

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
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The Kirk Session met this week. Once again this was a busy, purposeful meeting but also a joyous meeting where we gave thanks that we are blessed with a growing and willing congregation. We also agreed proposals for joint Western Grouping worship opportunities in the coming months, some of which is mentioned later in this newsletter. The 'Up' 'In' and "Out' groups are meeting again in the coming weeks and we will share their discussions as and when available. Some would say we are a flourishing church and the elders contemplated that at the meeting. Specifically they discussed how they flourish spiritually? There were many different answers – taking time out of a busy situation to pray, meeting others throughout the week and enjoy their fellowship, when preparing for a group.....There were a host of answers. The challenge for us all, not just the Kirk Session, is to keep reminding ourselves of the question and thinking of the solutions.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

In the morning.....we return to the sanctuary again this week and Grant will lead us in worship.

The scripture reading is: Psalm 77

Afterwards, there will be tea and coffee served in the Hall. Please do take time to go through to the hall, join with others and continue with fellowship. And as a little challenge this week why not try to seek out someone you don't usually spend time with and ask them how they're getting on.

In the afternoon.....a final Park Church. Encountering God outdoors as we walk, talk, play and pray. Meet at the tennis courts at Balgay Park at 2.30pm All ages welcome (although children must be accompanied by an adult).

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know would benefit from pastoral care, please contact Grant either by mobile: 07507710871 or by email: GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org

JOINT WORSHIP WITH MENZIESHILL CHURCH

A date for your diary: The Kirk Session have agreed to accept an invite from Menzieshill Church to join them in a shared worship service on **Sunday 1st October**.

In our continuing journey of growing with our friends from the churches in the Western Group we won't be having a service 'at home' that day but instead will join with the congregation at Menzieshill at the slightly earlier time of 10.45am.

TUESDAY 'CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE'

Starting on **Tuesday 12th September**, 'Connect with the Bible' is back.

An afternoon meeting at **2pm**. Please see Evelyn Matthews if you are interested in joining this group.

And an evening group at **7.30pm**. Please speak to Grant if you are interested in joining this group.

THE GUILD AGM

The Guild AGM is on **Saturday 9th September** and is this year being held in Edinburgh.

For those who wish to attend we are streaming the day in the Session House starting 11am until approx. 4.30 pm

Those attending should bring their own picnic style lunch. Guild members or any new members wishing to attend on the day please advise Florence Mitchell either after the service or by phone 07787 530761 or email g.mitchell4@yahoo.co.uk.

Advance notice: The Guild will be leading worship on Sunday 17th September.

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Read the verses to unscramble the words and learn more about God's love.

1. John 3:16

"For God so loved the _____ that He gave His one and only Son, that
whoever _____ in Him shall not _____ but have
_____ life.

2. Psalm 13:5

"But I trust in Your _____ love; my heart rejoices in Your

_____."

3. Romans 5:5b

"God's love has been _____ out into our hearts through the
_____, who has been given to us."

4. 2 Thessalonians 3:5

"May the Lord _____ your hearts into God's love and Christ's
_____."

5. 2 Peter 3:9b

"[God] is _____ with you, not wanting anyone to _____,
but everyone to come to _____."
