

# LONGNIDDRY CHURCH MAGAZINE

## JUNE 2019

2 <sup>nd</sup> June (Ascension)	9.45am: Communion service: Robin Hill 11am: Communion service: Robin Hill 6.30pm: Big Sing and joint Communion service at Gladsmuir Parish Church ( <i>see over</i> )
6 <sup>th</sup> June	12 noon: Midweek Communion service: Robin Hill
9 <sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost)	9.45am: All-age worship: Robin Hill 11am: Traditional service at Gladsmuir: Robin Hill 6.30pm: Contemplative Communion: Robin Hill
16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am: All-age worship: Robin Hill 11am: Macmerry Gala Week service at Gladsmuir: Robin Hill
23 <sup>rd</sup> June:	9.45am: All-age worship: Robin Hill 11am: Traditional service at Gladsmuir: Robin Hill
30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am: All-age worship: Robin Hill 11am: Traditional service at Gladsmuir: Robin Hill

### THROUGH THE YEAR WITH ROBIN

Every year, Longniddry Gala brings people together from across the village and beyond to take part in all sorts of events for all sorts of interests enjoyed by all sorts of people of all sorts of ages. What makes this possible is the engine of skill, energy and dedication that is the Gala Committee, with their able team of keen volunteers.

Whether you are an organiser, an event leader or a participant, when you sign up to a Gala Week activity you are showing both that you have a place in this community and that you value that place. Surely this has got to be a significant thing. Without the glue of community, everything comes apart, with people little more than private individuals looking after their own interests, as they pay little or no attention to others round about them.

Community is something that we find in our village, and we should be thankful for the many ways in which people work and play together, bringing value to the lives of others.

When we stop to think about it, we see that there are different types (layers, perhaps) of community which spread outwards, encompassing not just where we happen to be, but the whole wide earth: locally, nationally, and far further afield too. Community really matters and should be upheld and celebrated – as it is in Gala Week.

No-one is an island. Let's thank God for that.

Robin Hill

### SESSION CLERK'S CORNER

I really enjoy these lovely, long summer evenings you get in Scotland at this time of year. It gives us all so much more time to be outside. I like hearing and seeing children playing outside in the evenings in summer. And walking along the beach around sunset is just magical. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful place.

As you will know, several hundred more people will soon be living in Longniddry, sharing the beauty with us. Work has started on the site for the new housing to be built on the south side of the railway line. A small group of people from the Church have begun to meet to think about how we can engage with our new residents as they arrive in the new housing. It will be really important for us to reach out and engage the new folk in the life of the village, to welcome them, get to know them and share Longniddry village life with

them. We would love to work with other village groups in this venture. So, if you are thinking about this too, please contact me and we can see how we can work together.

It's not too late to join one of our Path of Renewal groups. As I said last month, each group of half a dozen folk will meet for a couple of hours every month over a year. We will look at what discipleship means for us here in Longniddry – now and in the future. If you are interested, or want to find out more, please contact either Robin or me.

### **THREE COMMUNIONS**

In common with most Church of Scotland congregations, Longniddry Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper four times per year, on the first Sundays of March, June, September and December. But in addition to those set points in the calendar, we also have other dates on which Communion is offered.

This month, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June sees services at 9.45am, 11am and 6.30pm. The first two will be at Longniddry, with the evening service taking place at Gladsmuir Church when the Harbour Lights Choir, conducted by William Watt, will lead us in worship. This "Big Sing" joint service is set to be a wonderful time, as members of Gladsmuir, Longniddry, Tranent and St Martin's (Edinburgh) come together to praise God in some of the best loved hymns written by that giant of the Church, Dr Isaac Watts. Come along to Gladsmuir and be part of something special.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm, the focus moves to Longniddry Church, where we will have a much more quiet and intimate celebration of the Sacrament in the still of a summer's evening.

All are welcome to each of these acts of worship.

### **OVER 60'S GET TOGETHER**

We invite senior citizens to come and join us in the church hall and meet our 'Wednesday Club' attendees for a cuppa and blether – come along and find out all about us.

We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month in June, July, August, and September, 2.30-4pm. The rest of the year we meet weekly. If you would like to know more, please contact Chris Farnish on 852932.

### **FAREWELL TO DOUGLAS!**

It is always sad to say goodbye to a friend who moves on to new places and fresh opportunities. That's how it is as we wave off our friend Douglas Hamilton who has been a very able student on placement at Gladsmuir linked with Longniddry over the course of this last academic year. Bringing his gift of communication and his friendly wit and wisdom, Douglas was able to find a place in our congregations from day one.

As Douglas moves seamlessly from his first ministry placement with us to his second in Loanhead, we all wish him every blessing as his journey unfolds before him in exciting and stimulating ways. And the very good news is that he is keen to keep up his connections with us in time to come, so we can look forward for future pulpit supply Sundays, and more.

Go well Douglas, God bless you and your family, and we'll look forward to seeing you soon!

### **GALA WEEK CONCERT**

A reminder that Bill Wishart will be bringing his combination of music and magic to this year's Gala Week Concert at Longniddry Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. In years gone by Bill has entertained everyone brilliantly. This year we're in for more of the same fun and mayhem, so come along, bring the kids, and settle down for some great variety.

Admission is free and all will be very welcome for a night of songs, fun and laughter.

### **LAUREL & HARDY FILM PIC PLEASE**

Longniddry Film Club heads towards the summer holidays with the recently issued biopic on the relationship between Stan Laurel (Steve Coogan) and Oliver Hardy (John C. Reilly). The movie (certificate PG) shows how Stan and Ollie came together at the close of their careers for one last tour of Great Britain and Ireland. Despite a tough set of performances, the screen legends' passion for live performance shines through, along with their affection for each other.

We kick off in the church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Join us to enjoy this heart-warming film. Admission is free, with refreshments served after the screening.

## **GUILD RALLY**

Lothian East Guilds Together would like to invite Guild members and members of the congregation to our Summer Rally on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in St Andrew Blackadder Church, North Berwick. Our speakers will be The Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE, and Kezia Dugdale MSP.

## **SUMMER SERVICES AND POSTCARDS**

Summer is fast approaching and with it the prospect of our short and informal summer services for July and August. This year, the theme for the season will be "A Grand Day Out", as we think of the many things we can do when the weather is – hopefully! – fair and warm.

(Lovers of Wallace and Gromit will also have spotted the helpful link in the theme's title to the golden anniversary of Neil Armstrong's moon landing in July 1969!)

As always, we invite postcards and digital photographs that relate to this (all-too-easy) theme. Please send yours to Jim Jamieson at 40 Glassel Park Road, Longniddry, EH32 0NY.

## **SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE COFFEE MORNING PIC PLEASE**

Our usual monthly coffee morning will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am-12noon, in the Church Hall, Elcho Road. All welcome. Books will also be for sale.

## **CHURCH DIARY**

### **CHURCH FLOWERS FLOWER PIC PLEASE**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mrs J McKay. June 9<sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Mellor. June 16<sup>th</sup> – Mrs J Lang. June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Church arrangements. June 30<sup>th</sup> – Mrs H Kirkpatrick. July 7<sup>th</sup> – Mrs A Smith.

### **CHURCH DUTIES**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Communion. June 9<sup>th</sup> – A Ferguson, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Barron. June 16<sup>th</sup> – Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Hardy, M Jones, Dr Lucietti. June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mrs Condie, I Coutts, F Elliott, Mrs Jones. June 30<sup>th</sup> – D Clarke, Dr George, Miss Hume, Mrs Jamieson. July 7<sup>th</sup> – Mrs Coutts, J Jamieson, Mrs Peart, Dr Reeks.

**KIRK SESSION** will meet on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30pm.

### **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

All contributions for the combined July/August issue of the church magazine should be given to the editor, in writing or by email, by **SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE**, or earlier if possible.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** will meet at 11am on Wednesdays in the Gathering Space, until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. There is no prayer group in July or August. We will resume in September. All welcome.

## **VILLAGE ROUND UP**

## **VILLAGE DIRECTORY**

The Village Directory will be checked and updated soon. If anyone wants a new entry, or wants their details changed, please contact Jim Jamieson, 40 Glassel Park Rd. Email – jimjamieson474@btinternet.com.

## **LIBRARY EVENTS**

Gala Week is almost upon us and we are looking forward to participating with several events planned.

To get us into the theme of Bugs we are having a drawing session, with local artist Holly Ferrie, for younger children aged 4-6 years on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** at 11am. Please contact the Library, 01875 818160, if you would like to reserve a place.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** is our Family Quiz at 6pm, so bring along the family, young and not so young. We will be in the Community Centre. There should be a maximum of 6 people per team and, as always, prizes for the winners and the best fancy dress! This is one of the highlights of our year!

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, 10.30am – a Creepy Crawly Storytime for Tots.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**, 10.30am will be our Bookbug session for babies and children up to age 4 years. There may be lots of spider rhymes!

Also on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** the Lego Club will meet at 3pm. We are hoping to see a variety of different Lego Bugs!

For those who are planning a holiday, we have a comprehensive Travel section. If you would like to learn a language try downloading the Transparent Language App to your device, all you need is your Library card number. You can also download E-Books, E-audio books using Bolinda or RBDigital. For music concerts try downloading Stingray Qello, there is something for every musical taste. A list of e-resources available can be found on East Lothian Libraries website.

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at 5pm. This month the Group will be discussing over a cuppa ‘This is going to hurt, secret diaries of a junior doctor’ by Adam Kay, and ‘The Sewing Machine’ by Natalie Fergie.

The Craft Group gather on Monday afternoons 2-4pm. If you would like to try something different our tutor Georgina has some amazing ideas.

Knit and Natter ladies get together on Tuesdays, 11am-1pm. This is a great way to meet new people. You don’t even have to knit, come along for the natter!

Art Group meet on Thursdays, 2.30-4.30pm. Come along and pick up a brush.

Bookbug Sessions are held every Friday at 10.30am, great fun for little ones and big people too!

Lego Club also get together on Fridays 3-4pm for children aged 8+, or younger if accompanied by an adult. Enjoy Gala Week!

**LONGNIDDRY SCHOOL** has a recycling bin in the small carpark, for bags of your clean unwanted clothing, shoes, belts and bags. These are sold and raise money for the school.

**A SOCIAL DROP IN** for all ages is held in the Community Centre, on Tuesdays, 1.30-3pm. Whether you are a new mum, stay-at-home parent, Carer, Young at Heart, wish you were Young at Heart, or just at a loose end then come along. We’d love to see you and you might make some new friends too! Maybe try your hand at indoor bowls, board games, table tennis, dominoes, chess, and loads more or you may just fancy a chat and a cup of tea.

The young ones aren’t forgotten either. There will be children’s soft play (parental supervision required) and a scribble table to keep them amused.

**LONGNIDDRY BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP** meets in the Community Centre, Seton Road, on Mondays, 10am-12noon, and Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am, in term-time only. All children, aged from birth to pre-school are welcome, accompanied by their parents or carers.

## **THANK YOU**

Longniddry Scout Group would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Jumble Sale. You helped us raise over £3,000 for group funds. Many thanks to everyone for your help.

## AND FINALLY ...

Brian goes to the church and listens to the preacher. After a while, the preacher asks anyone with needs to be prayed over to come forward. Brian goes up and the preacher asks, "Brian, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

"Preacher," says Brian, "I need you to pray for my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Brian's ear and he places the other hand on top of Brian's head and prays and prays and prays. After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands and stands back.

"Brian, how is your hearing now?"

"I don't know, Reverend," says Brian. "My hearing's not until next Wednesday."

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