.

This year we will once again be a **sorting centre**, and we will need volunteers to help with checking the boxes. Listen out for an announcement about dates and times in the autumn. If you would like to know more about helping with sorting, please speak to Fiona Tweedie or contact the church office.

Emma Torry

Concert

On Saturday 14 September at 19:30, there will be a concert in the church featuring Michael Bonaventure on organ, Stuart MacRae on piano and Moray Rumney on violin. The program will be a mixture of new and recent compositions by Michael and Stuart with some contrasting contributions from Moray. There will be a wine and cheese interval. Entry will be free and donations will be appreciated for the organ fund.

(This concert was listed in the July magazine as being on Friday 13 September, but has been shifted to the following day.)

Moray Rumney

Freedom!

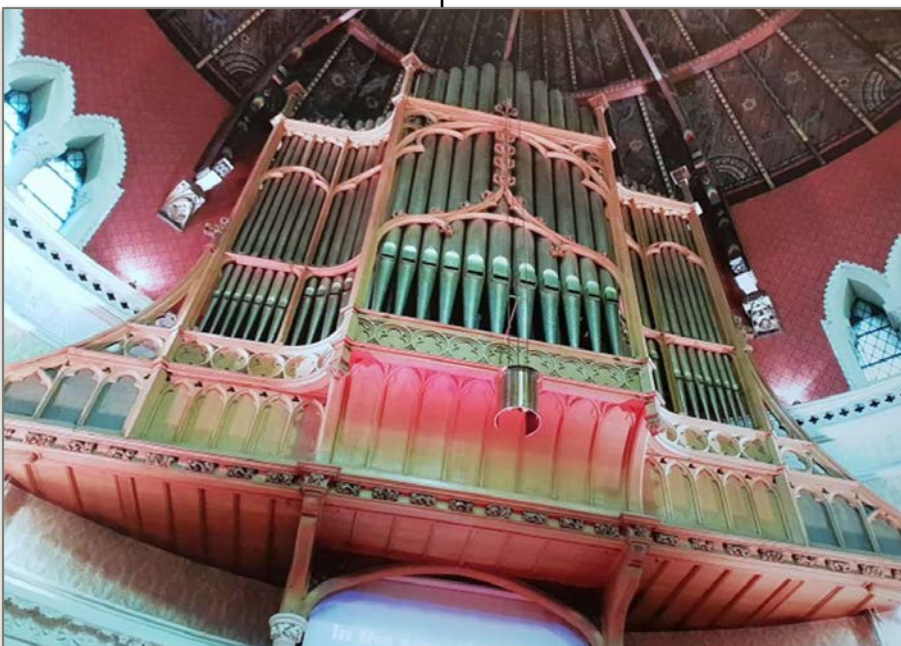
Almost three years ago I had to start using my manual wheelchair 24/7. At the time I stayed in a tenement where there was a step at the front door, which meant I only got out when somebody took me. As a result I spent most of the week stuck indoors. For even a simple thing like posting a letter, I had to rely on someone posting it for me or else wait until I could get out to do it myself.

So how did I pass the time? By studying. I did many courses online and gained certificates and diplomas.

I have recently been successful in moving into accessible accommodation, and I now have an electric wheelchair. I am out every day! I can do my own shopping, meet friends and go to the gym. I am going to be taking up disability sports.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me in so many different ways over the last three years, especially helping me get to church. I am very grateful to each and every one of you. Now that I have an electric wheelchair I can whizz about on my own.

Mairi Gordon



Useful information

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Music

Organist/Choirmaster	Andrew Robertson
Organist	Michael Bonaventure
Worship Band Leader	Anna Nicholson

Missional communities(*), groups and teams

Afternoon Fellowship	Jean Macaulay
Blessing*	<i>Contact the church office</i>
Connect Plus*	Elaine Rumney, Chris Hogan
Football	Andrew Stephenson
Knit 2 Together	Anne Dallas
Meals for Mums	Linda Garside, Katy Gray
TCP*	Elaine Hogan, Helen Wolpert
The Net*	Alison Edmondson, Kirsteen Milne, Andrew Paterson
Toddlers	Katharine Ellis

For enquiries by telephone, please call the church office on 0131 229 6810.

Contribute to the magazine

Link relies on people like you to fill our pages each month. Please send us articles, pictures, poems, artwork, recommendations, upcoming events and important notices!

You can submit content by email to magazine@barclayviewforth.org.uk or hand in a hard copy to the editor or the church office. Articles should be 400 words or less.

Content for the **October** issue must be submitted by 17:00 on **Tuesday 17 September**.

Emma Torry, Editor



Sun	1	09:30	Christian Faith group	<i>TBC</i>
Sun	1	12:15	Church lunch	Pillar Hall
Sun	1	20:00	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Mon	2	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Mon	2	19:00	Pastoral team meeting	Pillar Hall
Tues	3	12:00	Afternoon Fellowship: Falkirk Wheel	<i>Falkirk</i>
Tues	3	19:00	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall
Thur	5	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Sat	7	10:00	BV v St Mary's Metropolitan (Cup)	<i>Contact team</i>
Sun	8	11:00	Ability Sunday	Sanctuary
Mon	9	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Tues	10	18:00	TCP shopkeepers' meal	Pillar Hall
Wed	11	19:30	Knit 2 Together	Pillar Hall
Thur	12	19:30	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Sat	14	10:00	BV v St Mary's Metropolitan (League)	<i>Contact team</i>
Sat	14	19:30	Concert	Sanctuary
Sun	15	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Pillar Hall
Sun	15	09:30	Christian Faith group	<i>TBC</i>
Sun	15	20:00	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Mon	16	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall
Tues	17	17:00	Magazine deadline	
Tues	17	19:00	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall
Thur	19	19:30	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Sat	21	10:00	BV v Bristo	<i>Contact team</i>
Sun	22	09:30	Christian Faith group	<i>TBC</i>
Sun	22	12:15	Election of a Nominating Committee	Sanctuary
Sun	22	20:00	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Mon	23	10:30	Pathways	Pillar Hall

Mon	23	19:00	Kirk Session	Pillar Hall
Thur	26	10:30	Knit 2 Together	Pillar Hall
Thur	26	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Thur	26	19:30	Christian Faith group	Sanctuary
Sun	29	10:00	Gillespie Crescent service	Gillespie Cres.



Tues	1	19:00	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall
Sat	5	10:00	BV v St Columbia's Free	Contact team
Sun	6	12:15	Church lunch	Pillar Hall
Sun	6	19:30	Origin Scotland: Symphonic Praise	Palmerston Pl.
Thur	10	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Sat	12	10:00	BV v Broxburn Baptists	Contact team
Sun	13	09:30	Christian Faith group	TBC
Sun	13	20:00	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Tues	15	19:00	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall
Sat	19	10:00	BV v Niddrie Community Church	Contact team
Sun	20	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Pillar Hall
Sun	20	09:30	Christian Faith group	TBC
Sun	20	20:00	Christian Faith group	Pillar Hall
Tues	22	17:00	Magazine deadline	
Thur	24	19:30	Choir	Pillar Hall
Sat	26	10:00	BV v Port Seton	Contact team
Sun	27		Remember clocks go back!	
Sun	27	09:45	Gillespie Crescent communion	Gillespie Cres.
Sun	27	11:00	Quarterly communion	Sanctuary
Tues	29	19:00	Connect Plus	Pillar Hall

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Janet is Unshakable at the outdoor cinema in Mytilini, Samos



A familiar face returns for Lucille Renfrew's baptism



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