

# Ferryhill Parish News

## May 2013

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### Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2013

#### BITE BACK AT HUNGER

#### Enough food for everyone IF...

Included with your Parish News is a **Christian Aid Envelope**. The focus this year is to help people move from surviving to thriving, with projects in Bolivia, Kenya and Zimbabwe and closer to home. If you would like to find out more about what Christian Aid does, please visit [www.christianaidscotland.org](http://www.christianaidscotland.org). If you wish to contribute to Christian Aid, please return the envelope with cash or cheque to the Church during Christian Aid week, 12-18<sup>TH</sup> May. You may hand it in any morning to the Coffee Shop or to the Church on Sunday. Our special Christian Aid Week service will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to give your details so that we can reclaim Gift Aid. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Christian Aid has joined with more than 100 other organisations to launch the **'ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE - IF'** campaign which was highlighted in the March edition of Parish News. Visit [Enoughfoodif.org](http://Enoughfoodif.org) to find out more. **IF.... Campaign** wristbands are available to buy at the Traidcraft stall for £1.00. All proceeds go to the campaign. Wear a band and show your support for the campaign.

An inspection of the **manse**, in preparation for the arrival of our new minister and family, revealed that not only is there wet rot, which will cost £28,000+ to repair, but a considerable amount of upgrading and renewal work will also have to be carried out. This will cost an additional £108,000. The **Property Committee** is working hard to get this done as soon as possible in the hope that Rev. Peter Johnston and his family can move to Aberdeen in the early summer, but as yet there is no firm date for completion. In the meantime, although we have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the wet rot, we will have to raise the money for the extra work. Next month's Parish News will contain an appeal to the congregation to contribute towards raising this amount. Hopefully you will respond as you are able. Thanks must be given to a number of members who have already contributed.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Funerals

Julian Dawson (8.3.13)

Mary Kilkerr (16.4.13)

Freda Walker (18.4.13)

## SERVICES IN MAY

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.  
*Beginning of  
Christian Aid Week.*  
Sunday Club and Crèche.

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### TUESDAY 21st

12.10 p.m. Service of prayer and  
reflection (lasts about 15 mins)

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost)

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

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
Sunday Club and Crèche.



## Services in the Care Homes

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** at 11 a.m.  
in the Cowdray Club  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at 6 p.m.  
in Maryfield East

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## The Co-ordinating Committee

meets on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 p.m.

## The Kirk Session

meets on  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 p.m.

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## Guild Meetings in May

12<sup>th</sup> May Guild Walk

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## Tomorrow's Christian A Framework for Christian Living Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The study series continues with  
session 5 – a Mission Person - on  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 6.30 to 8pm  
in the foyer. The evening starts with  
refreshments and you are welcome  
to come along, even if you haven't  
attended before, to reflect and share  
your thoughts about Christian life.

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**'It's very rewarding to know that Christians of different traditions are working together for one common aim during Christian Aid Week.' Christian Aid Week volunteer**

Christian Aid week this year runs from 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May. Christian Aid Week was first held in 1957 and is Britain and Ireland's longest-running fundraising week. This year, Christian Aid Week is highlighting the fact that tonight 1 in 8 people will go to bed hungry, but there is enough food for all to eat and have their fill if certain changes are made. In particular, we are told the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

Christian Aid works in partnership with communities and organisations in 48 countries, supporting innovative projects to help people transform their own lives from barely surviving to truly thriving. In drought-prone southern Zimbabwe, Christian Aid partner Dabane Trust worked with local communities to access the clean, naturally filtered water that is stored, hidden, beneath sand-bed rivers, ensuring people have a supply of clean water. Now they can water their gardens all year round, meaning they can grow a variety of vegetables to eat and to sell.

This Christian Aid Week, bite back at hunger and give a gift that will help people living in poverty out of poverty. I will say more about the projects and there will be an opportunity to give to Christian Aid at our service on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

This is my last 'Message' that I will be writing as Locum at Ferryhill. I will be leaving at the end of June to move to South Holburn Parish Church to be Probationer Assistant there. It doesn't seem as long ago as the Harvest Festival 2011 that I first was with you when I started my third and final formal placement on my journey towards ordination. Who would have thought that I would still be here some eighteen months later?

I have learned so much from my time at Ferryhill and it has been an immense privilege to have been your Locum since September. I feel that I have journeyed with you through the lows and the highs of life, through the uncertainties that a vacancy can bring to the wonderful news of a new ministry starting here in the Summer. Everyone has been so kind and I will take away wonderful and happy memories of my time with you all. I hope, though to be able to pop in to the Coffee Shop sometimes and partake of a bacon roll and a cafetière of coffee. After all, I will only be 'over the back fence'!

Fundraising news.....A **Books 'n' Bakes Sale** will be held in the Hall on **Saturday, 11th May** from **2 – 4 pm** with afternoon teas in the Foyer. Our popular home baked scones with Kathleen's special raspberry jam and fresh cream will be on the menu along with tea, coffee or juice. There will also be summer plants to buy as well as a raffle. Donations of books, bakes, plants and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted on the morning of the Sale. Entry will be £2.50 (school children £1.00). All are welcome with proceeds going to the Manse Appeal Fund.

A very special evening of **Midsummer Music** followed by cheese and wine is being planned for **Friday 21st June**, when Elspeth, our locum, will delight us with her skills as a talented musician. Elspeth hopes to be joined by a guest performer. This is one not-to-be-missed event! More details will be announced in next month's Parish News.

And don't forget the **Photo Shoot Fundraiser**, advertised in last month's Parish News, on 12<sup>th</sup> May. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for individuals or groups who wish to take advantage of this event to have professional photographs taken. Slots are limited, so please sign up as soon as possible. For more information contact Margaret Emslie Tel; 704129

Plans for this year's **Summer Club** are well on the way. The theme is "Ferryhill Festivals" and the Club will run every morning from 5th to 11th August 2013. Please look out for posters and flyers for more information. New helpers are always welcome. If you would like to help during the week or with the preparations, please contact Fiona on 590806 for more details.

The **Giant Book Sale** in aid of Christian Aid takes place from 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May (excluding Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May) in Queen's Cross Church. There is a huge selection of books to suit all tastes and ages – fiction and non-fiction in paperback and hardback. As well as books, there are collectors' items, postcards, stamps & ephemera along with records, CDs, DVDs, sheet music paintings and prints – all at very reasonable prices.