

# Ferryhill Parish News

## April 2013

For delivery by 7<sup>th</sup> April

### **Faithsharing Workshop Saturday 27th April 10.00am - 3.00pm**

As we move towards a new ministry at Ferryhill, the Kirk Session has arranged to join with members of South Holburn Church, to explore and enrich our expressions of faith and share our thoughts about spreading the good news of Christ in our adjoining parishes. We will be led by Ann Smith, Presbytery Trainer, and Phil Lightbody, Presbytery Mission Development Leader, in considering such questions as "What's your faith story?", "Why share it?", "Why don't we share it?", and "How can we share it?"

Lunch will be provided and you are asked to bring a Bible. The Kirk Session hopes that this event will help to prepare us spiritually for the future ministry at Ferryhill, and both elders and members are warmly invited to come along and share in this event. Registration forms are available in the Foyer and should be returned to Gwen Haggart by Wednesday 24th April.

### **Fundraisng Event**

Roger Bell, a professional photographer, has offered to help us raise funds for the church by organising a photo shoot for individuals, groups, families and friends on the afternoon of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May in the church following morning worship. For £50.00 you will get a half hour shoot with a print pack of 1x 10"x8", 2x 8"x6" and 2x 7"x5" prints, all in blue strut mounts - 5 prints in total and each print can be a separate image. If you prefer, you can substitute the prints for a DVD of all the images. All the photos will also be uploaded onto the website ([www.rogerbellphotography.co.uk](http://www.rogerbellphotography.co.uk)) where they can be securely viewed and extra prints ordered if required.

If you go for the print pack then 20% goes back to the church. If you choose the DVD only option, then 30% of that sale will go to the church. All orders will be despatched as one to the church 1 month after. Look out for sign-up sheets in the church soon or contact Margaret Emslie (704129) for more information.

## PARISH REGISTER

### **Funerals (with date of death)**

George Cowie (31.1.13)

Cecilia Smith (3.2.13)

Albert Duncan (5.2.13)

Hannah McKay (15.2.13)

### **Baptisms**

Orla Lief Simpson (24.2.13)

Finlay Donald Stuart (17.3.13)

## SERVICES IN APRIL

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.  
Sunday Club and Crèche.

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.  
Sunday Club and crèche.

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

12.10p.m. Mid-week service of  
approx 15 minutes.

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.  
Sunday Club and Crèche.  
6 p.m. Informal worship in the  
Memorial Chapel. **Holy  
Communion.**

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.  
Sunday Club and crèche.

## **Services in the Homes**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 11 a.m.  
in the Cowdray Club

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at 6 p.m.  
in Maryfield East

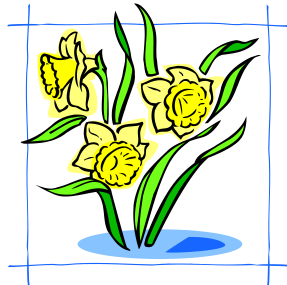
## **The Congregational Board**

meets on Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15 p.m.

**The Guild** meets for the AGM on  
Wednesday 3rd April

**The Monday Fellowship** has two  
meetings in April -

1<sup>st</sup> April - Music  
15<sup>th</sup> April - Closing Party



## Message for the Month

Isn't it wonderful to see the scaffolding gone around the spire of the Church? We can again see the glory of the spire, with the clock beautifully repainted and marvel at the glare of the gold cross at the very top. It was in September last year that the spire began to be shrouded in scaffolding and disappeared out of sight behind the tarpaulins, poles and boards. Now, amongst the snow and high winds of late March, the spire has returned looking refreshed and refurbished.

Ferryhill Parish Church (originally Ferryhill Free Church) had its opening service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1874 and cost what must have been a fortune (£5,500) to build. The Church and the spire could be seen when the houses in Polmuir Road, Sycamore Place, Brunswick Place and Murray Terrace were being built. For nearly one hundred and forty years, the Church and its soaring spire have been a focal point for the community. It has seen much change, from Ferryhill's development as Aberdeen's first suburb to the bustling place it is now. Even so, Ferryhill does still very much have its own 'village' community atmosphere. I have got know this as when I walk down the road from the Church to see someone or visit the school I am often stopped by people just to pass the time of day or to say 'hello'. Not something I am used to where I live in Aberdeen!

The spire can be seen from so many different places, not only in Ferryhill, but from far afield. My son and I often have a competition when we are driving towards the Church to see who can see it first! I believe that the Church should always be visible to everyone, of any faith or indeed none. The mission for Ferryhill Parish Church is to be in the centre and heart of the community. Now with the spire again unveiled and visible, we need to refuel ourselves to reach out and become visible to our own community with a renewed vigour.

Elsbeth McKay

*(I am indebted to David Haggart's book 'Showers of Blessings' for the historical information).*

**Active Schools** vouchers from Sainsbury's can be handed into church for Ferryhill School. There is a box in the atrium in which you can leave your vouchers.

Queen's Cross Parish Church are holding the annual **GIANT BOOK SALE** for **CHRISTIAN AID** on 11<sup>th</sup> and from 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013. They would be grateful for books on any subject, fiction and non-fiction, children's Books and Annuals, Maps and old Postcards, old Photographs, Scraps, Stamps and Ephemera, Sheet Music, Records, CDs, DVDs, Audio Books. They will also gratefully accept framed or unframed pictures and prints. Donations may be left (with a note of your name and Tel. No. if you wish) at the Church Office, Albyn Place, Tuesdays to Fridays 9am – 12 noon OR collection can be arranged by telephoning Elizabeth Ferguson (315949) or Bob Minett (310983). Do please also come to the Sale and buy.

### **Congratulations**

It was announced at the March meeting of Aberdeen Presbytery that the **Moderator Designate** for the coming year is to be one of our own Presbytery Elders, Gwen Haggart. This shows clearly the respect that Presbytery has for Gwen, and her friends here in Ferryhill congratulate her and wish her every blessing during her year of office.

It was noted last month after the **Maxi Parish News** had been delivered that copies had been returned. Could all Maxi Parish News Deliverers please confirm numbers required for your bundles? (Same/More/Less) to Agnes MacDonald Tel 571716 or [agnes.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:agnes.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk)

Would you like to be more active and get some fresh air while meeting people? Well, the Walk Aberdeen Programme may have the perfect activity for you. We are starting another series of our popular **Health Walks in Ferryhill** at 10.30am on Fridays at the Albury Sports Centre from 19th April. Health Walks are short, low level walks that are perfect for those who want a little bit of exercise and a good chance to be sociable and have a good blether, what's more, all of our walks are FREE. So if you fancy some gentle exercise amongst others, then come and join our walk leader, Fiona, and stay for a cup of tea and a blether at the centre afterwards. For more information call Stephen on 577738

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