

# Yester Bolton & Saltoun



## Parish Newsletter

September 2021

As I am sitting at my desk, writing, I am filled with gratefulness. Gratefulness for the summer sunshine in a garden filled with colourful flowers, bees and butterflies. Grateful for my son's laughter, filtering in through the window. Grateful for the love of my family, and that of my friends. Today, I'm perhaps most grateful for our health – for getting through a Covid-19 infection with, relatively speaking, very minor symptoms, for a well-functioning and supportive health system in the wonderful NHS, which is so overworked and so underfunded, and yet offers amazing service to us all.

Getting a positive Covid result was a shock: we'd tried to be so careful, so measured in what we did – and yet were caught out during a family holiday. Understanding and helpful colleagues and friends in the congregations and beyond meant that church life could continue with minor adjustments; and kind neighbours kept us supplied with all we needed – and more, to make us smile – while isolating, and, perhaps more importantly, showed us their care and concern. Getting infected now, as restrictions are being lifted, made me aware once more that Covid isn't over, that we still need to look out for our own and each other's safety and well-being.

We're probably all fed up with having to keep our distance, with the lack of physical contact, and miss seeing the smiles behind the facemasks – and yet, it is what keeps us safe. The charity, the caring and altruistic love to which we are called, can show itself in so many forms: yes, in charity work and donations, in neighbourly kindness, in a helping hand or an encouraging smile – and also in doing our best to keep others safe and well.

The well-known passage of Paul's letter to the Corinthians, so often quoted in wedding services, reminds us that 'charity is patient and kind, [...] it does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, [...] it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' It often is translated simply as 'love' – and the original word used here is *caritas*, in contrast (or complementing) to romantic love. Elsewhere, Jesus urges us to love God with all that we are, and to love others like ourselves. Both of these well-loved quotes can hopefully encourage us, especially as activities are picking up again after the summer, to endure a little longer the inconveniences that come with facemasks and keeping our distance, and do what we can to make others feel cared for and loved, too.

Please, as ever, get in touch if you would welcome a chat or any other support. Have a good autumn,

Anikó

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The latest relaxation of Covid restrictions means that we are now able to hold our Annual Congregational Meeting which had to be postponed earlier in the year. This will now take place on Sunday 12 September in Bolton Church, after the end of the service.

This is an important date for the congregation, when the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2020 will be presented and members get the opportunity to raise any questions they may have about our finances and other matters relating to the life and work of our Church and its organisations and activities referred to in the Annual Report. We look forward to seeing you at the Meeting.

John Macfarlane, Session Clerk



## Cream Tea Day

Many thanks to the Ladies who hosted a Cream Tea and thank you also to the Ladies and Gentlemen who attended one. It was a lovely sociable way to catch up with friends and most events enjoyed warm sunny weather. We raised £630, so well done!

Liz McDougal

## Brazil - an update

Due to the generosity of members and friends of the congregation following the story in the last newsletter about Anderson de Lima and his support for his mother's church in Brazil, a further one hundred families have now received food parcels.

We may never know exactly how much this small act, £10 per food parcel, impacted - perhaps it even saved lives. I think it was Dickens who said, '...a small key can open a heavy door!' Many thanks for all your support.

Here are some pictures of the thankful recipients.



Jenny Riddell

## Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun

The Fletcher Hall, and its surrounding grounds, has frequently been the venue for church events held in East Saltoun, including coffee mornings, soup lunches, ceilidhs and summer garden parties. However the building is now around 100 years old, very near the end of its design life, and in need of replacement.

Previous proposals for refurbishment or replacement have not proved possible to implement for a variety of reasons, but the hall committee (Saltoun Community Association) is currently exploring how best to put together an affordable scheme that will meet the community's needs as much as possible. **The AGM held on Monday 30 August will be followed up by a community survey shortly, to establish the views of the residents of Saltoun Parish.**

Our aim is to seek support for the development of revised plans and funding opportunities so that, in time, we can once again hold regular community activities in modern, well-equipped surroundings.

Alastair Wyllie

## Every Little Helps

A special offer from Lothian Broadband to Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church.

Firstly, a special thank you to all the residents of Gifford and the surrounding area for being so understanding during the recent works to build our new Pure Fibre network in Gifford. This new Pure Fibre network puts Gifford homes in the top 18% of the UK with the best broadband availability and secures Gifford's future as a fully connected community. Our Pure Fibre broadband is over 10 times faster and over 5 times more reliable than the current broadband service available from BT in Gifford.

To celebrate the completion of our first Pure Fibre network in Gifford we would like to give a little extra back to the community. For every new customer in Gifford that switches to our Pure Fibre Broadband service via the email address below we will give the Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church £125.

On top of that we have some great new offers for you, like:

- Smart Wi-Fi to improve Wi-Fi coverage in your home
- Offers for those still in contract, and others too



These offers are open to any resident in Gifford Village that can experience our Pure Fibre service – the great news is if you live in the village that's you! If you would like to find out more about these great offers as well as supporting the local church, please send an email to [ybs@lothianbroadband.com](mailto:ybs@lothianbroadband.com) with your name, address and phone number and any preferred times and dates for us to contact you and we'll get in touch.

Our team will be happy to take the time to talk you through all the offers available to you as well as the switching process so that you can experience the best broadband service available in the market today. We look forward to talking to you and welcoming you as our next customer.

Yours, Nic McCormick

## Coffee Mornings

Please join us for our drop-in coffee mornings, for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea. No need to pre-register anymore, please just come along. They take place on the second Wednesday (at Yester Church) and the fourth Tuesday (in the Session Rooms in East Saltoun) each month, between 10.30am and 12noon. We look forward to seeing you!

## East Lothian Foodbank

We are holding an autumn collection for the foodbank on Sunday 3 October. Please bring items to the service at Yester Church, or drop them off in the collection boxes which you can find at all of the church buildings in Gifford, Bolton and East Saltoun between 9.30am and 5pm. Items that are urgently needed at this time include:

- Instant mash
- Instant rice
- Jam
- Household cleaning products
- Adult toiletries e.g. deodorant, soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner
- Child toiletries e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, shampoo

Please join us for our  
**DROP IN COFFEE MORNINGS**

Come for a chat  
over a cup of tea  
or coffee



10.30am-12noon

Wed, 8 Sept, Yester Church  
Tue, 28 Sept, Session Rooms East Saltoun  
Wed, 13 Oct, Yester Church  
Tue, 26 Oct, Session Rooms East Saltoun  
Wed, 10 Nov, Yester Church  
Tue, 23 Nov, Session Rooms East Saltoun  
Wed, 8 Dec, Yester Church  
Tue, 21 Dec, Session Rooms East Saltoun

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# Our Church Family

## Richard Rothery

Many of you will have read the obituary to the late Richard Rothery which was published in the paper with details of his distinguished military career, but little was said of his work as an elder in Yester Church.

As a newly appointed Fabric Convenor, Richard was the first to realise that the walls of the church were in a serious condition as a result of water ingress. Richard subsequently chaired the Restoration Committee which was appointed to raise the many thousands of pounds needed to do the repairs. After an expert architect had been chosen to oversee the work Richard was personally involved in all the major and minor decisions which arose and devoted many hours to getting the details right.

Richard and Pam welcomed the committee into their home over the many months it took to complete the project, and for all these things we at Yester Church are especially indebted to Richard.

Alison Mill Irving

Baptisms	5 September 2021	Amelia White, daughter of Jessica and Neil White, of Newtongrange
Marriages	3 July 2021 7 August 2021	Lynsey Rooney and Jonathan Clarke, of Edinburgh, at St Mary's Church Janet Barbour and Sean Rogers-Jones, of Spittal, at Yester Church (cond. by the Rev Tom Gordon)
Deaths	20 June 2021 1 August 2021	Richard Rothery, of Tweeddale Avenue, Gifford John Litster, of Main Street, Bolton

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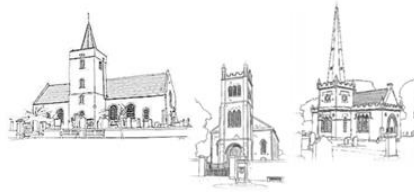
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## Church Services September – December 2021

Our Sunday services continue in-person at the earlier time of 10am, with services held in Yester Church on the first and third Sundays, in Bolton Church on the second and in Saltoun Church on the fourth Sunday of the month. The fortnightly services in Bolton and Saltoun Church are now held jointly with our friends at Humble Church.

We continue to follow Scottish Government Covid guidance, which can change: please check the Church website and notice boards for updates. Restrictions, including the wearing of facemasks and the recording of contact details need to continue for the time being. You do no longer need to register in advance for attending services in person, but we continue to take details of all attending at the doors for NHS Test & Protect.

Services at Yester Church are livestreamed on the Church website and YouTube channel, and remain available later. Services at Bolton and Saltoun Church (where we don't have internet) are recorded and made available later on Sunday. Sound recordings of all services are available on request.

September	5	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Baptism
	12	Bolton	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	AGM after the service
		Online	5pm	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Online Communion on website
	19	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	26	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Jim Black	
October	3	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	10	Bolton	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	17	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Harvest Thanksgiving
	24	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	31	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint service with Humble
November	7	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
		Online	5pm	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Online Communion on website
	14	Bolton Yester	10am 10.45am	The Rev Leslie Morrison The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Remembrance Sunday
	21	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Baptism
	28	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Advent Sunday
December	5	Yester	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Lessons and Carols
	12	Bolton	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	
	19	Yester Saltoun	10am 4pm	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Nativity service Blue Christmas service
	24	Bolton	11.30pm	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Watchnight
	25	Yester	10.30am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint Christmas Day service
	26	Saltoun	10am	The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Joint service with Humble