

Pastoral Assistant

Marion Murray's Pastoral Assistant contract with Kirkwall East came to its completion at the end of December with the conclusion of the Path of Renewal pilot funding. It has been a truly affirming and enriching experience for both Marion herself as well as the wider congregation who benefitted from Marion's visits. Over the course of her year with us Marion visited many people at home and in hospital, assisted with funerals, preached and led parts of services and prayers. She developed trusting, honest and loving relationships with many members of our congregation and we're deeply grateful for her insight, input and care. We will remember her year with us with true appreciation and want to wish her well as she continues to explore God's call on her life.

Julia

I would like to sincerely thank Rev Julia, Colin Gunn, Anna Copland and all the Kirk Session as well of each of you within Kirkwall East Church and also the Shapinsay Church for your welcome, hospitality, openness and encouragement in my role as your Pastoral Assistant. This has been a time of considerable vocational growth and fulfilment for me far beyond my expectations. I leave with both a sense of gratitude for sharing in part of your lives, faith journeys and worship. I also have some sadness in this ending which seems to have arrived too soon. Over the coming months, I will have opportunities to reflect and pray on my way ahead. I am sure that God will reveal further blessings within our experience and wish each of you courage and confidence in the year ahead. God bless,

Marion

Church membership classes

We're thinking of running a membership class for people who have been a part of the worship community for some time but want to take the next step and for those who would like to explore more of Christianity but are not sure of joining at this stage. If this sounds like you or if you'd like to know more about it, please speak to Julia 874789 or E-mail jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk.

