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ST MICHAEL'S TOWER

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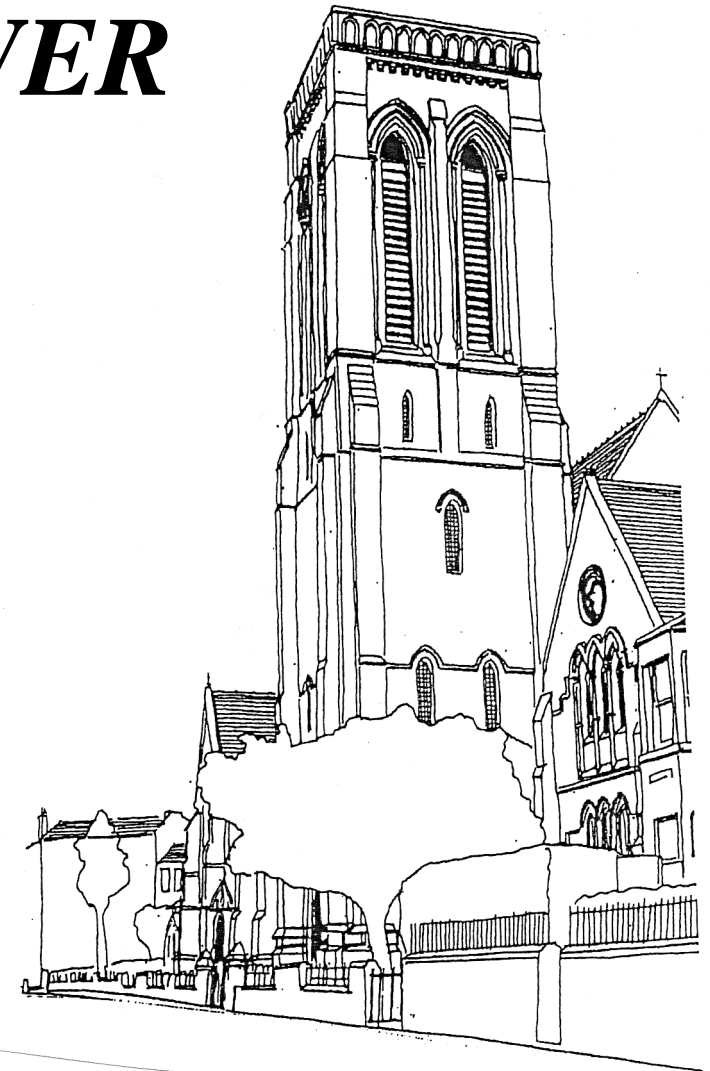
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October 2008

Recommended Donation 30p

ST. MICHAEL'S
at SIX

*Sunday Recitals
from 6 to 7 pm at
St. Michael's
Parish Church, 1
Slateford Road,
Edinburgh*

POLWARTH BRASS

music from television and film

Abba goes Brass (Andersson/Ulvaeus)

** Beatles for Four (Lennon/McCartney)*

Death or Glory (R. B. Hall)

*James Bond theme (Norman/Barry) * Last of the Summer Wine
(Hazelhurst)*

*Moon River (Mancini) * Nice Work if you can get it (Gershwin)*

Concerto in B flat Major (opus 4. no. 6). G. F. Handel

Andante Allegro - Larghetto - Allegro Moderato

STUART MONTGOMERY at the St. Michael's Organ

*She moved through the Fair (Irish trad) **

Shenandoah (American trad)

*Someone to watch over me (Gershwin) **

Stars and Stripes Forever (Sousa)

*The Policeman's Lot (Gilbert/Sullivan) **

Those Magnificent Men (Goodwin)

David Richardson, Stewart Cunningham & Jamie McCubbin

(cornets)

*Tom Brown (horn) * William Baillie (euphonium)*

*Gordon Burns (bass trombone) * Lucy Green (bass)*

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER: 6pm

admission £7.00 (under 15's free)

ST. MICHAEL'S -
125 YEARS OF WORSHIP
AND SERVICE

On Sunday November 30th at
11:00 St. Michael's marks its
125th anniversary with a
service of worship followed by
a lunch.

Put this date in your diary and
come along to celebrate 125
years of people worshipping
God and serving the community.

Dear Friends,

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
(Hebrews 13:8)

As I'm writing this the financial markets around the world are still being blown about by the winds of instability. This makes everyone feel insecure as we worry about jobs, savings and the future. The winter is coming and we hear of rising prices and increased costs. We hope that the economy will soon return to a more stable place where we can look forward to the future and be able to plan ahead with confidence.

God promises stability and steadfastness in times of trouble and I was reflecting on that promise recently at a meeting of local community groups and voluntary associations. Our neighbourhood relies a lot on these organisations that provide services like education, entertainment, support and health care that aren't provided directly by the Government or the Council. Unfortunately with rising costs and cuts in Council funding many of these organisations face tough times and are threatened with closure. Nevertheless, one institution has been around since the neighbourhood along Slateford Road was first developed. It is still going strong, still providing a service to the local community and still offering transient and fragmented lives a place of meaning, stability and structure. In November St. Michael's celebrates its 125th anniversary. Over that time it has seen many threats to the community and seen many other organisations come and go. However, the parish church is one institution that can be relied upon to help sustain communities through tough times and celebrate with communities in good times. On Sunday November the 30th we will be celebrating St. Michael's anniversary with a special service followed by a lunch. Please put that date in your diary and come along.

With the Restoration campaign behind us and now that our building is fit for purpose for another 125 years the Kirk Session and Congregational Board have responded to Presbytery's encouragement that we run a Stewardship Campaign in 2009. This will be an

opportunity to further ensure that St. Michael's has a future and is able to continue to provide a service to the community and offer worship in the neighbourhood. Having heard a little about what a Stewardship Campaign entails I'm convinced that although it will be a lot of work, it will also be a lot of fun for those involved. Over the coming year as we celebrate where we have been I'm looking forward to celebrating a St. Michael's revitalised for a future of worship and service.

His name shall endure forever;
His name shall continue as long as the sun.
And people shall be blessed in Him;
All nations shall call Him blessed.
(Psalm 72:17-18)

Notes from the Kirk Session

The Kirk Session met on the 3rd September.

The Session discussed the up coming **125th anniversary of St. Michael's** noting that there would be a service to mark the anniversary on the 30th November with a lunch afterwards. The Christmas Party on the 29th December would be a celebration of the anniversary and the book about the history of St. Michael's produced by the Archives Group will be available in time for the anniversary.

Blast Off! reported that the format for the coming year for the older group would include a monthly discussion group on current affairs on the last Sunday of the month. Also the second Sunday of the month the service would be more accessible for teenagers so that they might feel more comfortable staying throughout the service.

The **Care Team** reported that there would be a bereavement service in March 2009 for those who have been bereaved over the past few years.

The Moderator reported that Gillian Paterson from the department of Stewardship and Finance would be making a presentation to the Congregational Board on the 17th September about running a **Stewardship Campaign**.

The Moderator reported on the possibility that the Parish Grouping churches might be able to take over the running of the **New Dalry Toy Library, which was due to close during September**. The Session approved of the idea in principal, but wanted to know more about running costs and practicalities before committing itself to the venture.

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Have a heart that never hardens,
and a temper that never tires,
and a touch that never hurts.
Charles Dickens

LIFE & WORK OCTOBER ISSUE

The God Slot

Frank Gerstenberg and Ewan Aitken discuss the importance of religious observance in Scotland's schools..

A Duty to Die?

Profile of Baroness Mary Warnock, in which the chair of the government's human fertilisation and embryology committee reveals some provocative opinions on such hot potatoes as euthanasia, mercy killing and cloning.

A Common Humanity

Ian Galloway reflects on an inter-faith pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Serpents and Doves

Laurence Whitley begins a new series on how the Christian should deal with unpleasantness.

Shoebox Time

How Blythswood Care's appeal brings Christmas joy to children in poorer parts of the world.

Congregational What?

New columnists Ruth Harvey and Pauline Steenbergen, congregational facilitators in Annandale and Eskdale, introduce themselves and explain what they do.

The Reformed Publican

Jock Stein on some of the lesser-known details of the life of John Calvin.

Value Added Church

Bryan Kerr challenges churches to add 'something extra' to their communities.

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On Sunday mornings please avoid parking immediately in front of the church doors so that these spaces can be kept free as a drop-off point for those who require lifts and assistance to come to church.

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FLOWER CALENDAR for OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

These are the vacant dates; if anyone would like to donate flowers, please see Heather.

12th and 26th October, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November

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AHOY ALL WOOL WORKERS

I hope that you are all looking out these odd balls of baby wool for us. I know of two people knitting cardigans; I hope there might be more.

If you have any small buttons suitable for babies' cardigans, these would be gratefully received.

ARCHIVES GROUP

We are still trying to tie up loose ends with the printer of the history of St Michael's. Hopefully the end is in sight.

QUIZZES

By the time you read this, the October Quiz will be on sale. We met our target again and have had a lot of replies – the winner to be announced next month.

COFFEE MORNING

The new style Coffee Morning went well. If you would like to take part in the running of one, please let the Events Group know.

Irene Herd

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Pantomime – ALADDIN - Kings Theatre

Wednesday January 7 2009 Tickets £12

This year our block-booking of 40 seats is in the stalls. Anyone wishing a ticket please let me know (with payment) by Sunday October 26th, as they have to be collected and paid for by the 28th.

Heather Fallon

Music at St. Michael's

for Sunday services

played by Stuart Montgomery

organ and piano

OCTOBER 2008

music by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER

Prelude and Fugue in B minor (BWV544)

Offering: Bist du bei Mir (arranged for organ by J. Preston)

Short Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major ((BWV560)

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER

Toccat and Fugue in D minor

Offering: Chorale Prelude on Liebster Jesu, wir sind Hier (BWV731)

Prelude in G Major

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER

Adagio, from Toccata and Fugue in C Major (BWV564)

Aria in D Major (from orchestral suite in D)

Siciliano (arranged from the second sonata for flute and harpshichord)

Offering: Chorale Prelude on Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (arranged by

Myra Hess)

Fantasia in G minor

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER

Short Prelude and Fugue in C Major (BWV553)
Chorale Prelude on Allein Gott 'Durch Adams Fall ist ganz Verderbt'
Canzona in D minor
Offering: March in D, Prelude in F & Gavotte in G (for piano)Prelude
in G Major (from Prelude & Fugue in G)

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH

EVENTS IN OCTOBER - ALL WELCOME

Saturday 4th October 10:30a.m. – 12:30
COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 12th October After morning worship
Second Sunday Soup

Sunday 12th October 7:00 p.m.
FILM CLUB

'The Assassination of Richard Nixon' (Cert: 15)

Sunday 19th October 6:00p.m.
ST. MICHAEL'S AT SIX - POLWARTH BRASS
*Music from television and the shows with special
guest Stuart Montgomery at the organ!
admission £7. 00 (under 15's free)*

Sunday 26th October - 7:00p.m.
SCIENCE & FAITH
'Climate Change before the Change' by Dr. Clare Peters

*Dr. Peters is a Research Fellow in the School of Geography
and Geosciences at the University of St. Andrew's.*

ST MICHAEL'S FILM CLUB



SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

'The Assassination of Richard
Nixon'

Cert: 15

A chilling drama that explores and exposes the dark side of the American Dream, THE ASSASSINATION OF RICHARD NIXON focuses on the prescient and tragic true story of Sam Bicke (Sean Penn), a disillusioned "everyman" who, in 1974, was driven to plot the assassination of the 37th President of the United States.

“...Penn is the foremost American actor of his day, the man who sets the standards by taking the boldest risks for the best reasons.”

(The Guardian)

Come along to watch and discuss the issues in the story.

At 7pm in the Church Hall. Entrance
free
(Donation to cover cost of refreshments)

SHOE BOX APPEAL

St. Michael's would, again this year, like to take part in 'Operation Christmas Child's' Shoebox Appeal.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world, through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's Love. This programme provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ. Your shoebox will help a child feel valued, and let them know that you care about them. Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoebox is a fun and rewarding activity- especially when it may be the only gift received.

This year, with your help we are hoping to send boxes to even more children in need.

The leaflet inside this 'Tower' provides all the information on how to fill and label your boxes. The boxes can then be left on the table at the back of the church on any of the four Sundays in October

Last year we sent 70 boxes off at the beginning of November and they were

distributed to children in Eastern Europe by Christmas!

It would be great to beat that number this year. Perhaps we could all encourage family, friends and colleagues to fill a box too. There are lots of spare leaflets at the back of the church so help yourselves and take as many as you need.

Again this year there has also been a special request for **knitted glove puppets**. (Playing with a glove puppet has been found to be therapeutic for a child suffering from trauma or isolation). So if you have scraps of wool at home and are a knitting fan, your time and talents would be hugely appreciated. I have left a number of patterns at the back of the church. The clowns were very popular last year.

If you need any further info please contact anyone on the Outreach Group. Thanks again for taking the time to participate in this worthwhile campaign.

Judith Merten

The 10 best things to say if caught sleeping on the job

10 “They told me at the blood bank that this might happen.”

9. “I was taking a 15-minute power-nap like they recommended in that time-management course you sent me on.”

8. “Whew! Guess I left the top off the Tipp-ex. You probably got here just in time!”

7. “I wasn’t sleeping! I was meditating on our mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm.”

6. “I was just testing my keyboard for drool resistance.”

5. “I was doing a yoga- related exercise to reduce work-related stress. You don’t discriminate against people who practise yoga do you?”

4. “Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our greatest problem.”

3. “The coffee machine is broken.”

2. “Someone must have put decaf in the wrong pot.”

And the No. 1 best thing to say if you’re caught sleeping at your desk:

“...in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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A Prayer for the Day

Lord, bless me now
as I go out into your world. Let me feel your love, experience
your forgiveness and sense your power within me. Give me
your understanding so that I can understand others. Shower
upon me your hope, your peace, your joy.

