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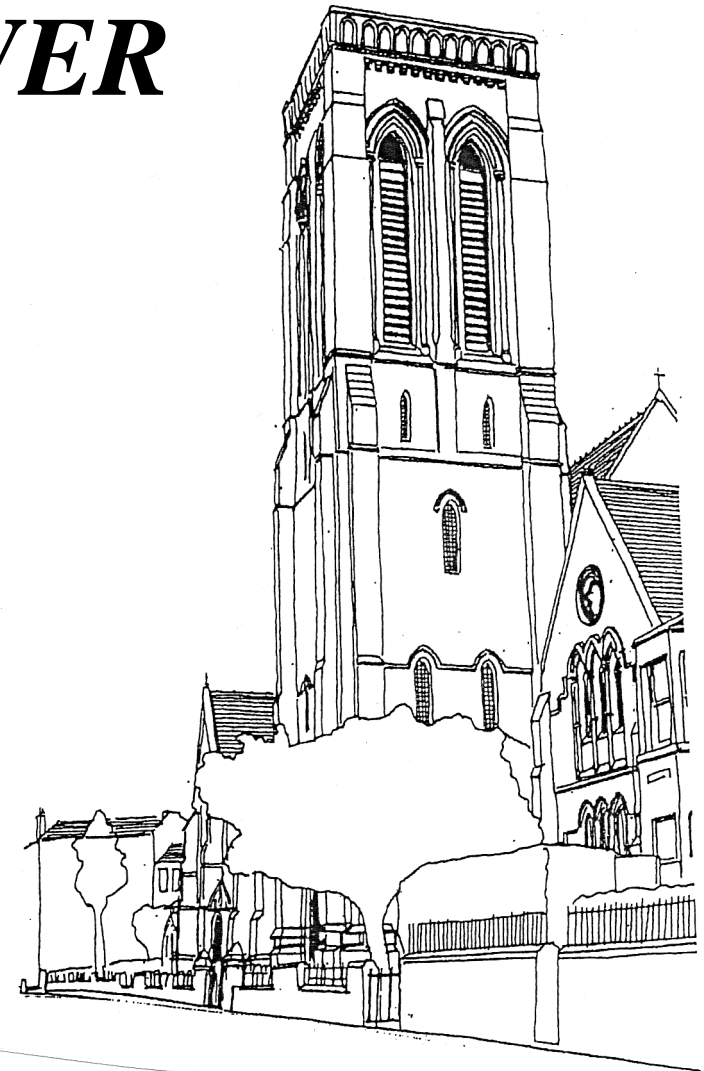
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# *ST MICHAEL'S TOWER*



*September 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*

2008 SEASON

**21<sup>st</sup> September:** Recital for Cello & Piano  
*Anna Frolova & Gillian Gibson play Chopin &  
Glazunov*

**19<sup>th</sup> October:** Polwarth Brass  
*Music from television and the shows with special  
guest Stuart Montgomery at the organ!*

**23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Recital for Violin & Piano  
*Julia Lungu & Patrick Brennan play Brahms and  
Prokofiev*

**14<sup>th</sup> December:** The Doune Wind Ensemble  
*A seasonal programme including Mozart's Quintet in E flat  
for piano, oboe, clarinet, horn & bassoon (Stuart  
Montgomery piano)*

Sundays at 6pm

admission £7.00 (under 15's free)

Dear friends,

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark. (Gen 7:11-13)

There must have been times this summer when you have felt that an ark would be something very helpful! At the beginning of August we had our whole month's rain in two days, but even now as I write this at the end of August it is still raining. I hope that whatever you have been doing this summer the rain hasn't spoiled it too much. The story in Genesis and all our recent rain remind us how unpredictable the climate can be. Noah's story also reminds us why it is important to be prepared for changes in the weather. Sarah and I were on holiday on Barra this year, and although we had mostly good weather it is always wise to make provision for every eventuality when holidaying in Scotland.

Although our soggy August may have little to do with global warming, nevertheless unpredictable weather may well be something that we have to become more and more used to as the climate around the world continues to warm leading to unexpected changes everywhere. Preparing for that climate change is important, and so is thinking about how we might each do something to lessen its effects.

Over the summer our services focused on themes, one of which was about energy and transport and how they both affect the climate. We were reminded how important it is plan ahead and to conserve so that we can

travel as efficiently as possible and so that we can use less energy in our homes than we have become used to.

Climate change will continue to be a theme and will be one of the subjects that will be addressed in St. Michael's Autumn Talks (see the advert elsewhere in the Tower). Now that we are back into the swing of things after the summer there is much going on in and around the church. I hope you'll have the opportunity to enjoy as many of them as you can. The Talks are a new idea, but the Film Club, last year's good idea, is still going strong and the first film of the season, Juno, will be shown on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Last year I felt that St. Michael's was a hive of activity; new initiatives, new members and lots of energy characterised our Church. I hope this year will be just as energetic as we continue to grow and develop as a congregation committed to loving God and other people. Together let's make St. Michael's a place of meaning for the community and an ark of sanctuary from life's storms.

James

### **NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

At the Sunday morning service on the 22nd June St. Michael's welcomed six new members to the congregation.

Ms Susan Corbett of 1/7 Morham Gait, Edinburgh, Mr Keith Heaney of A/1 Silvermills Court, Bonnington Road, Mr & Mrs Andrew and Jennifer Middlecote of Murieston Crescent and Mr Andrew Tait of New Mart Square all joined by Profession of Faith,

We also welcome Mr. Julian Francey of Mountcastle Loan and Miss A Mundie of Moat Street who have joined us by certificate.

### **Death.**

Mrs Helen Jackson, a much-loved St Michael's, died on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008. Our thoughts and prayers go to Helen, George and family.

### **Wedding**

On July 4 2008 Rona Wilson, eldest daughter of Derek and Margaret Wilson, married Keith McColgan on a sunny summer's day in North Queensferry.

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH Annual Autumn Talks 2008

### SCIENCE AND FAITH

Drawing on the experience of members from local churches, St. Michael's 2008 program of Annual Autumn Talks offers the opportunity to hear from three scientists about their field of expertise and how their work relates to faith in today's world.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 7:00 p.m.

'Justifications for Belief' Robert Donald

Robert Donald was Reader in experimental physics at Liverpool University. He led one of Liverpool's most active groups researching High Energy Physics, the most fundamental structures of matter, using particle accelerators at the European Centre for Nuclear Research.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7:00 p.m.

'Evolution; God's Clever Idea?' Brian  
Kilbey

Brian Kilbey is Emeritus Professor of Molecular Parasitology.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7:00 p.m.

(To Be Announced ) Clare Peters

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

The Talks are free of charge. More information from the Church office.

## ST MICHAEL'S FILM CLUB



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7:00p.m.

### 'Juno'

Juno is a film about teenage pregnancy that is poignant yet funny and in which Juno's powerful sense of right and wrong and absolute belief in monogamy challenges the adults around her.

'Juno is a fiction with irresistible charm and wit...this film is a happy pill.' (Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian).

Come along, watch the film, enjoy a refreshment & discuss the issues.

7pm in the Church Hall. Entrance free

(Donation to cover cost of refreshments)  
**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

St Michael's Friendship Club is a happy and well-attended club open on Monday afternoons between 2 pm and 4pm from September to April. Anyone wishing to join us please come along at 1.45 pm on any Monday from 29<sup>th</sup> September. Admission 50p (includes tea and biscuits)

September 29 Opening Meeting

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| October 6   | Fountainbridge Library and Services – Mrs Wendy Pearson               |
| October 13  | The Life and Times of Richard Tauber – Mr John Rennie                 |
| October 20  | Leith Senior Citizens' Choir  |
| October 27  | Tasmania (slides) – Mr John Hackland                                  |
| November 3  | Live Music Now! <span style="float: right;">RAFFLE</span>             |
| November 10 | Edinburgh's Plan for Older People, Support & Involvement –Glenda Watt |
| November 17 | Senior Southern Light Singers   |
| November 24 | Where the Buffaloes Roam (slides) – Mrs Morna Fergusson               |
| December 1  | Southside Community Orchestra   |
| December 8  | Christmas Tea with Margaret McKie                                     |
| December 15 | Christmas Lunch (to be arranged)                                      |

January 12 Scottish Harp & Voice – Mrs Isobel Mieras  
January 19 The Sunshine Band – John Verth and the Boys  
January 26 Live Music Now! RAFFLE

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## Archives Group

Well we are at the last hurdle in the 125 anniversary book and will be in print almost immediately.

It is not too far away from buying Christmas gifts so keep the book in mind, it would make a lovely gift and at £5 well within a tight budget.

Order your copy now.  
Irene Herd

## Gardens

Now we have all enjoyed a well deserved break over the summer, apart from Bernard of course who has fought the weather to keep the gardens looking terrific, it is time to turn our energies to recovery of the back garden area. For those interested in fun and bacon rolls - plus a little work - this is the perfect way to spend some time on a Saturday morning. No talent or experience is required and no charge is made for getting you fit or shedding a few pounds.

Garden Parties will commence again around mid October and more details will be available in the October Tower.

Jim Fallon

New lawnmower

The anonymous gift of a new lawnmower is much appreciated as it makes the work of cutting the grass very much easier.

B.M.

## NEW STYLE COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee Mornings are not now being run by Organisations but are the responsibility of the Congregation Members. Each of us will look on the Coffee Morning as being ours. We will therefore have to make an effort to help, attend and donate where possible. We will still want Home Baking and anything else you may have in season like Jams, Garden Produce, bunches of flowers, anything you have that someone else has not.

Coffee Morning Tickets are available in a book of six tickets which will cost the bargain price of £5 or individual tickets which will be £1 as usual.

The first Coffee Morning will be on the **6th September**, please come along, help and enjoy the company and chat.

Events Committee.

## LIFE & WORK

## SEPTEMBER ISSUE

### The Whole Truth?

Writers from Progressive and Evangelical perspectives discuss the literal truth of the Bible. Plus, the Moderator, the Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society, the Minister of St Giles in Edinburgh and the Leader of the Iona Community reveal their favourite versions.

### ‘Because it’s You I’ll Come’

Lyndsey Sanderson outlines a project to welcome people back to church.

### No Idle Hands

Jackie Macadam meets Shona Haslam, director of Asthma UK Scotland

### Follicly Challenged

Ron Ferguson explores the link between baldness and a grotesque Bible story

### What Makes a Good Hymn?

Douglas Galbraith gatecrashes another General Assembly to find out.

**Plus** – Presbytery of Gordon, Glasgow Cathedral, Moffat, the rural church, all the regular columnists, news, letters and crosswords – all for just £1.60.

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## **Church Outing**

As you may know, the church outing was, this year, organised by the Outreach Group and on a sunny day in June (yes there was one) around 26 of us headed to Melrose. There was plenty to do: walking round that pretty town, walking (and picnicking !) by the river and of course, lots of ice creams and cuppas were had. Thanks to all who came and next year, tell your friends to come along too and enjoy fellowship with friends from St Michael's (and if you have ideas of where the next one can be to, let us know!!)

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# 'TIME FOR TEA'

## A CHRISTIAN AID EVENT

Join us at  
St. Colm's Church,  
on Dalry Road for a delicious Tea Time  
and help people in the poorest

communities work their way out of  
poverty.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

3:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Fairtrade Stall,  
Home Baking Stall,  
Tea,  
Raffle.

All donations to Christian Aid

### **Ahoy All Knitters**

This a copy of a letter received from the Neonatal Unit , Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Dear Knitters,

Thank you all once more for the two bags of blankets sent in for the babies. They are just perfect.

We have quite a good stock of most things just now, but if you feel the urge to knit for us again we could use some cardigans, the slightly bigger ones, to fit a baby 5-7lbs, if possible with v necks.

Warmest thanks.

Mary Stafford, Staff Nurse.

We would gratefully take any odd balls of wool that you do not need.

Thanks again for your kindness.

Irene Herd

## Quizzes

The break is over and the quizzes are now available. Lots of people missed them over the break but I did not know if we would get the sales at this time.

During the break we still managed to give the church £100 - this was in excess of the £50 each month when we had managed to sell extra copies.

The last winner was Mr. Len Bell who is in Cheshire, well done 30/30.

Irene Herd

Music at St. Michael's  
for Sunday services  
played by Stuart Montgomery  
organ and piano

SEPTEMBER 2008  
music by G. F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

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**SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**  
The Fireworks Suite

'I know my Redeemer liveth' (Messiah)  
The Arrival of The Queen of Sheba

**SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**  
Concerto for Organ in B flat Major (Opus 4 no. 6)  
Where e'er you walk  
Fanfare, from The Water Music Suite

**SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER**  
Concerto for Organ in F Major (Opus 4 no. 5)  
Air, from The Water Music Suite  
Finale, from Organ Concerto in G minor (Opus 4 no. 1)

**SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**  
Concerto for Organ in D minor (opus 7 no. 4)  
Largo in G Major  
March in D Major

# Events in September

St Michael's Parish Church  
1 Slateford Road, Edinburgh EH11 1NX

Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30 am
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Blast Off! restarts	11.00 am
	Just Church	
6.30 pm		
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Film Club	7.00 pm
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church	
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Church	11.00 am
	St Michael's at Six Concert	6.00 pm
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dedication Service & Harvest Thanksgiving Service	11.00 am
	Science and Faith Talk	7.00 pm
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Club re-starts	2.00 pm

St Colm's Parish Church, 158 Dalry Road

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Girls Brigade restarts	6.00 pm
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Midweek Service	2.00 pm
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Guild restarts	7.00 pm
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Coffee Morning	10.00 am

St Martin's Parish Church  
Dalry Road, Edinburgh

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Toddler Martians restarts	9.45 am
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Supper Evening	6.00 pm

