

REVIEW & OUTLOOK



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MINISTER'S LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear Friends,

My first words this month must be words of thanks. Thank you for your generosity in the cheque I was given and for the celebration that was arranged to mark the 30th Anniversary of my ordination on May 3rd 1981.

It was lovely to see so many people at church on Sunday May 8th, and all the different aspects which made the service so memorable. Warm thanks are due to the Service Planning Group and to the Session Clerk for organising it. It was a special pleasure once again to listen to the ministry of Rev Peter Neilson and his words were as always, stimulating, searching and challenging.

Anniversaries, whether the 30th Anniversary of my ordination or the 30th Anniversary of our wedding are very special. It was good also to mark our Church's anniversary with a special service focusing on the 400th anniversary of the completion of the King James Version (AV). Special days put ordinary days in perspective and looking back makes sense of the present, and inspires us to look forward to the future.

I was surprised to realise that over half of my ministry has been spent at Palmerston Place and if I have made any impact on you over the years, you certainly have left your mark on me! We have been richly blessed over the years with men and women of faith who have lived good lives, and served both in the church and in society. I have greatly valued the wisdom, support and encouragement of so many. My longing is that the next generation will be similarly supported and set free to make their impact on our church, city and beyond.

This month sees another anniversary that we all share. June 12th is Pentecost, sometimes called the birthday of the church. As the followers of Jesus waited and prayed, the Holy Spirit was given to them to unite them as Christ's followers, to lead them into the truth about Jesus, to send them out on mission and to transform them from the inside out to become more like Jesus. Still today the Spirit inspires, directs, equips, motivates and prepares the people of God to share in God's mission to the world.

The best way of marking that anniversary is simply by joining in.

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin', written in a cursive style.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JUNE

Wednesday	8	10:30am	Summer Coffee Morning in Annan House.
Thursday	9	7:30pm	Thursday House group at the home of Ron & Dorothy Steel
Sunday	12	11am 6:30pm	Pentecost (Sacrament of Baptism) Evening service
Monday	13	7:30pm	Kirk Session
Wednesday	15	7:30pm	Manse House Group
Thursday	16	7:30pm	Prayer meeting in Annan House
Saturday	18	7:30pm	Praise Gathering Concert Usher Hall
Sunday	19	11am 6:30pm	All Age Service Evening Service (Informal Communion)
Monday	20	6:30pm 7:30pm	Monday House Group in Annan House Property and Finance Team meeting
Sunday	26	11am 2-4:30pm 6:30pm	Morning Service Church Barbecue at Beecraigs Country Park, Linlithgow Last evening service until September

JULY

Sunday	3	11am	Morning service
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JULY/AUGUST R&O MATERIAL DEADLINE & SUMMER OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the submission deadline for July/August material is earlier than usual: **Sunday 12th June.**

This is due to Fiona (our secretary) being away from June 23rd until July 26th. During this time, the Church Office will be closed.

The Prayer Page

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Mighty God,
We remember this day, with awe and wonder,
The events of that day of Pentecost long ago
Which so transformed the lives of the apostles.

Move in us, we pray.

We remember how in the space of a few moments their experience was revolutionised—
Their expectations turned upside down, their attitudes changed forever;
One moment consumed by fear, the next radiating confidence;
One moment uncertain of the future, the next sure of their calling;
One moment wrestling with doubt, the next full of faith;
One moment hiding behind locked doors, the next preaching boldly to the crowds.

Move in us, we pray.

Almighty God,
You came through your Spirit and life was never the same again.
Come to us, breathing new fire into our hearts,
New energy into our lives, new life into our souls.
Transform our fear, anxiety and doubt, filling us with confidence and faith.

Move in us, we pray.

Open our minds to new horizons, new experiences and a new way of looking at life, And so may we live by the Spirit, bearing rich fruit to your glory.

**Move in us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



PALMERSTON PLACE NEWS

SUMMER COFFEE MORNING TO SUPPORT CHARITY IN MEMORY OF OLIVER GILL

Oliver was born on 10-7-10 to my nephew Andrew and his wife Jennifer. Sadly, within a few days we all learnt that he had been born with a rare, but very aggressive form of cancer of the soft tissue. Andrew and Jennifer coped extraordinarily well with organising their lives around time spent in the Sick Children's Hospital and the CLIC house (accommodation provided for the parents of children with cancer) in Edinburgh. They gained strength from, and inspired others with, their faith, shared with all through 'Oliver's blog' which they created on the social networking site Facebook. By mid-December the blog had 2000 members and when Oliver passed away on Christmas morning, the news was shared on the blog, bringing an instant response of prayers and support from around the world. Andrew and Jennifer are setting up a charitable trust 'Love Oliver' (www.loveoliver.org.uk) which is raising money to fund research into childhood cancer and to provide practical help to families of children with cancer. So far over £28,000 has been raised from sponsored runs, walks, coffee mornings, concerts etc. The family are very grateful for all the prayers, love and support which have been shown to them over the last 10 months and very much appreciate Love Oliver being named as the charity to benefit from the coffee morning on 13 July.

Margaret Gill



PLEA FOR HELP WITH FLOWERS



We have a very loyal and dedicated group of ladies who help to arrange the flowers each week for the Sunday service and who also help with the flower display at Easter. At present, the ladies are asked to arrange the flowers about every 12 weeks but we would be delighted to have a few more volunteers on the rota. You do not need to be an expert in the art of flower arranging as a simple vase arrangement can be very effective. Please consider giving a little time on the Friday or Saturday to buying and arranging the flowers for the Sunday Service. Expenses for flowers are reimbursed.

We are also looking for more volunteers to help with distributing the flowers at the end of the morning service. Help is required to dismantle the arrangement, and make up into 4 bouquets. The two volunteers are responsible for delivery to the church members who have been selected by Colin. This may involve visiting the member in their home. The more people we have to help, the less often your name will come up on the rota!

I will be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer to help or anyone with queries about the Sunday Flowers. Please contact me on linda.cunningham507@o2.co.uk

Linda Cunningham

CHRISTIAN AID SALES TOTALS During Christian Aid Week, the St. Andrews and St George's sale raised £113,000 and the sale at Holy Corner Raised £10,000!

BABIES AND TODDLERS

On any given Monday morning during term time, the Carlow Room is transformed into a meeting place for Mums, Grans, nannies, babies and toddlers – and Dads too. From 10-11:15 we have free play, conversation and refreshments. Then, following 'tidy up time,' we have a sing-song, often with Molly at the piano. We finish at 11:30, although it always takes a while for everyone to leave!

Our aim is to provide an unconditional welcome in a safe place, in a Christian environment. Over the years, it has been lovely to get to know the families and to see and hear them making friendships and arrangements together. These have often proved very important in some difficult and sad situations.

We want everyone to feel part of our extended church family and all are invited to church events-services, barbecue and the Christmas party. At Christmas and Easter we have input from the minister, as a reminder of the church and faith which is the "raison d'être" of the group.

I would like to thank all our helpers from the church who offer practical help, a listening ear and a friendly presence. The P.P.T.G has been going now for over 10 years and is still going strong.

When I first stood up in church and talked of starting Toddler Group and asking for volunteers to help, the first offer came from one of our oldest members, in her nineties. 'I can't do much', she said, 'but I can give, bake and pray!' Until her dying day she did all three. All of us can be and feel involved, whatever our age or situation, in all our church activities.

Ruth Sinclair



A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mummy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



WHAT'S ON?

SUMMER COFFEE MORNINGS REMINDER

Our summer coffee mornings are under way! This is a great opportunity to meet friends for a chat on the second Wednesday of the summer months at 10:30 am in Annan House. Each month we will raise money for a Charity with the help of a Bring and Buy stall:



Wednesday 8th June
Wednesday 13th July
Wednesday 10th August
Wednesday 14th September

Care Van
Oliver Gill Trust
Phoebe Anna Traquair Trust
Guide Dogs

Mary Bennett

OUR CHURCH BARBECUE

Tickets priced at £5 are now on sale for the BBQ on 26th June. Children under 12 go free. Please stop at the board in the vestibule on a Sunday morning to -

- ◆ order/buy tickets
- ◆ collect a map showing how to get there
- ◆ offer or request transport
- ◆ offer to prepare salad or fry onions
- ◆ offer to cook or serve on the day.

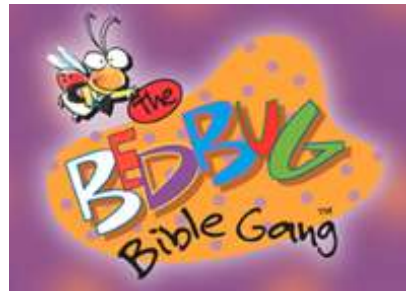
If you have not been before then come and find out more!



Norma Rolls

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR OUR CHILDREN

During July and August we try to give our regular leaders a break but we have planned a programme for the children to enjoy. We invite them to come and meet "The Bed Bug Bible Gang". Each week there will be a short DVD along with games and activities during the second part of the morning service. The target group would be age 2 + up to 8 but our Senior Horizon members are very welcome to come along and help. It would be super to have some help from parents or other volunteers too, so please speak to me if you are able to help for a Sunday or two.



Norma Rolls

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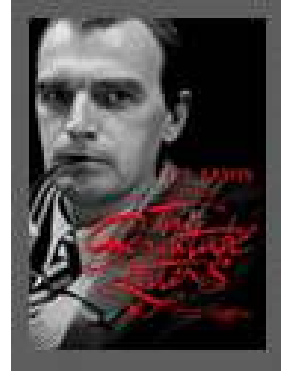


SALTMINE THEATRE COMPANY

"Screwtape Letters" August 22nd—27th

Tickets £10 (£9 concessions)

We are very much looking forward to a return visit of the Saltmine Theatre Company who are coming to be part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They will be performing their award winning satirical comedy "Screwtape Letters" based on C S Lewis' classic book in which a senior devil, Screwtape, instructs his junior apprentices in the fine art of temptation. With David Robinson's "impressive Screwtape" and Nigel Forde's "sparkling script" (The Stage) this adaptation remains faithful to the original text, exploring the characters and themes created by Lewis, including perhaps the most serious subject of all, damnation.



Once again we will need the help of the congregation to provide accommodation for some of the performers and their technician from Sunday 21st until Saturday 27th. We also need, as last year, those who will act as stewards at the door and help with catering at the interval and after the show. Ron Steel will brief stewards and each steward this year will wear a badge to identify them to the public.

If you would be willing to help could you please sign up on the sheets pinned up in the Vestibule or contact Ron or Colin. There will be eight performances as detailed below, each show lasting about 2 hours 10 minutes with a 15 minute interval.

Mon 22nd	Tues 23rd	Wed 24th	Thurs 25th	Fri 26th	Sat 27th
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19.15	19.15	19.15	19.15	19.15	-

Colin Sinclair

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless.
I pray because the need flows out of me all the time- waking and
sleeping. It doesn't change God- it changes me."

C.S. Lewis



BOOK REVIEW

God on Mute by Pete Greig (Regal Books)

Founder of a 24-7 Prayer Ministry and theology graduate, Pete Greig, faces up to some of the difficult questions we have when it seems like God is silent and our prayers are not being heard or answered in his book 'God on Mute—Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer'.

Just months after the birth of his second son, his wife was diagnosed with a brain tumour "the size of an orange." The 24/7 prayer community began to pray for her, and the tumour was successfully removed. A deadened vein linked to her sight miraculously began to pump again. But, in the aftermath of the brain tumour, Samie Greig experienced severe seizures. She was racked with pain and exhaustion, and never knew when she went to bed at home if she'd be having breakfast in the hospital. She could no longer drive or do many of the activities she did independently before. Their prayers for healing had not materialized, and it looked as if she would deal with the seizures and side-effects of medication for the rest of her life.

"Their prayers for healing had not materialized..."

Throughout the book, author Greig offers some possible reasons for unanswered prayer including having selfish motives, praying against the laws of nature, and the fact that our own fallible free will is often at work. He describes how he drew strength from men and women of God from a bygone age. People like Hudson Taylor who, after retuning from his missionary endeavours in China in a state of complete mental and physical exhaustion, said "*I cannot read, I cannot think, I cannot even pray, but I can trust.*" Each chapter of the book ends with an appropriate prayer through which the reader is drawn to seek and understand God's ways more deeply.

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This book prompts us to face our most uncomfortable, unthinkable questions about God. Why does God allow terrible things to happen to his beloved children? Why does he allow us to suffer, and most importantly, why is he sometimes silent when we feel that we need him the most?

Pete doesn't provide easy, flippant answers, because to do so would be to degrade the depth of the suffering and pain that many people experience. With almost shocking honesty, he gives these topics both the time and the airspace that they deserve.

The book is framed by the Easter story. It examines Jesus' awful experiences in Gethsemane (Oh God, please take this cup away from me...) and on the cross (My God, why have you forsaken me...), and the deafening silence that followed his death on Easter Saturday. The biblical precedent for our experiences of suffering and silence couldn't be more complete.

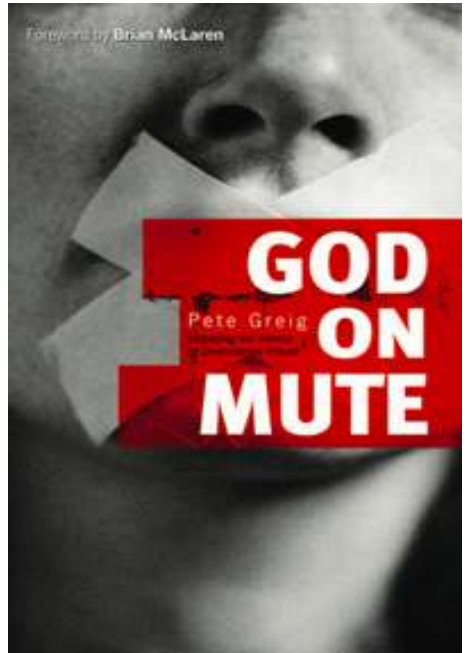
Pete also demonstrates that, as we wait for our own Easter Sundays, we have an opportunity to grow into a deeper relationship with God. If we engage God's silence by facing our fears honestly and by asking, pleading, crying our difficult questions out to Him, the silence doesn't have to be terrifying and destructive; it can actually be an opportunity to enter into a more precious, intimate relationship with Him.

In a recent interview (www.24-7prayer.com/pages/godonmute), Pete said, *"I am already receiving emails to tell me that God on Mute has made people laugh and it has made them cry."* He adds, *"I'd like God on Mute to contribute to the shaping of a culture of greater honesty in the church, whereby we can publicly echo the laments of the psalms, the despair of men like Job and even the doubts of the first disciples, without condemnation."*

My wife Caroline and I read this book in a matter of days. As a Christian leader Greig is very real and open about the issues he is struggling with, giving this book a refreshing edge.

Mark Lowey

Mark is currently the Probationer at PPC.



Fraser Edwards, an elder at PPC, recently took on the role of Bethany Care Van Coordinator alongside Martin Ashing. Fraser lets us in on his experience in this role so far, and tells us about Bethany's particular needs.

BETHANY CARE VAN UPDATE



Since taking over responsibility for our Care Van team I have become even more aware of the amount of work David Boyd has quietly been doing for many years and, again, I think we should record our thanks to him for his work.

Martin Ashing & I are now sharing the duties for our team who go out once a month to distribute tea, coffee, soup & rolls to homeless people in the city centre. I have been organising the paperwork in terms of volunteer information, our liaison with Bethany and the team rota, while Martin is preparing the food and meeting the team before they go out.

Recently I had an email from Bethany asking me for details of any volunteers on our team who had served for more than 10 years. It was with amazement that I managed to find 12 of our current volunteers on a rota sheet from 10 years ago. Well done to them all!

Here are two ways that you can help:

1. Donations of blankets and clothes – particularly jumpers, tops & coats. One of the other most common requests is for thick socks & boxer shorts so donations of these would be welcome. Perhaps you could add a pack to your shopping next time you are at the supermarket. When I gave one service user a pair of socks last month he told me he had been wearing the previous pair for the past two weeks. It's a small gift that can make a big difference.

2. Financial donations to put towards the rolls and drinks we need. Each night out on the van costs around £25 in terms of rolls, tea, coffee, soup, milk & sugar.

If you want any more information about the Care Van or want to get involved please speak to Martin or myself. Donations of clothes or food can be left in the Lothian Room. Many thanks.

Fraser Edwards





NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

In the Christian calendar, Sunday 12 June is the date this year when we mark Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit to believers. It is also Finley Black's baptism! In my absence, David Turner will be playing the organ for the morning service, and my predecessor David Hare in the evening

Sunday 19 June is known as Trinity Sunday. A hymn often sung on that occasion is *I bind unto myself today*, sung to the Irish tune *St Patrick's Breastplate*. The postlude that morning will be *I bind unto myself today*, the final movement from Charles Villiers Stanford's 'Celtica' Organ Sonata, based also on the tune *St Patrick's Breastplate*. With the exception of Elgar's lovely *Chanson de nuit*, the evening postlude, all the other voluntaries this Sunday are based on Trinitarian hymns or themes.

The following Sunday is the date of our church barbecue. To match the spirit of the occasion, the postlude will be the *Spade and Bucket Polka* from Percy Whitlock's *Holiday Suite* – I hope we have the weather to match! Whitlock (1903 – 1946) spent most of his life in Bournemouth as organist of the Anglo-Catholic St Stephen's Church and the town Pavilion! A great miniaturist, his music often reflects this duality of purpose, switching in a few bars from Delius-like harmony and *religioso* dignity, to a musical depiction of deck chairs and Southern Railway sunshine. In similar lighter and summer mood, the evening postlude will be the charming and flighty *Will o' the wisp*, by early twentieth-century American composer Gordon Balch Nevin.

As the session draws to the close, it remains for me to express my warm thanks to all the members of the choir and praise band for their commitment and hard work which makes so much possible.

Andrew Caskie

ORGAN 20th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

The fine Wells-Kennedy Partnership organ in the church was inaugurated in March 1992 by the American organist Carlo Curley. It has given sterling service since! To mark the 20th anniversary of its installation, a gala concert has been arranged for **Tuesday 31 January 2012** at 7.30pm. International concert organist Thomas Trotter, one of the world's great organists, will give a virtuoso recital. This will be an unforgettable evening – please put in your diaries now! More details nearer the time.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There has been considerable coverage of this year's General Assembly and we will need to reflect on some of this week's events. However, we should not ignore an event which missed the media, but which was enjoyed by all those present, **"Roll away the Stone"**

On Assembly Sunday, after a few short showers, over 5,000 people enjoyed a unique experience in Princes Street Gardens, Instead of the Annual Garden Party at Holyrood Palace we had "a party in the Gardens". The Head steward was one of our members, Susan Kidston, who did an excellent job together with some of our congregation. From 3 venues in St Cuthbert's, to the Ross Fountain and the Ross Bandstand the Church took over the gardens and provided a range of events. Many casual passers-by got sucked into the events and stayed for the rest of the day. Connecting the venues was "the Avenue" with a range of tented stalls and exhibits highlighting aspects of the church's life.

There was music from such as the Scotland African Massed Choir, a Gaelic Choir, a Children's choir and Fischy Music. There were interviews, drama, puppets, comedy and messy church. It was lovely to meet people from all over Scotland and there was a spirit of celebration, inspiration and discovery. The whole afternoon came to a climax with a united act of worship at the Ross Bandstand which began with a Pipe Band and was closed by the Moderator of the General Assembly. At the Assembly there was a longing that this event may be repeated in future years and, if it is, I hope more of our members might put it in their diaries. It is certainly worth attending and was much appreciated by those who were there.

THE DEBATE

For many the focus of the Assembly was the contentious debate on "Same Sex relationships and the ministry". I sat through the whole debate, but, since I was not a Commissioner, I was not able to speak or vote.

Whatever views one holds on the outcome, there was much that was good about the day. The Report by the Special Commission chaired by Lord Patrick Hodge was well received by all sides. One of our members, Ruth Innes, was part of that Commission and her contribution was appreciated by the other members. The Report was fair & thorough, showing the areas we could all unite on, and spelling out clearly the difference between what has come to be known as the Traditional and the Revisionist positions. The Report made clear that our Church was deeply divided on this matter and that situation is likely to remain. It had taken time to listen to the views of Sessions and Presbyteries as well as meeting, in confidence, Christian people who are homosexual. The question at issue is both what direction the church will take and how we can, if we can, live with our differences. Lord Hodge handled the whole debate with great clarity and impartiality and his contributions were much appreciated by those on all sides.

The Moderator, also, gave an excellent lead and all present agreed the process was completely fair and a flat playing field was provided for all.

During the debate which started at 11am and finished after 6pm (with a break for lunch) every speaker tried to speak as graciously as possible while making clear their deeply held views. The Assembly were given the opportunity of uniting round a compromise motion, but decided that more clarity was needed, conscious that with clarity would come hurt to many people. When the final vote was taken, at the request of the Moderator, it was received in silence so there would be no unseemly triumphalism. The final vote was 354 in favour of the revisionists and 294 in favour of the traditionalists.

I am conscious that within our church there have been three reactions at least. Some were happy with the decision of the Assembly, reflecting their own point of view. A number will be quite unmoved by the whole debate, feeling that there are better or more important things to be discussed. The third group, representing the traditional position, have clearly been very hurt by the outcome of the Assembly debate and are wondering where that leaves them in the Church of Scotland.

We need to remember that the decision on Monday is not the final statement on the matter. The moratorium on admitting practising homosexual clergy continues for another two years. During that time a Theological Commission will continue the work of the Special Commission and report back to the General Assembly of 2013. The Commission, while representative of all sides of the church will be working, however, on an agenda that reflects the final vote. My understanding is that if the Assembly of 2013 confirms the decision made on Monday then, under the Barrier Act, it would be sent down to Presbyteries for discussion and approval. If a majority of Presbyteries supported that decision it would come back to the General Assembly of 2014 when a final vote would be taken. However at any of these three stages either the General Assembly or a majority of Presbyteries could overturn the decision made on Monday and revert to the status quo.

I have tried during the last two years to recognise the fact that within our congregation are a variety of views held sincerely by people whom I respect and value. It will come as no surprise, I suspect, that I stand behind the traditional position on this matter. For while I understand the impulse behind the revisionists who seek to respond to our changing culture and feel the pain of those who are same sex by orientation, I am not personally persuaded that scripture allows us to travel on that road.

Our church has always held together people who hold different points of view on a whole variety of issues. My prayer is that whatever some may be inclined to do, that we stop and take time to reflect, to listen and also to read the report which can be downloaded from the Church of Scotland website.

Statement from Right Reverend David Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on the Special Commission into Same Sex Relationships and the Ministry

As you will be aware by now the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland today (Monday, 23 May 2011) voted to establish a theological commission that will further explore issues around same sex relationships of the ministry of the Church.

The General Assembly held a full and open debate on this issue and I want to thank all commissioners for the courteous and compassionate way in which this was carried out. I am conscious that this has been a matter of contention for some time and many people on all sides hold their beliefs very firmly.

It is, of course, too early to say what the impact of today's decision will be but we as the National Church will continue to provide guidance and spiritual leadership for the people of Scotland.

Yesterday I had the privilege and pleasure of attending an event called Roll Away the Stone in Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh. This was a wonderful and happy occasion attended by thousands of people who celebrated and worshipped together in glorious sunshine. That is the true face of the Church of Scotland.

I want to clarify what happened today as best I can. The Church has agreed to embark on a path that will allow us in two years' time to consider lifting the moratorium on acceptance for training and ordination of people in a same sex relationship. This direction is one that explores inclusion, but the new theological commission will report in two years time on that matter and no decisions have yet been made.

We very much hope that people who disagree with what has been decided will nevertheless remain in the Church and work with us as we seek to find a way forward.

Indeed I have had many expressions from commissioners today that they are willing to work for the greater good of the Church.

The existing moratorium on the ordination of ministers in same sex relationships is continued until 2013 so nothing will happen immediately. Importantly, the dialogue will continue.

I am aware that many people will be hurting today and the Church of Scotland has a pastoral duty to look after all our people and show them our love and compassion. Today has been a challenging day for the Church of Scotland but our history shows that we are able to take on board many challenges and continue to be a clear voice in 21st century Scotland.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH

*"bringing Christian worship, fellowship
and service back to the heart of everyday life"*

11.00 am Morning Worship
6.30 pm Evening Service

Crèche is available every Sunday morning.
Beginners, Seekers, ESMS Boarders and Senior Horizon
normally meet during the Morning Service.

INFORMAL COMMUNION

Sunday 19 June at 6:30 pm

HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a **Family Communion Service** on Sunday 11 September
where the elements will be served around the table.

KIRK SESSION

Next meeting will be held on Monday 13 June at 7:30 pm.

Meetings of Kirk Session are held in public.
You are welcome to come along.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE TEAM

Next meetings will be held on Monday 20 June at 7:30 pm.

THE REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

All material for the **July/August** issue
should be in the hands of the Secretary
by **Sunday 12 June.***

***PLEASE NOTE EARLIER R&O DEADLINE THIS MONTH**

Rev Colin Sinclair asks those who read the *Review and Outlook* to please inform him and his team about ways in which they can help, such as requests for hospital and other visits, and also about changes of address. The card in cover of the congregational hymnbook can be used for this and for the use of those visiting the congregation. You may wish to draw visitors' attention to it.