

# PRISM



**News & views from Craigmillar Park Church, Edinburgh**  
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## **MINISTER'S LETTER**

Dear friends,

**In the world of the theatre**, we are coming into the pantomime season: well-known and well-loved childhood stories reshaped into shows that promise magical transitions of scene to delight the eye, sudden transformations and vanishing acts, accompanied by loud bangs, corny jokes, noisy audience participation, all leading to a fairy-tale ending and long curtain calls.

In our church community, we are also coming to a time of transition: not a sudden transformation accompanied by a bright thunderflash, but a major change of roles for two people who have rendered great service to our church and parish.



### **We have a new Treasurer-elect.**

Christopher McLeod, our Depute Session Clerk, web manager and editor of this magazine, has agreed

to step into the seven-league

boots of Sheena Stenhouse, our retiring Treasurer, who has given many years of service in that capacity. This is an answer to our prayers, and I echo the delight of the Kirk Session when I say we are truly grateful to God— and to Christopher, for answering the call to take on this demanding role.

At our next annual meeting, Sheena steps out of those active boots. Although she is taking her curtain call, she is not vanishing from the scene. She has kindly agreed to advise Christopher during his first year in his new role and we all owe her thanks for the help she is offering. Dare one say she will be acting as a Financial Godmother?

Let me add one more picture to this run of theatrical metaphors: we will be in need of some further congregational participation, noisy or otherwise. Christopher will have to shed some of his other responsibilities: notably, editing *Prism* and updating our church website: [craigmillarpark.org](http://craigmillarpark.org)

**Volunteers are required for the following roles.**

- 1. A new editor for *Prism*.** This would require a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, in which the magazine has been set up, or the know-how to edit it in some other format. The editor would need to liaise with people in the congregation and beyond to solicit articles and to ensure the appearance of regular features. The ability to communicate by email would be a distinct advantage. There is scope to reduce the number of issues in the year, if the Kirk Session agrees.
- 2. A manager of the church website.** This would above all



entail a commitment to keeping it up-to-date. The content is not vast, but the currency of the information is critical to its success. Christopher advises that the design (or 'look') of our site should be upgraded at some point, but a redesign would not necessarily be the responsibility of the person who manages it from week to week. We would require an upgraded site to be easy-to-update.

Christopher would be happy to give any potential volunteers more detailed information on either of these tasks. Please also let me know if you are interested.

There remain **two subsidiary financial roles** we need to fill:

1. Because of Christopher's daytime employment, we need a **Treasurer's Agent** to take on **limited administrative functions on behalf of the Treasurer**, specifically any banking transactions or communications with businesses which would need to take place during office hours.
2. We also require a **Giving Co-ordinator** for **Gift Aid, Free Will Offerings and Standing Orders**. As Christopher is planning to computerize our church finances, with the assistance of other church treasurers, this should not be too laborious a task.

If you would be willing to take on one of these roles or would like to know more about what is involved, then please let me know.

This time of year is not only pantomime season, and not just when church accounts are drawn up. It is also when we take time to remember that when God chose to appear on the stage of history, it was not as a terrifying vision of uncreated light, but as a human child. He came because all our moral account books stood in debit and we could not (and cannot) make them balance; but God-with-us willingly and at great cost took our debt upon himself. For those who are willing to accept it, that is the best possible news.

*John*

# A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to everyone at Craigmillar Park Church from John, Rebeca and David



## **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2011**

Sat 10	7.30pm	Dunedin Wind Band Christmas Concert
Sat 17	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Exhibition of Nativity Scenes in the Church
Sun 18	9.30am – 10.00am	Prayers in the Chapel
	10.30am	Service of Lessons and Carols with St Margaret's Singers
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Exhibition of Nativity Scenes in the Church.
	5.45pm for 6.00pm	Carol Singing in the Parish
Thu 22	10.45am	Royal Blind School Christmas Service
Sat 24	11.30pm	Watchnight service in candlelight, with Carols from 11.15pm
Sun 25	10.30am	Worship for Christmas morning

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins

*Luke 1,v76-77 [NIV]*



## **NATIVITY SCENE EXHIBITION**

The Church will host a display of nativity scenes over the Christmas season. The exhibition, now with over 200 nativities, will be open to the public on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 2pm – 4pm. Please come along and bring your friends or neighbours. It's a lovely way to spend a peaceful hour in the run-up to a busy Christmas week. Donations in aid of Church of Scotland HIV Programme.



*Pauline Weibye*

## DUNEDIN WIND BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm  
in Craigmillar Park Church**

Well, I said in the previous issue of *Prism* that the re-planned concert would be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**; it will not be a repeat of the *Little Light Music* concert, partly because we want it to be a bit different, partly because there will be no other performers apart from the Band and partly because it will soon be Christmas so we have an excuse to include some festive pieces. (Recent rehearsals have been great fun!). There will be no entry charge for people who bought tickets for the October concert; we shall ask for voluntary donations and any money received will go to joint funds for the Band and Craigmillar Park Church. We have not yet (at *Prism* copy date)

finalised the programme for the evening but I can assure you that it will be a bright, light and lots of fun; and, as a special treat, we hope to keep the lights on!



After the previous concert we gave all the proceeds, £2,500, to the Royal Blind School; they were most appreciative and have sent us their warm thanks for our efforts.

More details will be advised directly to those whom we know had tickets and also in morning announcements.

*Norman Weibye*

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## BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2011



What a tremendous first week we had with the shoebox sorting: over 3,600 boxes were handled, including 1,229 on a rather spectacular Thursday. In fact, having done so well, I was sufficiently worried about expected volunteer numbers for the second week that I sent out an appeal to local churches and other helpers; as a result the troops rallied to the flag and the following Monday was another 1,000-plus day. So it was with great surprise that we came to a

juddering halt when the Blythswood Care organisation told me late on that Monday that there were no more shoeboxes available to us: donations of boxes have been significantly lower this year and so they did not have enough to keep us going. Still, we finished those we had remaining on the Tuesday and had cleared the hall by Wednesday lunchtime. All in all, we processed 5,500 boxes; which is a little bit more than we did in 2009 but, obviously, fewer than last year.

My sincere thanks go to all those who helped, some just once or twice, many repeatedly. Lots of other churches and organisations contributed but there is no doubt that this is a Craigmillar Park

Church project, a fact borne out every day by the sheer presence of CPC members. Thank you all!

*Norman Weibye*



**Blythswood Statistics:**

*Of the shoeboxes sorted: 60% are for women and girls; two-thirds are for children and teenagers; women (22%) receive nearly double that of men (12%); girls between 3 & 7 years get most (19%), teenage boys get least (4%); girls 3-7 (19%) receive double that of teenage girls (12%). We packed 5,486 shoeboxes with another 30 or so loose; the average fill was 10.86 shoeboxes in 505 large cartons. In 2009 we sorted an average of 600 shoe boxes per day; 700 in 2010; 783 this year.*

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**PIT STOP CAFÉ**



Remember we ran a morning café on Thursday's in August? The Kirk Session would like this to restart and run on Thursday's throughout the Year. For this to happen we need volunteers to work in teams of 3 people. The more volunteers the less often you will need to do a turn. You don't have to bake for

this. If we have 12 volunteers then you would only need to be on once a month. If you can spare a Thursday morning occasionally please either speak to me or ring me on 664-7302. Thanks.



*Julia Yarker*

## **FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH**

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon. Donations of greenery, some with berries, would be appreciated. All helpers will be welcome – many hands make light work!

I would like to thank all who have arranged, dismantled and delivered the flowers after the morning service, also to those who have donated to the flower fund.

On a personal note, I will be handing over my flower duties in the New Year. Rebeca has agreed to help and I am sure that all the 'flower ladies' will give her the great support that I have had over the years and for which I give my sincere thanks.



*Gweneth Manners*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
Kirk o' Field Parish Church  
on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30pm**



## **INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Do you remember when we had a 20s – 40s group? And even further back a group called Vanguard. Anyone interested in restarting something similar? We could discuss various topics relating to life today.

If you are interested please come along on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to the Session Room at the Church where we'll have mulled wine and eats.

*Julia Yarker*

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## **C.P.C. YOUNG PEOPLE'S PIZZA PARTY**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2011 FROM 6PM TO 8PM  
IN THE CHURCH HALL – ENTRY FREE**

We look forward to seeing you all there. To allow us to have enough pizzas for all, please respond to this invitation by telephoning Flora Paton on 664 2877.



## THE GUILD

Winter still seems a long way off as the weather is so unseasonably warm. Last year in early December we had snow and our first speaker in December last year had to cancel because of the weather! Mr Jack Aitken is coming to talk on "Statues in Edinburgh" on 6<sup>th</sup> December, hopefully the weather will be kinder this time for him.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we have our joint Lunch for Christmas with the Lunch Club starting at 12.30pm. After the Festivities, our meetings start on 17<sup>th</sup> January (this is a change from the syllabus) when our own John Penny will be talking about his career at sea. Then the

next week on 24<sup>th</sup> January, Molly will be bringing along keepsakes from her father.



### **FUNDRAISING**

This year the Guild are selling special Craigmillar Park Church Calendars, featuring photographs of Church activities. The cost is £5 and profits will go to the Guild Projects, Mission Aviation Fellowship (Madagascar) and the Ministries Council A Place of Hope. On sale at the coffee morning – please speak to Renate Butler or Molly Longmuir.

*Julia Yarker, President*

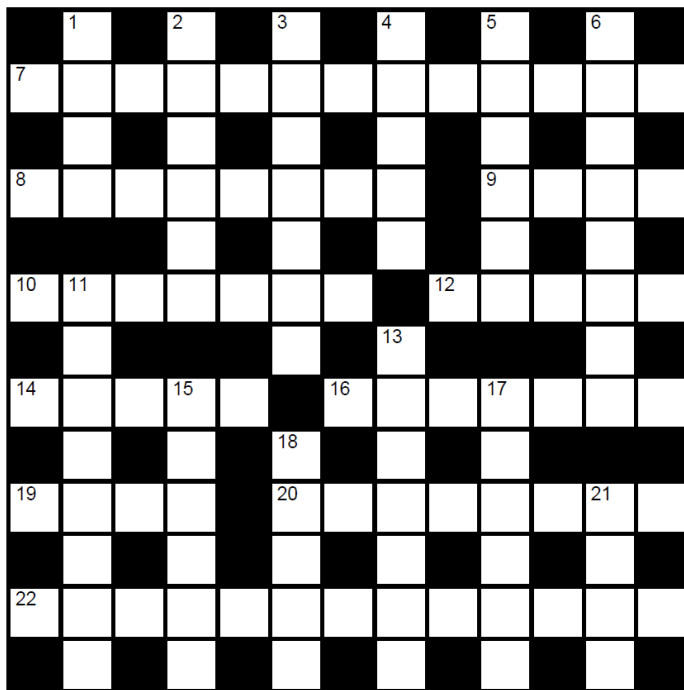
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## LIFE & WORK

Subscriptions to 'Life and Work' are now due. The cost for the year will be £17.40. This should be handed direct to Sheena Stenhouse or sent to her home address at 34 West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3BG. Cheques should be made payable to: "Craigmillar Park Church".

<b>Colour themes for Morning Worship: Advent 2011</b>	
At our Morning Worship on the Sundays in Advent, you are encouraged to come wearing or carrying at least one article that carries the theme colour for that day. The colour will embody a part of the message.	
<b>Advent Sunday</b> , 27 Nov (All-Age Service)	<b>Gold/Yellow</b> (waiting for a king)
<b>Advent Two</b> , 4 Dec (Holy Communion)	<b>Green</b> (hope)
<b>Advent Three</b> , 11 Dec	<b>Red</b> (for a herald) <i>or</i> <b>White</b> (for purity)
<b>Advent Four</b> , 18 Dec (Nativity Service)	<b>Blue</b> (for Mary)
<b>Christmas Day</b> , 25 Dec	<b>Party colours</b>

## **CROSSWORD by Roger Paton**



### **Across**

- 7 "Help thy neighbour" parable (4,9)
- 8 Angelic beings (8)
- 9 Conceal animal skin? (4)
- 10 Rue diet will make you very clever (7)
- 12 Some merchants may sing in unison (5)
- 14 1st Sunday in Lent is one such day (5)
- 16 One of 12 sent to preach the Gospels (7)
- 19 Lock out bins (4)
- 20 Ted scans types of songs (8)
- 22 Martha's sister from Galilee (4,9)

### **Down**

- 1 His animals came in two by two! (4)
- 2 Do read about being loved (6)
- 3 Day of rest (7)
- 4 Psalm about trees? (5)
- 5 Which of the Ten Commandments is "Thou shalt not steal" ? (6)
- 6 Leading dignitary of R.C.Church (8)
- 11 It was the rule in Biblical times (5,3)
- 13 I see pod opened for part of serial (7)
- 15 Early offspring by me or similar (6)
- 17 Firm farm building? (6)
- 18 I lead out the most suitable (5)
- 21 Intent on using this to go camping? (4)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **December**

Tue 6 at 2.15pm – The Guild “Statues of Edinburgh” with Jack Aitken

Wed 7 at 7.00pm – Discussion Group planning meeting in the  
Session Room

Sat 10 from 10am to 12noon – Decoration of the Church for Christmas

Sat 10 at 7.30pm – Dunedin Wind Band Concert in the Church

Sun 11 at 9.30am – Prayers in the Chapel

Sun 11 at 10.30am – Morning Worship **Red/White**

Wed 14 at 7.30pm – Congregational Board

Sat 17 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Exhibition of Nativity Scenes in  
the Church

Sun 18 at 9.30am – Prayers in the Chapel

Sun 18 at 10.30am – Service of Lessons and Carols with St Margaret’s  
Singers **BLUE**

Sun 18 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Exhibition of Nativity Scenes in  
the Church

Sun 18 at 5.45pm for 6.00pm – Carol Singing in the Parish

Tue 20 at 12.30pm – Joint Lunch Club & Guild Lunch

Thu 22 at 10.45am – Royal Blind School Christmas Service

Thu 22 from 6pm to 8pm – Young People’s Pizza Party in the Hall

Sat 24 at 11.30pm – Watchnight service in candlelight, with Carols  
from 11.15pm

Sun 25 at 10.30am – Worship for Christmas morning **PARTY COLOURS**

### **January**

Sun 1 at 10.30am – Morning Worship followed by short celebration of  
Holy Communion & Prayer for Healing

Sun 8 at 10.30am – Morning Worship

Sun 15 at 10.30am – Morning Worship

Tue 17 at 2.15pm – The Guild “Life on the Ocean” with John Penny  
*[note: revised date]*

Thu 19 at 7.30pm – Kirk Session

Sun 22 at 10.30am – Morning Worship

Tue 24 at 2.15pm – The Guild “My Father’s Keepsakes” with Molly  
Longmuir

Sun 29 at 10.30am – Morning Worship

### **February**

Sun 5 at 10.30am – Morning Worship followed by short celebration of  
Holy Communion & Prayer for Healing

Sun 12 at 10.30am – Morning Worship

Tue 14 at 2.15pm – The Guild “Valentines Love In!”

Thu 16 at 7.30pm – Trustees Meeting, followed by Congregational Board

## **DUTIES**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Convener: Christopher McLeod (667 1475)**

Pauline Weibye, Seonaid Wilson, Julia Yarker,  
Colin Aitken, Ian Breadon, Margaret Cargill.

### **18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Convener: Jim McNab (667 3408)**

John Kelly, Betty Laing, Harry Laing,  
Sandra Lamb, Elizabeth McLeod, Danny McQueen.

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Convener: Roger Paton (664 2877)**

Flora Paton, Julie Read, David Reid,  
Katy Ruggeri, Isabel Smith, Christine Thomson.

### **15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Convener: Sheena Stenhouse (667 4520)**

Norman Weibye, Pauline Weibye, Seonaid Wilson,  
Julia Yarker, Colin Aitken, Ian Breadon.

### **29<sup>th</sup> Jan and 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Convener: Gordon Braidwood (667 1773)**

Margaret Cargill, John Kelly, Betty Laing,  
Harry Laing, Sandra Lamb, Danny McQueen.

### **12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Convener: Christopher McLeod (667 1475)**

Elizabeth McLeod, Julie Read, David Reid,  
Isabel Smith, Christine Thomson, Norman Weibye.

## **CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

**CLUES ACROSS:** (7) GOOD SAMARITAN; (8) CHERUBIM; (9) HIDE; (10) ERUDITE; (12) CHANT; (14) EMBER; (16) APOSTLE; (19) SNIB; (20) DESCANTS; (22) MARY MAGDALENE.

**CLUES DOWN:** (1) NOAH; (2) ADORED; (3) SABBATH; (4) PALMS; (5) EIGHTH; (6) CARDINAL; (11) ROMAN LAW; (13) EPISODE; (15) EMBRYO; (17) STABLE; (18) IDEAL; (21) TENT.

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<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Sunday School / Crèche</b>
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### **Dec 2011**

<b>11</b>	Margaret Cargill	John Penny	Rebeca Topping
<b>18</b>	John Kelly	Danny McQueen	Katy Ruggeri
<b>25</b>	Roger Paton	Norman Weibye	Alejandra Ruggeri

### **Jan 2012**

<b>1</b>	Gordon Braidwood	Christopher McLeod	Julie Read
<b>8</b>	John Penny	John Kelly	Rebeca Topping
<b>15</b>	Christopher McLeod	John Penny	Katy Ruggeri
<b>22</b>	Astrid Gracie	Danny McQueen	Alejandra Ruggeri
<b>29</b>	Colin Aitken	Norman Weibye	Susan Penny

### **Feb 2012**

<b>5</b>	Pauline Weibye	Christopher McLeod	Julie Read
<b>12</b>	Elizabeth McLeod	John Kelly	Rebeca Topping
<b>19</b>	Julie Read	John Penny	Katy Ruggeri



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