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Rev Sam Torrens writes...

Dear Friends,

¹⁷ And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 3: 17-19**

What a month it has been in the life of Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church. On 11th May the congregation gathered in Gorgie Church to hear Rev Trish Archibald preach as Sole Nominee and thereafter elect her with an overwhelming expression of support as the new Minister Elect.

Then, the excitement was barely settling when the congregation met together again, this time in Palmerston Place Church to celebrate the 150th anniversary of mission and ministry from the Palmerston Place side of the union. There we enjoyed fantastic fellowship, a scrumptious lunch, welcomed back many old friends, interacted with various groups, participated in Christ centred worship and heard a very timely and apposite word from the guest preacher, the Very Rev Colin Sinclair, former minister of Palmerston Place Church and former Moderator of the General Assembly. His words still live in me!

While Colin offered the congregation a word of “congratulations” it was rather measured recognising that we stand on the shoulders of those who went before us and are no longer with us. But on the back of those congratulations there came the more pointed challenges to “commitment” and to “courage” in the hope that with committed, courageous, resilience we will create with God something that will bless the future generations.

Referring to the exiled remnant in Babylon, Colin encouraged us from Jeremiah 29: 11 to trust in, and align ourselves with, the plans of God. A message that had been given earlier to the children by Fiona Edwards in her engaging all-age talk.

We left, well I certainly did, fed spiritually and physically, and with gratitude to all involved in making it a memorable day and weekend! Two uplifting events, and sandwiched between them was the General Assembly! Yes, there were real challenges regarding finances and the future but there was also a bright theme of "Extravagant Love" which reminds me not only of God but of Julian of Norwich. During the Dark Ages amidst the Black Death when the Church had become disconnected from ordinary people, a young woman in the throes of death was given the last rites and there, on the cusp of death, she encountered Christ and experienced repeated Revelations of Divine Love. She miraculously revived and was to spend the next 20 years confining herself to a small room within a church in Norwich discovering from the Bible that God is a God of Extravagant Love. In those Revelations she heard the living Christ say, *'all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well,'* Mary Peters the hymn writer captured it beautifully in the hymn:

Through the love of God our Saviour, all will be well.

Free and changeless is his favour, all, all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us,

perfect is the grace that sealed us,

strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,

all must be well.

And so it shall be!

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3: 20-21)

Sam Torrens

CONTENT FOR THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE CHURCH MAGAZINE

Anyone who wishes to submit content for the combined July/August Summer edition of the Church magazine, please e-mail it to Gregor at comms@gappchurch.org.uk
by **12 noon on Wednesday 18th June.**

Sunday 11th May was the day we'd all been waiting for, some with curiosity, some with trepidation, all with excitement.

The Nominating Committee had invited Rev Trish Archibald to preach as Sole Nominee and the day had finally arrived, bathed in bright sunshine. Our candidate arrived in good time with her husband Gareth and their three daughters Rachel, Naomi and Sophia.

We hoped the preparations were all in order as the congregation began to arrive and their names were ticked off the electoral roll in exchange for a voting slip. It would be quite simple, there was only one question to be answered; please vote for or against Trish becoming our minister – put an X in the box of your choice.

As we approached 11 o'clock the buzz of conversation was at its height with the sanctuary full and a few people in the gallery. The chatter soon settled as the words of welcome were offered and the service got underway with Trish leading the Call to Worship.

The hymns were all familiar and sung with such enthusiasm that had our neighbours been gathered next door, we may have been heard around the stadium!

We could all relate to the All Age Talk and later listened intently to the sermon based on John 15: 1-17, "I Am the True Vine."

The service drew to a close and after the Archibald family left the sanctuary for a well-earned tea, coffee or cold drink, our Interim Moderator Rev Sam Torrens explained what would happen next.

The voting slips were collected and while they were counted, the congregation also enjoyed hot or cold drinks.

The outcome of the vote was shared with Trish, her family and the joint Session Clerks before being intimated to the congregation: of 99 votes, 92 voted for, four voted against, and three were unmarked papers.



Spontaneous applause erupted and as Trish returned to the sanctuary it became even louder and was sustained for many minutes – she was in no doubt of the warm welcome from the congregation of Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church. As things began to settle down people were invited to sign the Call if they had been eligible to vote, or a document of Concurrence if they are associated with the congregation, while the family enjoyed chatting to some of the congregation.



Afterwards they all visited the manse followed by lunch with the joint Session Clerks at a local restaurant – a busy and exciting day for us all.

We expect the Call to be sustained at the next meeting of Presbytery and a date given for the Induction service.

As some are aware, traditionally the congregation gifts robes to ministers being inducted to their first charge and Trish has been asked if she'd like clerical wear, or whether she has another preference related to her work. She is very grateful for the generous offer and is giving it some thought.

Tricia Kingston, Convener of The Nominating Committee and Joint Session Clerk

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Norda, Alex and Ruairaidh have all completed their appraisals and we are very pleased that they are willing to help extend Saltyard's opening hours along with more willing volunteers. If you haven't already discovered the raspberry and white chocolate muffins – they are delicious!

Reuben, Lisa and Jessica have also completed their appraisals and are looking forward to Trish's arrival to head up our Ministry Team.

Our Coordinators, Gregor and Bénédicte have been kept busy preparing for our special anniversary weekend while recruiting for a new caretaker. Many thanks to Daniel Henley for his efficient manner during his time with us. We will miss his Sunday morning welcome but wish him well back in the Netherlands as he prepares to return to his studies. We look forward to Liz Jameson rejoining our caretaking team.

We are delighted to have our new organist settling in to the Gorgie and Palmerston Place community. Colin Gray has been the organ scholar at both Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich and Chichester Cathedral. He was Assistant Organist at St Columba's Pont Street in London before becoming Organist at North Leith Parish Church and more recently Organist at Pilrig, St Paul's Church here in Edinburgh. We look forward to hearing more of his repertoire over the coming weeks and months.

Norma Rolls, HR Team Leader

Valedictory Collections

There is the opportunity to give a valedictory collection to Rev Douglas Reid, our previous Associate Minister for over two years and, before that, an Elder in Palmerston Place.

There is also opportunity to give any valedictory collection to Daniel Henley, who was our weekend church caretaker in Palmerston Place for six months and who has now moved back to the Netherlands to pursue academic studies.

Please place any cash or cheque donations inside individual envelopes marked either 'Douglas' or 'Daniel', and place into the offering bags in our Gorgie Church building or the collection box in the foyer of our Palmerston Place Church building. If you prefer to give by bank transfer, please mark your donation with the relevant names, and if need the church bank details, please contact Suzanne Graham at treasurer@palmerstonplacechurch.com

It would be helpful to have all collections received by the end of Sunday 22nd June. Many

150
Years



**PALMERSTON
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Looking back with thanksgiving and moving forward together

What a weekend of celebration in music, song, preaching, listening, connecting, reconnecting, giving thanks, offering praise to God and looking ahead to what plans He may have for us as a congregation of Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church....

It was a real treat to have Andrew Caskie return to the Palmerston Place Church organ to give a most brilliant recital with an eclectic mix of pieces played to an appreciative audience of over hundred people from far and wide on Friday 23rd May.

It was wonderful to have previous Palmerston Place Church minister (and the longest serving), Very Rev Colin A M Sinclair be our guest preacher and who took Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14 as his text.



To have the well kent, loved and respected, Rev Willie-john Macdonald return to lead us in prayer was deeply appreciated. He was a pastoral assistant at Palmerston Place for many years.



We also were treated to Fiona Edwards leading the children's address. Fiona is a highly experienced Primary School Teacher who played an integral role in helping develop childrens' work in Palmerston Place and in many other aspect of church life. Married to Fraser, who was a ministerial assistant here and is now minister at Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Church and whose parents are members here in Gorgie and Palmerston Place. It was lovely to welcome Fiona back along with Anna and Matthew.

We deeply appreciated Rev Bill Taylor leading our prayers of intercession during the anniversary service. Bill and his wife Lorna have been members of the congregation for twenty-one years. Bill has served as a Prison Chaplain for much of that time and has twice been interim-moderator at Palmerston Place.

We also thank Rev Sam Torrens, our integral interim-moderator, for leading the anniversary service and pronouncing the benediction.

You can watch the 150th Anniversary Service on catch-up from the Palmerston Place Church YouTube channel.

It is also still possible to listen to some more members of our congregation share their stories and experience of being part of Palmerston Place Church over the years... some go back 50 and 60 years!

PPC Voices
online



Everyone who helped with the planning, preparation and pulling together of everything on the Anniversary Sunday deserves heartfelt thanks. It was wonderful to see so many from across our congregation working well and with enthusiasm. Appreciation to the amazing catering team led by Sandra Taylor, and then all who were on the overall anniversary planning group led by Màiri Graham, of whom we thank for her enthusiasm, energy and encouragement throughout all the planning and during the weekend. To God be the glory!

The Planning team wish to say:

Thank you to so many who made the Anniversary services such memorable occasions.

Thank you to the Catering team who served lunch to over 150 people; to the Welcome team for welcoming and directing everyone; to the Flower team for the magnificent arrangements; to the Archive group for the fascinating display they produced and to the Banner group for the very special celebration Banner.

Thank you too for those who took part in the *Simply Praise* evening.

We were privileged also, to have the charities and tenants within our buildings who took the time to participate and join us for the morning service. We also enjoyed the music not only from the newly refurbished organ but also from bagpipes and the music sanctuary band.

So many people willing to share their skills and gifts contributing to a joyous occasion!

We are grateful too for the ongoing support of caretaker staff and Premises Coordinator and in particular the excellent work of our Communications Coordinator.

Màiri Graham





Appreciative thanks and credit to Suzanne Graham, Ruth Sinclair, Rachel Yule and Gregor Innes for taking the featured magazine photographs of the anniversary weekend.

150TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AT PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH





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**150th Anniversary Celebration Banner
Palmerston Place Church
1875-2025**

The Banner takes the form of the front elevation of the church.

The Steps:

*There are seven steps with the words thankful and hopeful.
(Seven often represents completeness in biblical terms.)*

The Four Pillars:

These stand for the 4 gospels on which our faith is founded.

The Doors:

*The steps lead to the three red double doors with symbols representing the life of Christ and His church:
from left to right;
the star of the nativity; a symbol for Christ's birth;
the three crosses on a hill; a reminder of His death on the cross;
the flames on the central doors represent the coming of the Holy Spirit;
the cup of communion; when His church remembers His sacrifice together;
finally the throne of Jesus, King of Heaven and Earth.*

The North Tower:

*The window symbols;
A Sunflower for joy and hope
Clasped hands for love and compassion
A Treble Clef stands for praise*

The South Tower:

*The window symbols;
The scales for truth and justice
The open Bible for faith
The Praying Hands*

The 5 Upper Floor windows:

*The Outlines of the four churches with which we are united;
Gorgie (GDS), Lothian Road., Palmerston Place, and Belford Road, with the Burning Bush, symbol of the
Church of Scotland in the middle: ('nec tamen consumebatur -however it was not consumed').
The churches show the faces of many people inside as this is the true definition of 'church': It is not just a building.*

Central Dove of Promise:

This was the symbol of the United Presbyterian Church and is a spectacular centrepiece on the Sanctuary ceiling. (Similar smaller doves appear on the towers)

Made to express our gratitude to God; His gifts of creativity and for the joy of working together in our church family.

***Mary Bennett, Mary Redmond, Linda Cunningham, Isobel Gray, Anne Stewart, Christine Ross,
Ellie Gallagher and Mairi Graham (also Margaret Leeming, Suzanne Graham and Peter Gray)***

Sounds Familiar?

While rooting around in the Palmerston Place archives we found this....

Dear Member of Session,

I am writing this letter to you because I feel very sincerely that we have reached a point of crisis both in the Church of Scotland as a whole and in Palmerston Place in particular. An urgent call to the whole church, signed by three former Moderators and the Principal Clerk of the General Assembly, states that 'Taken as a whole, and on a national level, the situation in the Church of Scotland is very discouraging. '..... It is in this context that I address myself to you, praying that you will be sympathetic to this appeal which I make to you from my position of leadership in Palmerston Place. Almost suddenly signs of crisis have crept up on our congregation. I list three of them.

(I) The massive problem of holding young people to church loyalty being felt throughout the land is now blowing through our own ranks like a chilling wind. The overall number of young people attaching themselves to our church has been significantly eroded and we must see that the decline is halted.

(II) Over against this, the number of elderly people who are hospitalised or housebound and unable to attend the worship of the church with any semblance of regularity, this part of our congregation grows apace month by month and is one of the most marked features of our congregational life.

(III) A third area where crisis appears to be creeping up on us is in church attendances. It is very difficult to assess this but indications seem to be that the growing pressures of city life are causing members to absent themselves more from the services of the church..... As you well know, energetic attempts have been made to stir up spiritual interest among the residents of our parish and this task will be continued with undiminished zest.

Nevertheless, the response to this outgoing action has not been such as to fill the heart with delight and obviously the process of winning a response is going to be long term.

In view of these and other issues, it is paramount that we all have our church very much in our prayers. We need to bring fresh, concerted and thoughtful study to its wellbeing. We need to give it a real priority in our lives. In this exercise I would offer certain guidelines.In short, all our visiting needs to be sharpened and given a spiritual focus, ceasing to be a dull routine duty. In May of this year three of our elders reported to us from a conference in Crieff: Mature church membership was defined as (a) regular worship (b) daily prayer (c) involvement in a congregation's work and witness!! (d) giving in self denial (e) learning from the Bible. Here is challenging material to discuss with any and every member.

Yours sincerely

John Cumming.

(Minister of Palmerston Place Church, 1968-1984)

(extract from the Minister's letter 1982)



It is not unusual to see various members of Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland each year - either as commissioners, observers sitting in the public gallery, serving refreshments, drivers, and as valuable stewards. Susan Kidston was once again involved and this year was driver to the Moderator's chaplains throughout the week.

This year's General Assembly, however, was the final one for Sandy Gemmill in his role as Chief Steward.

Many messages have been posted on the Church of Scotland Facebook site including:

"Thank you Sandy for all your work keeping us stewards organised over the years."

"Thank you for your years of service. You will be missed by all."

"Well done Sandy. You have done a wonderful job."

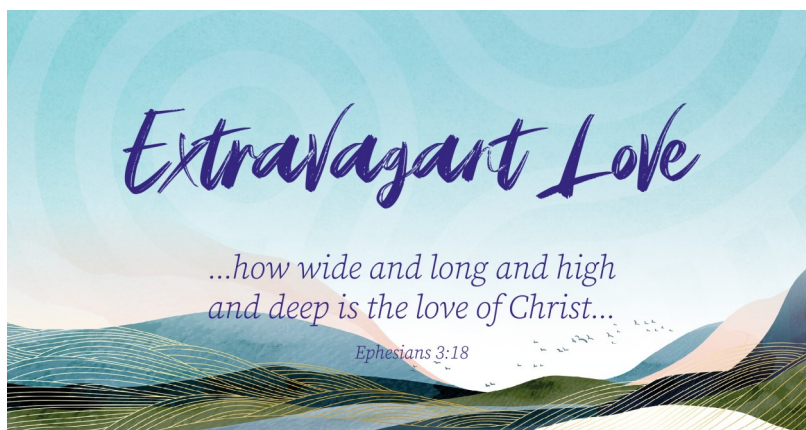


And comments from two former Moderators of the General Assembly:

"Thank you Sandy - you have been an absolute pillar of the GA. Thanks from us all!"
(Very Rev Susan Brown)

The Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan said, *"There's only one Sandy Gemmill!"*

Well done, Sandy, on all you have done as Chief Steward at many General Assemblies, and for being a valuable, respected, and loved Elder and member of our church!



Full reports and catch-up recordings of each day's proceedings from the year's General Assembly are available on the Church of Scotland website.

What happens in Peebles stays in Peebles....

Well more or less!

Nobody wanted to miss the bus and we all gathered just inside the church to keep warm. Unfortunately, the day had not started as bright and sunny as others recently and the wisdom of those who'd chosen to layer their clothes was sometimes looked on with envy!

The mood was bright and sunny though, as everyone climbed on to the bus and took their seats. The decibel level of laughter and conversation also climbed!

We reached our lunch destination of Barony Castle with time to stretch our legs with a walk round the grounds, or sit in the Borders' sun which had now popped out.

A couple of hours later we were all very well fed and watered with no complaints about the food or service.

Our friendly driver Bryn, (he's not Welsh!) had also enjoyed his lunch and took us into Peebles where the time and place to pick us up for our return journey was agreed.

We were in and out of most of the shops, some purchases were made, some try-ons rejected. Some enjoyed a seat in the sun by the river while others enjoyed a short walk. Some of our number even found room for ice cream despite our generous lunch!

We made our way back to where the bus would stop for us, just as it became a bit overcast.

Once on the bus, as on the way down, we were well looked after with the offer of sweets and cold drinks.

As we arrived back in Edinburgh, one confident soul sashayed down the aisle to the driver asking if he'd let a few people off near their home or bus stop, before reaching Gorgie. Three nimble ladies clambered off the bus and proved even at 90 years old, you can sprint across the road to cross with the green man!

After a few more stops there was only around half the original number arriving back at the church.

There may be photographs which will tell some of the story, there may be news on the grapevine about a minor mishap which was quickly and surprisingly resolved, there were thoughts for those disappointed at being unable to attend through illness and we wish you a speedy recovery.

However, the main outcome will be of a very enjoyable day with thanks to everyone involved in making it such happy occasion - Thank You.

Tricia Kingston

Manse Open Day and Cleaning

Saturday 14th June
10am-1pm

Opportunity to see the refurbished Manse at 90 Myreside Road

If you are able, we would also like some help with general cleaning to get it ready for the minister and her family. No heavy work involved, mainly dusting, bathroom cleaning etc.

Light refreshments will be served.

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OPEN DOOR SALE

Tuesdays, 10am - 11:30am

Gorgie Church building
(190 Gorgie Road)

Come and meet us - all welcome

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STATED ANNUAL MEETING

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Palmerston Place Church building on **Sunday 15th June 2025** immediately after the morning service of worship which starts at 10:30am. Rev. Sam Torrens (Interim Moderator) will be in the Chair.

Invitation to read the bible passage and lead prayers in Church on Sundays

Interested?

If so, please contact Gregor at comms@gappchurch.org.uk or speak to any of the ministerial team or Session Clerks. **We would love to have more of our church family take part in services** by reading the bible passages and leading prayers from the front. Training and support can be given, if helpful.

The Ronnie Williamson Trust

- Are you **16 -25 years of age**? A **member or adherent** of Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church, St Stephen's Comely Bank Church, or Murrayfield Parish Church?
 - Looking to engage in **voluntary work in the UK or abroad**, which will have a positive educational, religious, medical, or societal impact on others?
 - Need a financial grant or periodical allowance to help make it happen?
- No project is too small to be considered.

Find out more by scanning the QR Code
Or contact rwt@palmerstonplacechurch.com
for more information or to make an enquiry



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The Fairtrade Stall will open on four occasions throughout the year in the Palmerston Place Church foyer. Lots of fairtrade items available to buy with some lovely gift ideas!

Please speak with **Sally Marshall** if you need any further information or wish to help with the stall in any way.

Dates for 2025: Sunday 22nd June, Sunday 21st September and Sunday 30th November



***A welcoming place for over 60s
to enjoy refreshments, games and conversation.***

Palmerston Place Friendship Café continues to meet every fortnight on Thursday afternoons in Annan House from 2 - 3.30pm. There are games available to play including dominoes and Scrabble, lots of chat and delicious home baking and tea supplied by our volunteer helpers.

We will finish this term on **Thursday 19th June** with a **Summer Afternoon Tea**, restarting on Thursday 4th September.



A important date for the diary is **Thursday 18th September** when we have our annual Barge trip at Ratho from 11 to 2.30pm.

We are always looking for new members so if you fancy coming along on a Thursday afternoon for tea and company, we would love to see you.

Sally Marshall

Prayer is simply talking with God.

We can pray anytime, anywhere about anything that's on our mind. We don't have to be in a church, use special words or put our hands together if we don't want to. God is listening. He wants to hear from us.

So why not start a conversation with the creator of the universe today?

Jesus said:

'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.' (Matthew 7: 7)

The Bible encourages us to always pray, about all kinds of topics. We can ask God to help the people we care for and we can talk to Him about the things we need or we're worried about. We can also share what we're grateful for and we can say sorry when we've made a mistake.

We can pray by talking, thinking, or writing; we can even try drawing, crafting, or painting what we want to express. We can use our own words, or borrow someone else's, making them our own.

We don't need to make grand speeches to God or pretend that everything's ok.

All we need to do is:

Keep it simple.

Keep it real.

Keep it up.

Taken from  **24-7 PRAYER**

Exciting news that **Saltyard Café will open on Tuesdays from 10th June!** This will be trialled throughout the summer months and reviewed again in September.

George Kay, Norda Barber and the team are delighted to have valuable volunteers ready to help on Tuesdays in addition to the rest of the week.



There is still opportunity for more volunteers to join the happy team! If you are reading this and think you would like to explore volunteering in the café at any point of the week, please pop in and speak to Norda or any of the current volunteers or e-mail George at g.kay@blueyonder.co.uk

There are multiple opportunities to serve in the happy and welcoming Saltyard Café, and it is very rewarding. Lots of different people of all ages and stages able to enjoy tasty food and conversation.

Saltyard Café is open Wednesday - Friday from 9am - 4pm... and from 10th June also on Tuesdays!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

First Saturday of each month at 9am
in Saltyard Cafe (158 Dalry Road)

Bible, chat, prayer, food

More info: contact George at
G.kay@blueyonder.co.uk

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**Next prayer
breakfast is on
Saturday
7th June**

**(then a break in
July and August)**



Delighted to announce the arrival of boxes where empty pill packs can be deposited to be sent for recycling. Presently, these are sent to landfill as it appears to be an expensive process to remove the plastic from the foil wrapping in order to recycle both materials.

Thanks to everyone who bought jars of marmalade, enabling us to raise the money required. Once the boxes are filled they will be returned to be recycled.

Please bring any empty pill packs in either church building for the recycling box.
Please note - the recycling boxes can only be used for the plastic and foil wrappings. Any unwanted pills should not be included, and instead be handed into a Pharmacy.

Many thanks.

Barbara Roberts (on behalf of The Green Team)






With all the excitement of 150th Anniversary celebrations and a new Ministry beginning, the Edinburgh Festival is creeping up on us almost unobserved.

Searchlight Theatre Company are joining us again with six shows, old and new, in weeks 2 and 3, and for the first time the theatre company, **LAMPS collective** are joining us for week 1 . (The acronym stands for **L**ove, **A**ction, **M**usic, **P**oetry, **S**tores.)

Searchlight Theatre enjoyed an excellent run at the Fringe at Palmerston Place last year - almost 1500 people crossed the threshold attending one or more of the performances.

LAMPS will present two shows: *The Passion* and a musical drama *Salt and Light*.

Both companies will present two shows each evening, Wednesday to Friday with a matinee on Saturdays.

Week 1 6th – 9th August
Week 2 13th – 16th August
Week 3 20th – 23rd August



Tickets are available for all shows from the Edinburgh Fringe Box Office website or Ticket Office.

None of this would be possible without the willing support of many in the congregation, providing accommodation, baking and meals; and the small army of Stewards required for each performance. Susan Kidston as chief steward has once again agreed to be present every day, liaising with the actors and organising the stewards: without her input this Outreach would not be possible. Our Comms. Coordinator, Gregor Innes, also has a vital part to play in advertising on social media and elsewhere.

It was pleasing last year to see the church doors wide open daily, welcoming, and so many people coming in, looking around, chatting, as they had a cup of coffee or tea. Given the excellent level of congregational support in 2024, I trust that everyone thinks this will once again be a valuable Outreach during Festival 2025.

Both Searchlight and LAMPS collective aim to provide quality drama with a strong Christian message and we are glad to provide a venue to support their witness at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Sign up sheets for stewards will be available at the end of June and in July in our buildings with the option also to sign up digitally.

Màiri Graham for the Outreach Team

There is lots happening around Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church and there may well be new church activities in the future. Do speak to folk in the church on Sundays or other times if you would like to find out more or contact the church office at comms@gappchurch.org.uk

SUNDAYS

Morning Services of Worship – 10:30am in our Palmerston Place Church building and 11am in our Gorgie Church building (190 Gorgie Road)

Creche available during morning services and children's activities. Tea, coffee and biscuits after each service, too!

Evening Service of Worship – 7pm in our Palmerston Place Church building (apart from July and August)

First Sunday of each month (from June)

Taizé Service at 7pm in Saltyard Café (158 Dalry Road)

Second Sunday of each month

Monthly Story Circle—3pm—4pm in Palmerston Place Church (12 Palmerston Place)

Come along to wonder over a Godly Play story, build some Lego, make some crafts and share in a tasty snack! For children aged 3+ and their adults.

Last Sunday of each month

Messy Church for families and all ages at 3pm in our Gorgie Church building

MONDAYS

Babies & Toddlers (during school term time) - 10am – 11:30am in Annan House

Lots of fun, toys, singing and time for parents to meet and catch up with other parents while babies and toddlers play or rest.

Monday Fellowship – 1:30pm -3pm in our Gorgie Church hall **(from September to end of April)**

Tea/coffee refreshments, speakers, music, good conversation and a Monday afternoon well spent!

Youth Group for aged 7-12 and teens. 6pm – 7:30pm in Palmerston Place Church Hall (during school term time)

TUESDAYS

Early Birds Prayer Time at 8am in Annan House – open to anyone who would like to pray, listen to prayer or ask for prayer. Also available on Zoom (please e-mail ian@palmerstonplacechurch.com for the link)

Tuesday Prayer Time at Noon – gathering in Gorgie Church for a quiet, refreshing oasis in the midst of a sometimes busy week, with time to share with others who gather and pray to God.

Open Door Sale - 10am - 11:30am in Gorgie Church Foyer

The church doors will be open for conversation with passers-by and selling books, toys, and other bits & bobs. If you can help, please speak to Susan Kay.

WEDNESDAYS

Toddler Time - 10am – 11:30am in our Gorgie Church Small Hall (190 Gorgie Road)

Lots of fun, toys, singing and time for parents to meet and catch up with other parents while babies and toddlers play or rest.

Book Lambs - 2pm in Saltyard Café (158 Dalry Road)

Story-telling with Jessica Linde for pre-school children, but grown-ups can listen too!

Bible Study House Group (1st & 3rd of each month) – 6:30pm – 8pm in the Lounge in Annan House.
Opportunity to join others to explore and study the bible together

THURSDAYS

Friendship Café - 2pm – 3:30pm (every fortnight) in Annan House

For anyone over 60 who would like to play table and card games and enjoy meeting and chatting with others over tea, coffee and delicious home baking!

Online Bible Study House Group (1st & 3rd of each month) – 7pm via Zoom (contact ian@palmerstonplacechurch.com for the link)

Opportunity to join others from across the country to explore and study the bible together

Church Banners Group – meets on ad hoc basis on Tuesdays from 2pm – 4pm in Annan House.
Sewing, stitching with happy conversations when creating banners for our church sanctuary.

SATURDAYS

Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast - 9am on first Saturday of each month in Saltyard Café (158 Dalry Road)
On a break over summer months of July and August.

WELCOME TEAM AND FLOWER ROTA AT PALMERSTON PLACE

WELCOME TEAM AT PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH BUILDING

JUNE TEAM

Mike Wilson (TL), Keith Cunningham, Fiona Gove, David Holt, Ian Graham

JULY TEAM

Sally Marshall (TL), Pam Ashing, Clara Ashing, Donald Cumming, Bill Edwards

If you would like to join the welcome team, we have some vacancies. Please speak with Roy Smart (for our Palmerston Place) Church building) and to Sandy Gemmill (for our Gorgie Church building).

Many thanks.

FLOWER ROTA AT PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH BUILDING

June	Arranger	Donated by	Delivery
1	Rachel Wilson	Fiona Gove	Rachel Wilson
15	Sally Marshall		Sally Marshall
22	Lesley Smart		Lesley Smart
29	Sandra Taylor		Sandra Taylor
July	Arranger	Donated by	Delivery
6	Linda Cunningham	Carol and Bill Edwards	Linda Cunningham
13	Carol Hajducka		Carol Hajducka
20	Tina Dunlop		Tina Dunlop
27	Jean Scott		Margaret Richardson

Anyone who would like to join our rota helping to arrange and/or delivery flowers for and after our Sunday morning services, please speak with **Linda Cunningham** or contact the church office.

Many thanks.



REVISED DATES FOR UPCOMING UNITED SUNDAY SERVICES

Revised Dates for upcoming united Sunday morning services of worship are as follows:

Palmerston Place Church Service at 10:30am	Gorgie Church (190 Gorgie Road) Service at 11am
Sunday 15th June <i>Stated Annual Meeting after morning service</i>	Sunday 20th July



Parish Grouping Joint Pentecost Service

11:00am 8th June



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followed by Fellowship Lunch

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