

Lammermuir Parish Newsletter September 2024



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Minister's Letter

How was your summer? I know, I know, the weather has not been particularly summery for much of the time, so we have perhaps not spent quite as much time outdoors as we might have hoped to. Still, I hope we all have had some opportunities to enjoy times in our gardens, woodlands, or the beach. And I hope we all have had times for enjoyment, for relaxation and recharging, for catching up with friends and family. We are very lucky here: living amidst beautiful countryside, surrounded by busy farms that can help us appreciate all the effort and work that goes into producing our food; as well as only a short way away from Edinburgh with all its attractions and sights – and during the summer, all the cultural experiences offered by the various festivals. I've also been enjoying the smaller and in some ways more relaxed Fringe by the Sea, close-by in North Berwick.

There is always much for us to see and do, much that competes for our attention. And so it's all the more important to take pockets, opportunities for ourselves to stop and catch up with ourselves, to reevaluate what matters to us. We all, I suspect, have different ways of doing that: perhaps by meditating, or praying, by going for walks, or with the help of yoga. Whichever it is, it can help us feel more grounded, more centred in ourselves and in a world that can be, at times, very busy and a little frightening.

I am grateful that here, we have a community in which we support each other, be it through the pain of closing a longstanding village school, or in the joys shared at a Flower Show. As we have learned throughout the not-so-long-ago pandemic time: it is so reassuring when we can look out for one another, care for our neighbours, and ask each other for help.

And sometimes, it's good to do something just because we enjoy it. Again, we may have very different ideas of what it is we enjoy, but one recent example of many of us sharing such joy was our Songs of Praise service in August – belting out our favourite hymns – and every single person left that morning with a smile on their face.

I hope you have much to look forward to and to enjoy as we turn into autumn.

Anikó

Our Church Family

Baptism 30 June 2024, Edward Charles James McCorkell, son of Emily and Harry McCorkell, Bolton

Wedding 15 June 2024, Isabel Dalgety and Lewis Stobie, Haddington (East Saltoun), at Humbie Church

Deaths 21 May 2024, Bert (Robert James) Lindores, Gifford

25 May 2024, Dot (Catherine Mary Dorothy) Gibson, Carfrae

6 June 2024, Margaret Mc Cormack, East Saltoun

Contacts

We have about 25 active elders, and many others who are involved in organising various aspects of our church life. Here are the main contacts – and we're very happy to put you in touch with others if you have specific questions.

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Buildings update

We continue our services across all four church buildings, for the time being (please see service list for details). No closing dates have been set yet for Saltoun and Bolton Churches, as both communities are still exploring the feasibility of taking over the buildings. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Kerry McIntosh for Saltoun, or Paul Sales for Bolton.

Yester Church is used not only on many Sundays, but throughout the week by various groups, and the eagle-eyed may have noticed that over the summer, some refurbishment work has been done to windows.

We usually hold services in Humble on the first Sunday each month (with a lovely and lively congregation from across the whole parish), and are glad to welcome other events, like the Lammermuir Festival concerts.

We are preparing for refurbishment work in the Stables, too. As you know, Humble Church is on a three year review (from 1st Jan 2024, so now closer to two years!). If we want to continue using the building, we need more engagement with it. There is so much more that the building could be used for, to benefit our life as a church congregation.

What are your ideas? What do you think could happen there? What would you be excited to see? Ideas like workshops and festivals, or an expansion of its use for concerts or exhibitions, have been discussed – and to take any of these forward, we need people to get involved. Would you like to explore these and other options?

If you would like to help, please get in touch.

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Messy Church

We are restarting our Messy Church events for children and their grown-ups! We'll explore Bible stories and themes through crafts, conversation and song, before a simple shared supper for the children. The events will be particularly aimed at children of pre-school and primary-school age, and there will also be a softplay area for babies and toddlers.



Keep an eye on our website and social media for the first event (or let us know if you'd like your name added to our families mailing list). If you would like to help with it – with preparing the hall, offering a craft table, or helping to prepare food – please get in touch. And for the children there's no need to book – simply come along with your parents, grandparents or carers (who are asked to stay with the children)! We look forward to seeing you there!

Support in services

If you have difficulty in accessing services - be that in getting to another village, or problems hearing what is said, or reading even the large print hymns, please speak to Anikó. We can help arrange lifts, and provide service scripts and larger print hymn sheets.

KiltWalk for Christian Aid

Janet Banks and Christine Gillies are again volunteering to do the KiltWalk this year, to raise funds for Christian Aid. The walk will take place on 15th September, and you can support them through donations either directly to them, or through their fundraising page at tinyurl.com/KiltWalkLC

For many years, Morag Swan and Frank Fiddes participated in the annual crossing of the Forth Road Bridge for Christian Aid, and have handed their fundraising baton on to Janet and Christine. Many thanks for all donations!

Please join us for our
DROP IN COFFEE MORNINGS



Come for a chat
over a cup
of tea or coffee

10.30am-12noon

Wed, 11 Sept, Yester Church

Tue, 24 Sept, Session Rooms East Saltoun

Wed, 9 Oct, Yester Church

Tue, 22 Oct, Session Rooms East Saltoun

Wed, 13 Nov, Yester Church

Tue, 26 Nov, Session Rooms East Saltoun

Wed, 11 Dec, Yester Church

Wed, 8 Jan, Yester Church

Tue, 28 Jan, Session Rooms East Saltoun

Lammermuir Church

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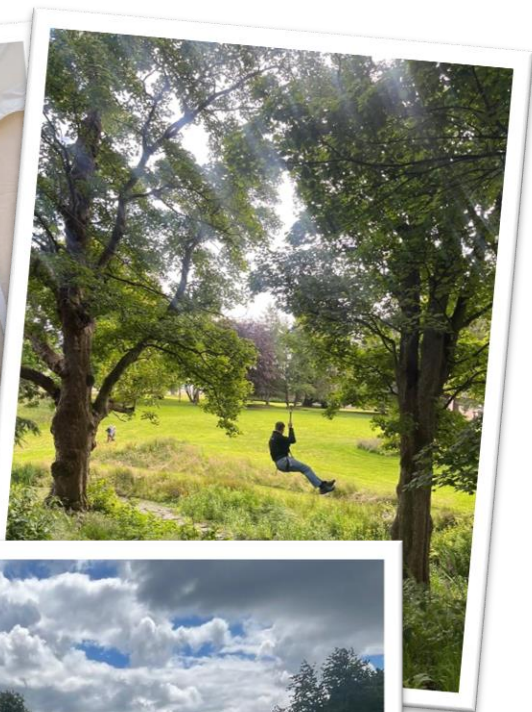
Garden Fete

We had a wonderful Garden Fete in the manse garden in June. Thank you very much to all who supported it - by coming along and joining in the fun, all the helpers at stalls, games, and in the kitchen, the fabulous organisers Claire and Liz, and everyone who has helped in myriad ways.



Outdoor lunch

We met for an outdoor service in early July, in Keith Marischal's beautiful garden, reflecting on God's wonderful creation. Afterwards, we had a lovely shared lunch together. Many thanks to everyone who took part; to Alex, Sophy and their family for hosting us; to Margo and Christine for coordinating and serving the wonderful shared lunch; to everyone who put up and took down marquees and moved furniture; and to our technical support team who enabled us to have amplification.



Lammermuir Festival concerts

We are delighted to welcome the Lammermuir Festival back at Humberie Church, for two concerts in September.

Thursday, 12th September at 3pm: Fretwork Plays Gibbons and Lawes

Fretwork return to the festival following their triumph in 'Secret Byrd' last year. This extraordinary ensemble which over almost four decades as the world's leading consort of viols, has performed a huge repertoire of music old and new. The great repertoire of English consort music has been the bedrock of their success, with many classic recordings, as well as continental repertoire including music by JS Bach. In the beautiful, hidden setting of Humberie's little church, Fretwork are joined by award-winning mezzo Helen Charlston for some exquisite English songs. At the centre of the programme is the sublime consort music of William Lawes (1602-45), most of it composed for the court of Charles I before the composer's untimely death in the English Civil War.



Saturday, 14th September, 10.30am: Lammermuir Journey I with ZRI – Schubert at the Hedgehog Tavern

ZRI is named after the famous Viennese café Zum Roten Igel (The Red Hedgehog) where musicians like Schubert and Brahms heard gypsy and folk music. Beginning with their radical re-scoring of the Brahms Clarinet Quintet, this group of multi talented musicians has developed equally captivating

programmes which re-imagine great works by Schubert and Janáček. This evocative musical journey visits three of our favourite historic churches in some of the county's most beautiful countryside. ZRI's Schubert at the Red Hedgehog Tavern is a brilliant re-scoring of Schubert's great String Quintet, weaving Hungarian and gypsy tunes into a piece that was originally deeply inspired by folk traditions.

You can find more details about all concerts during the festival at www.lammermuirfestival.co.uk.

Lammermuir Crossword No.2

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Across

1. It falls on October 31st (9)

8. Change (5)

9. International

Women's Day and International Bagpipe Day fall in this month (5)

10. "Blessed are the ___ for they shall inherit the earth" (4)

12. The 2nd man to walk on the moon in 1969 (surname) (6)

14. In Greek mythology, he died when he flew too near the sun (6)

15. Leave out or exclude (4)

18. "Flowers in the ___" was a 1979 book and a 1987 film adaptation (5)

19. Steve, retired snooker player (5)

21. Begin to move more quickly (10)

Down

2. Appropriate (3)

3. This bird was ascending (4)

4. Furry creature living on Wimbledon Common (6)

5. Common name for the tympanic membrane (7)

6. Quiet, peaceful; not worried (4)

7. Plant also known as furze or gorse (4)

11. Material or object able to be stretched or compressed (7)

13. Pastry tart filled with eggs and milk, and vegetables, meat or seafood (6)

14. Asian country; capital Tehran (4)

16. One of the five sense we have (5)

17. Eric ____, a member of Monty Python (4)

20. By way of (3)

Changes to LAMMERMUIR PARISH CHURCH Bank Accounts

Standing Order, Regular Donations and other regular Income.

The Finance team have been working with our various bankers to change the name, the authorised persons who can operate various accounts, to reduce the number of accounts that are a legacy of the previous congregational arrangements.

The process has been challenging given the level of due diligence that banks exercise these days, but we are now able to progress to a settled future for our banking facilities.

We are able to let all our donors know the future arrangements that we will put in place for Standing Orders, regular donations and other income. The future arrangements will require changes to the account details for receiving income from donors, some will only require a change to the name on your donation instructions, to Lammermuir Parish Church.

For a number of donors it will require a new instruction to your own bank, as we will be closing some of the existing accounts. We will provide the new bank details to you. This process will enable us to reduce the number of accounts and will help to simplify the work of the finance volunteer team.

We will contact each donor personally to advise what you need to do, we believe that this will ensure that the process of change is as smooth as we can make it.

We will be grateful for your patience during this process as it will take a few weeks to complete the full process. Thank you for your continuing support:

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Paul Sales – Gift Aid Treasurer – 07827 226135
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Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal

For several years now we have been responding to this Shoebox Appeal and I know some of you will want to continue or perhaps take part for the first time. Some of the items which we regard as commonplace are warmly welcomed, especially at this time in Ukraine, so the shopping is not difficult - the most difficult part of the job is wrapping the shoebox!

It seems very early to start thinking about Christmas, but if we are to get shoeboxes delivered to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas they have to be delivered to the local church by the end of October. So we have to start thinking about them soon. I have sent for the leaflets and posters and we should be able to hand them out by the end of the month.

The boxes are collected at our local churches and we usually have between 20 and 30. As you can imagine twenty or so boxes are quite heavy, so if there is anyone willing to take on the job of delivering the boxes to a Blythswood collection point that would be greatly appreciated. Blythswood have not published the collection schedule yet, but there is usually a choice of taking them into town or meeting a collection lorry in the North Berwick area at a set time.

Thanks so much for your support.

Alison Mill Irving

Sunday Services take place at 10am, led by the Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell (unless noted below). Streaming or recording available, check on the website for details www.lammermuirchurch.org

SEPTEMBER

1	Humbie	Coffee and tea after service
8	Yester	Sunday Club
15	Bolton*	Communion
22	Yester	Coffee and tea after service
29	Yester	Led by Dr Murdo Macdonald

OCTOBER

6	Humbie	Harvest Thanksgiving. Coffee and tea after service
13	Yester	Sunday Club.
20	Saltoun*	Coffee and tea after service.
27	Yester	

NOVEMBER

3	Humbie	Communion. Coffee and tea after service
10	Yester	10.50am (War Memorial) Remembrance Sunday.
10	Bolton*	10.50am Remembrance Sunday.
10	Humbie	10.50am (War Memorial) Remembrance Sunday.
17	Saltoun*	
24	Yester	Coffee and tea after service

DECEMBER

1	Humbie	Coffee and tea after service
8	Yester	Sunday Club
15	Bolton*	Lessons and Carols. Coffee and tea after service
15	Humbie	4pm Service of Remembering loved ones at Christmas
22	Yester	Nativity

**Services will continue at Bolton and Saltoun Churches until the General Trustees have agreed a sale or community buyout for them. We should have a sufficient notice period before that. However, should one or both of the buildings close before the publication of the next newsletter, the alternative venue for services scheduled there will be Yester Church.*

Service timing

In the last newsletter, we asked for your preference for the starting time of our Sunday service, after requests by some of our members to move it to a later time.

Thank you to all who responded! Having received 39 replies, there was a narrow yet clear preference expressed for our current starting time of 10am.

As a result, we will retain the current timing of 10am for our Sunday service. We apologise to all who are finding this difficult, but we need to go with the majority view on this.

Union with Morham and Garvald

We are continuing our conversations with our friends at Morham and Garvald Church, to prepare for a union in which the congregation becomes part of Lammermuir Church, in September.

The sales for their two church buildings have recently been completed, and they retain the Stables building in Garvald.

We have been delighted to see some of the Morham and Garvald congregation already joining in with our services.