



ST CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE June/July 2018



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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we move into the summer there are two areas of Church life that are to the fore. Firstly, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of women in the Church of Scotland. We started 2018 by highlighting the overlooked achievements and talent of the author Susan Ferrier who is buried in the Church Yard. By bringing her back to prominence we prepared ourselves well for welcoming the mesmeric art installation 'Three Women' 2008 by world renowned artist Bill Viola. These women have created a sacred feminine space between the Font and the Anam Chara Chapel to challenge us and to engage with us as we reflect upon their presence.



Secondly in this the Scottish Government sponsored 'Year of the Young Person' I am delighted that our mentoring outreach programme has really taken off. After delivering it to the Young Leaders at the Fet Lor Youth Club, Ben Williams is now taking it forward with volunteer students at Edinburgh University before taking it into the schools in the Autumn. Both of these are really exciting areas for St Cuthbert's to be involved in and help us to develop our shared ministry and outreach within the Parish and beyond.

May the sun smile softly on all our faces this summer and beyond.

God Bless

Peter

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday June 3rd 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	First Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Morning Worship: <i>the ministry of prayer for healing is offered after the service</i> Holy Communion
Tuesday June 5th 12.00 – 12.30pm	Service of Reflection and Communion followed by Healing/Listening Ministry
Wednesday June 6th 12:30pm-2pm	soul space with led reflections at 1p.m. and 6p.m. and 5pm-7pm
Sunday June 10th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Second Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Morning Worship: <i>with Young Church, followed by Holy Communion</i> Evening Worship
Sunday June 17th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Third Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship
Sunday June 24th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Morning Worship: Quarterly Communion Evening Worship
Sunday July 1st 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Morning Worship: <i>the ministry of prayer for Healing is offered after the service</i> Holy Communion
Tuesday July 3rd 12.00 – 12.30pm	Service of Reflection and Communion followed by Healing/Listening Ministry
Sunday July 8th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Morning Worship followed by Holy Communion. No Young Church

1.00 p.m.	Dedication of the Refurbished Ross Fountain
6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Sunday July 15th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship including visiting choir from USA
6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Sunday July 22nd	Eighth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Sunday July 29th	Ninth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship including Holy Communion
6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June/July edition of St Cuthbert's Church magazine..

The theme of this magazine could be how St Cuthbert's has spread the good news far and wide. We include an email from a 90 year old former minister who regularly listens to the Church services from her home in North Carolina. We are also pleased to include Simon Aves' talk about the Church Bells which he gave at Belfry Sunday's Church Service. There is reference to when the sound of St Cuthbert's bells was heard throughout the world during the war. It is an excellent article on a part of the Church that few members ever see.

We also include news of the venture St Cuthbert's is pioneering with the homeless in Edinburgh. If anyone has spare board games or anything that may brighten up an evening for our guests, then please get in touch. Peter will be delighted to accept any gifts.

While the prime aim of issuing the magazine is to inform and to intimate things happening in the Church, we should not be remiss of the need to keep costs down. In this respect, if anyone knows of any appropriate company who may be willing to place a small advert in the magazine, please get in touch either at the magazine email address or in the pigeon hole in the Church Office.

Stewart Cowe

REPORTS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S

St Cuthbert's welcomes homeless to an evening of board games

St Cuthbert's has launched a new drop-in centre for homeless people every Monday evening in a drive to "strengthen relationships and spread a little joy". While here, our guests are able to play board games in safe surroundings and where they can socialise and have fun. Attendees are served home made soup and filled rolls over a game of dominoes, chess or Connect 4. Later, orders are taken for takeaway fish and chips, pizzas or burgers, then at 9.15, a mini bus from Bethany arrives to drive anyone who wants a bed for the night to the Care Shelter in Meadowbank.

The initiative has been embraced not just by the congregation but by local businesses too with games, films and food being donated. During Holy Week, for instance, local businesses provided pedicures while St Cuthbert's provided new socks and shoes.

The club has been so well received that Peter is hoping to make it a regular fixture. "Hearing people speak of the difference we're making brings a tear to my eye" he stated.

In connection with the venture, Peter was delighted to receive gifts of board games from Sean, the Charity Co-ordinator of Chess in Schools & Communities.

Three Women – Bill Viola's video art installation

St Cuthbert's has been chosen to house an outstanding video art installation called *Three Women* by the internationally respected American artist Bill Viola.

The video installation has been previously shown in St Peter's Cathedral in North Adelaide and most recently went on display in the Grand Palais, Paris and in the Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao. Viola has two other permanent installations in St Paul's Cathedral in London, *Martyrs*, and its companion piece, *Mary*, which symbolise some of the profound mysteries of human existence; one covering comfort and creation, the other suffering and sacrifice.

In *Three Women*, a mother and her daughters enact a "transfiguration when they choose to pass through the threshold of water and briefly enter an illuminated realm" as described by Adelaide's Heather Robinson. But to witness the art at close hand, there is no beating simply walking to the front of the Church and viewing it from there.

The installation will be on display until September.

WORLD MISSION STAMP 2018 APPEAL

I have received a letter from the Church of Scotland World Mission Council thanking St Cuthbert's for sending used stamps. In 2017, the amazing amount of £2,194 was raised by the sale of stamps from all over Scotland for the World Mission.

This year's appeal is raising money for the Hungarian Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine). This Church helps to run several day care centres which provide educational, emotional and physical support for children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, allowing them to live life in all its fullness and to enjoy participating in society and family life.

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian government is unable to provide support for people with disabilities due to economic constraints and so the Church is relied on to provide these valuable services for young people. Money raised from this year's stamp appeal will support this important work.

Please bring your used stamps to Church and put them in the second drawer in the wicker tower in the recycling corner in the Lammermuir Hall. Rena Scott will trim the stamps and then they are sent to the stamp appeal office in Wishaw.

Many thanks

Irene MacKenzie, Eco Congregation

Saturday Coffee Mornings – the first 16 years

In 2001, my very good friend, the late Sheila Kirk, and I went to Peebles and visited a lovely coffee shop. Between us, we came up with the idea of a Saturday Coffee Morning at St Cuthbert's.

We decided on the first Saturday of the month which at that time coincided with the Farmer's Market in Castle Terrace. The first coffee morning was held on 5th January 2002 when we made £27. Since then the numbers attending have grown and we have made many friends who are not St Cuthbert's members but who support us regularly.

The amount raised, although not our main priority, has grown over the years. Now we are making approx. £150 each month. As a result, we have donated so far £16,400 to St Cuthbert's funds, £600 to our overseas project in Mulangee and £130 to the Listening Ministry to aid the refurbishment of the 'old office'.

Please do come along and join us – it still takes place on the first Saturday of the month – if you have not previously attended.

Finally, I would like to thank the team who help me on a Saturday morning.

Maggie Barrons

Fresh Start

“Fresh Start has turned my new flat into a home. Great Service”

This is a comment from Jenny (name changed) for whom Fresh Start provided a Hit Squad in April. She had not long started her new tenancy after spending a long period in a homeless hostel. Jenny admitted that she had become homeless due to a substance misuse issue - a problem that she has now beaten. In addition, prior to us meeting her, she had enrolled in a training course at Edinburgh College, which she believes will help find her employment in the future.

The Hit Squad went very well - two of her bedrooms painted to a very high standard by our Volunteers and Jenny herself. On the first day, the Hit Squad was able to provide a number of our Starter Packs (e.g. bedding, towels, a vacuum cleaner, crockery and pots and pans) and some extras too (including pictures for her wall, cushions and a standing mirror).

We wish Jenny all the best in the future!

Mark Robertson of Fresh Start

If you have ever questioned what Fresh Start actually can achieve, then this comment should explain the vital work they do. Mark adds that Fresh Start is presently in particular need of dinner plates, side plates, mugs and teaspoons for their Starter Packs.

Ben Williams

Soul Space – please do keep me on your list

It is remarkable just how far and wide the preachings of our ministers go. We will read later in the magazine how the Church bells were heard across the world in 1942. Now it seems that our Sunday services also reach out far and wide. We recently received this email from a retired minister from the USA who regularly listens to our services and relates what a comfort they are to her.

“Please do keep me on your list to receive "Soul Space"”.

It is a strong support for me, even far away in the USA. I listened this morning to one of the Easter Services, and once again was deeply touched by hearing the Service, both in the liturgy and the preaching.

I am a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church, but am not able to be active in a local congregation here. I depend on radio or TV to hear worship services, and am so grateful to have "happened onto" the service at St. Cuthbert's.

I am of Scottish descent, a life-long Presbyterian. I spent a year in 1953-54 in St. Andrews, Scotland, where I studied with some of the professors of the Seminary there. Much later, 1987, I received an M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary, and served as a Counsellor in Spiritual Formation, in Arkansas Presbytery where I then lived. Now retired, living in Davidson, NC., I will be 90 years old in November, but yearn for substantive religious services, such as found in so many Scottish Churches.

So again, yes, I do want to stay connected to St. Cuthbert's online services. So I write with deep appreciation for your many offerings through the medium of the Internet.

Again, I am deeply grateful for the offerings from St. Cuthbert's, and want to continue contact with "Soul Space".

With much gratitude,
Ann

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Sunday 13th May 2018

Many thanks to all who attended the 11am service on the 13th and who took part. A big thank you to Young Church for completing their 'Zaza's House' work sheets and for their prayers. Thanks also to those who stayed behind after the service for the 'Simple Lunch' and to the regular coffee team who helped out. The sum raised at the moment is just under £200 and we hope there will be some more to come in from Christian Aid envelopes.

As was mentioned during the lunch, one of the campaigns Christian Aid is involved in concerns internally displaced people – the 'invisible millions'. There are more than 40 million internally displaced people in the world today. These are people who have been forced to leave their homes, but remain in their own country. This may be because of natural disaster or climate change. We don't even know the real number of our brothers and sisters who are internally displaced, because when people leave their homes, they're not always counted. The international community has forgotten these millions of our neighbours.

Christian Aid believes that everyone, even if they are overlooked and ignored deserves life before death.

Poor countries bear the brunt of internal displacement. Displaced people are incredibly vulnerable to poverty and exploitation. Most people who flee their homes find shelter with host families, and don't receive any support in form of food, water or assistance to earn money.

The UN is working towards two new agreements on refugees and migration. It has to include internally displaced people in these deals. Otherwise, they will be failures – and many of our vulnerable neighbours across the world will continue to be ignored. That's why we're asking the UN and its member states to agree a fair deal for all people who have been forced to leave their homes. Please sign the petition in the Lammermuir Hall.

Finally, here is the **Kingdom Prayer** which Gordon read on Sunday 13th May.

**Holy God,
In your Kingdom
The strong need the weak,
The rich are transformed by the poor,
The fortunate are welcomed by the homeless.
Your Kingdom is built by those who expect their God to come.
Amen**

Anne Wemyss, Gordon Wemyss, Maggie Romanis

Friends of St Cuthbert's

I can now confirm that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 23rd September 2018 when our Guest Preacher will be the Revd Canon Rosalind Brown from Durham Cathedral.

It is proposed to have a slightly different format to the day. After the service we will have lunch followed by the AGM whilst we have our coffee. We would like to invite members of the congregation to join us for lunch this year. We only ask for a donation towards the cost of catering. Further details will be provided nearer the time. If anyone has any comments can you please let me know either by a note in my pigeon hole or by email at friends@st-cuthberts.net

Unfortunately this issue of the magazine may not reach you before the planned visit to Durham Cathedral which was intimated in the last magazine. A small group is joining up with the Pilgrim Group on 2 June 2018.

The Bill Viola video art production, *'Three Women'* currently on display in the church has been partly funded by the Friends. The Society has also provided funding for the refurbishment of the external notice boards. Pat Ferguson

OASIS Report

Introducing Heather Gregg

It is my great pleasure to introduce Heather who is now acting, along with me, as a Joint Administrator of OASIS. Heather is employed by the Together Trust and is working in support of the three congregations who form part of this overarching Trust; St Cuthbert's, St John's and St Andrew's and St George's West. Heather is a splendid addition to the team and, yes, she is married to Andy Gregg, the Workplace Chaplain to the City Centre.

soul space Wed 6 June at St Cuthbert's.

soul space takes place at lunchtime: 12:30pm-2pm and in the evening: 5pm-7pm, when the church is 'open house' to allow everyone the freedom to come and go, as and when they want. There are short times of optional, led reflections offered at 1pm and 6pm, for anyone wishing to join with others in worship. The current overall theme is "Seasons" based on Ecclesiastes 3: 1 when the final reflection will be based on "Pentecost".

soul space returns in September.

Forthcoming Events

McCrae's Battalion

2018 is the final year of the 100 years' remembrance of the First World War and on Sunday 1st July, it will be 102 years since the Battle of the Somme began. On that day the majority of the men in McCrae's Battalion, a Battalion raised in the Usher Hall in the Parish of St Cuthbert's, of men from Edinburgh and its surrounds, lost their lives.

As is the case on the 1st of July each year, a Service of Remembrance will be held in the French village of Contalmaison where the remnants of the Battalion regrouped. That will be matched again this year by a service in St Cuthbert's for all those unable to go on the pilgrimage to France but who, nevertheless, wish to remember relatives who lost their lives.

It is inevitable that once the 100 years' remembrances of WW1 pass and the people whose relatives were caught up in its events are no longer with us, that it will be consigned to the history books. Further information about this Service will be announced.

OASIS Inter-Office Quiz Night

This event will be held in St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 10th October.

Janice Todd

Joint Administrator of OASIS

News from Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together (ECCCT)

HOMELESSNESS BREAKFAST: 25th April 2018

A wide range of churches, local businesses and third sector organisations recently met in the light-filled, new extension to St John's over breakfast, to hear a talk on homelessness and discuss solutions. The food was supplied, appropriately, by Social Bite.

The event was hosted by the Homelessness Group of Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together (ourselves, St John's and St Andrew's and St George's West), and it proved an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss, listen to a presentation and ask questions.

Its convenor, Tony Bryer, welcomed the attenders, warmly introduced the speaker: Russell Barr (Member of Scottish Government Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group, HARSAG) - and facilitated the discussion afterwards.

Russell Barr explained that HARSAG are dealing with 4 main questions:

1. What can be done to reduce rough sleeping this winter?
2. How can we end rough sleeping?
3. How can we transform the use of temporary accommodation?
4. What needs to be done to end homelessness?

The reporting group's starting point was speaking to people who were rough sleeping or homeless. Their recommendations for the first 2 questions have been made (viewable on the Scottish Government website), and they are due to report on questions 3 and 4 by the end of May.

The speaker pointed out two powerful statistics he wanted us to remember:

1. Levels of homelessness have not changed substantially in the past 20 years
"The reality is that despite many good efforts and despite good legislation - at best - at very best, in Scotland - we have managed the problem of homelessness - we are not resolving it."

2. Child deprivation "At the last count there were 6,581 children living in temporary accommodation. The damage that is doing to their health, their education, the well-being of their families, to their sense of well-being and to the well-being of the wider community is in my view, incalculable.

The first minister, Nicola Sturgeon has set aside some £50 million to deal with this situation, following on from the final report of HARSAG. Russell is hopeful of improvements, but urged everyone to keep pressure on their MPs to deal with the national situation, "Hold their feet to the fire".

The questions and answers were plentiful. Peter Sutton made the solutions personal by speaking warmly of how businesses in the West End had engaged with the Monday night drop-in at St Cuthbert's, both as local office people volunteering, and as a service team within a hotel.

Both before and after the main presentation, there was genuine networking going on in the room, between the nearly forty businesses, charities and churches represented. It was a very worthwhile event. It will be interesting to see what HARSAG's next recommendations are.

Heather Gregg

Edinburgh 2050 - Hearing Children's Voices

In 2016, the City of Edinburgh began a conversation about its future to create a vision for 2050. Feedback now compiled as the 'One Year On' document reveals that people want Edinburgh to be an 'inspired, connected, fair and thriving city' in 2050.

Noticing that Edinburgh had limited input from children, a project was planned, resourced and delivered to three primary schools within the city of Edinburgh by myself and Jo Love, a resource worker with the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group.

The framework for the project concentrated on a short-term citizenship initiative to encourage and promote skills in mapping, writing, art and listening and talking. Pupils were actively involved in creatively exploring and expressing thoughts, dreams and responses to the three basic questions set by Edinburgh City Council:

- What is great about Edinburgh today?
- What could be better?
- What should Edinburgh be like in 2050?

On Sunday 20 May, at HEART & SOUL, our Edinburgh City Centre Churches TOGETHER tent in Princes Street Gardens displayed the school pupils' work and also provided activities for children and families enabling them to think about their hopes and dreams for Edinburgh and its wider communities.

Heart and Soul: Helen Cox, St Andrew's and St George's West

FEATURED ARTICLE

The History of St Cuthbert's Bells

The following is a transcript of the talk given by Simon Aves in Church on Belfry Sunday, 8th April. It sheds some interesting light on a part of the Church which is often heard but rarely seen.

"This year I thought I would give you a little of the history of the bells of St Cuthbert's and the people who have rung them.

As you probably know the steeple here is older than the rest of the church that was built in the late nineteenth century. As a final stage of completing that new building in 1901 Mrs Mary Anderson – widow of Major General John Anderson – gave some money to buy a set of eight bells from John Taylor's bell foundry in Loughborough, and also a new church clock, in memory of her sister Martha who had died recently. There was a single old bell up in the tower, and when it was taken down it only got as far as the foyer, and it is still standing out there now.

A new set of bells required ringers, and more importantly someone to teach them to ring. William Heathcote, who was in his thirties and an organ-builder by trade, had learnt to ring at St Mary's Cathedral in Palmerston Place, and he volunteered to become the first instructor. Heathcote lived in Dean Park Street in a small flat with his two sisters, and also two of his brother's six children. Twenty-four young men from this congregation volunteered to become ringers and Heathcote set about teaching them three times a week. Within fifteen months a group of them had progressed so well that they were able to ring a full 'peal' - that is all the possible sequences possible on seven bells – the achievement, which was done to celebrate the visit to Edinburgh of the new King, Edward VII, is commemorated on a brass plaque next to the old bell in the foyer. The ringing started at the moment the King and Queen left the Princes Street station opposite.

They were a good cross-section of society. Apart from Heathcote, the band was James Luck, a nineteen year-old plumber, John McCulloch a solicitor in his late thirties, David Stocks, a clerk at the Edinburgh council, brothers Thomas and Robert Thom, both in their early twenties – one a landscape gardener, the other a coachbuilder. Their uncle was Thomas Sanderson the jeweller, and their aunt lived in Charlotte Square taking in lodgers. One of those lodgers was also in the ringing band, Alexander Thomson, who had just qualified as an advocate. Finally there was James Ballantyne who was the third generation of a family of stained glass artists. James' father was responsible for most of the windows in this

church, including one dedicated to the donor of the bells, Mary Anderson, and his grandfather produced many of the windows in the House of Lords.

Mary Anderson died in 1912, leaving in her will £4,000 to maintain the bells and to provide for an annual dinner for the ringers. That amount is the equivalent of about £350,000 now, so as can be imagined the annual dinners were rather lavish affairs. In the 1920s and 1930s more than a hundred people from the congregation enjoyed a meal each year at the Caledonian Hotel, the ringers' dinner being enough of an Edinburgh social event to be reported in the Scotsman.

At the outbreak of the first world war a number of the ringers joined the services. Indeed by January 1918, thirteen of the band were on active service. The authorities were permitting bells to be rung for Sunday service but William Heathcote realised that to keep the bells ringing he would have to take a somewhat radical step – he started to recruit women! Up until then there had only ever been one female ringer in Scotland, but between May 1915 and October 1917 he taught seven young ladies to handle a bell. When the armistice was declared in November 1918 the bells were rung in celebration at noon, 3pm and 4pm and then again in the evening. The ringers on that day were Heathcote, David Stocks and five young ladies: Annie Whitson, Florence Hogg, Ellen Hall, Jennie Eadie and May Taylor. All five of them were still ringers at St Cuthbert's in 1960, and May Taylor continued to ring here until her death in 1986 – sixty-nine years after first learning to ring.

Two of the former ringers did not survive the war – there is a memorial plaque for them in the ringing chamber. Some others were described as 'unable to ascend to the tower' presumably through injury.

In the second war, William Heathcote was still the captain, but the bells had to remain silent because bell ringing had been nominated as the national signal of German invasion. There was one notable exception: Winston Churchill ordered that victory in the Battle of El Alamein should be celebrated with church bells ringing. The BBC chose five representative churches to broadcast the event live to the forces stationed overseas, one of those being St Cuthbert's. In his record book William Heathcote simply wrote the words 'Bells Broadcast to the world'.

He died in 1950 after nearly half a century of service to this church. In 1970 some of Mary Anderson's remaining money was used to buy two extra bells, so that we now have ten. The dinners seem to have stopped in about 1975. Since about that time our tower has had a close association with ringers for the student population of Edinburgh. Our last six ringing masters – successors to William Heathcote - have all been under twenty-five when they took on the job. We

continue to be a mixture of young and old, and are proud to continue the tradition of bells ringing here that has lasted for nearly one hundred and twenty years."

Simon Aves

OUT AND ABOUT

Theatre and Theology

A visit to the Royal Lyceum Theatre is planned for Saturday 2 June at 2pm to see *The Hour We Knew Nothing of Each Other* led by David Todd, Arts Outreach Project Leader.

The play is without words and is narrated by music and animated by unspoken interaction – it is people watching with 450 characters. The play will be followed by a short theological discussion.

If you would like to be part of this group or if you would like information about future films or theatre visits please get in touch with David Todd david.todd@dwst.net or 07900 806772.

David Todd is Theatre Chaplain to Edinburgh Playhouse, Festival Theatre, King's Theatre and the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Chaplain to the Omni Centre, Edinburgh and Arts Outreach Project Leader in Greenside Parish Church

LIFE AND WORK JUNE 2018

The June edition includes:

Abstinence and Addiction: Jackie Macadam charts the history of abstinence in the Church of Scotland and examines the continuing work with addicts at home and overseas.

'I Love What I Do': Interview with Ann Lyall DCS, a deacon who works with the homeless and people dealing with addiction.

Somebody's Child: Stewart Lowe describes his encounters with homelessness on the streets of Edinburgh.

General Assembly: Summaries of reports to this year's Assembly.

Teachers Who Inspire: Ron Ferguson reflects on inspiring teachers and celebrates the 90th birthday of Professor Bill Shaw.

A Change of Mindset: The Very Rev Albert Bogle urges congregations to give permission to change.

The Medicine of Meditation: The Rev Scott McKenna examines the miracle of Moses and the burning bush.

True Holiness: The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers explains why holiness is about who we are.

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GENERAL NOTICES

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June	July
Mr Reeder Mrs Reeder Mrs Romanis Miss Todd Mr Williams	Mrs Barton Mrs Douglas Mrs Ferguson Mr Gilchrist Dr Langdon

WEEKLY FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Grateful thanks to all who give their offerings by envelope or by standing order. For those who have not yet collected theirs, the 2018 envelopes are now ready for uplift in the Lammermuir Hall. If you require them posting out or would like to start using weekly envelopes or change from envelopes to standing order please let me know.

St. Cuthbert's is able to claim back 25p on every pound donated through the Gift Aid scheme; if not doing so already, please consider donating by gift aid (if you are a tax payer). This is at no cost to the donor.

Iain Reeder (Gift Aid Treasurer)
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CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Death

" I am the resurrection and the Life"

16 May Mrs Joyce Taylor

COMMUNICATION

It would be helpful if members moving house would notify either their elder or the Church office of their new address.

Thank you.

TELEPHONE PRAYER CIRCLE

Requests for prayer in crisis situation or time of trouble should be made to Mary Stewart (443 3015). Prayer is normally offered for one week. Names of those for whom prayer is required in the longer term should be entered in the Intercession Book for the evening service (to be found on the table in the vestibule). All information will be treated in confidence.

RECORDINGS OF 11AM SUNDAY SERVICES

Recordings of the 11am sermons and services are available via the links on our website, or you can sign up to have them automatically e-mailed to you as podcasts. For anyone without internet access, CD versions can be created – please contact the Church Office.

CHURCH FLOWERS

After the service every Sunday the flowers are delivered to members of the congregation who we know are housebound, in a Care Home or have suffered a recent bereavement. This is a important part of our pastoral Ministry which we know is greatly appreciated by the recipients. However we depend on volunteers to deliver the flowers and this is becoming increasingly more difficult each week. **Please consider if you can help.**

Address details are given in the weekly intimation sheet and the flowers are available in the vestibule after the service. Anyone who would like to contribute to the Flower Fund can either add their name to the Flower Calendar, located on a notice board in the Lammermuir Hall, for a specific Sunday or make a contribution via the Church Treasurer.

Thank you.

Margaret Pollock

FUTURE CHURCH MAGAZINES

If you wish to contribute items to the Church Magazine, please note the following deadlines for the coming three editions. Material should be sent to the editor by:

August/September edition by Wednesday 18th July

October/November edition by Wednesday 19th September

December/January edition by Wednesday 14th November

Via e-mail to: magazine@st-cuthberts.net or please leave in the 'Magazine Editor' pigeon-hole in the Church Office.

STANDARD WORSHIP AT ST CUTHBERT'S

SUNDAY

9.30am

Holy Communion (Memorial Chapel)

11am

Morning Worship

Healing Ministry after service on first Sunday

Young Church on second Sunday (not August)

Communion following service on second Sunday

Communion on Last Sunday

6pm

Evening Worship (Memorial Chapel)

(includes the Ministry of Prayer for Healing)

TUESDAY

12.15pm

(First Tuesday in the month)

Post Coffee Morning Worship (Memorial Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

12.30pm-2pm

(First Wednesday. Not July/August)

Soul space Come and go !

& 5pm-7pm

Optional led reflections at 1pm and 6pm

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT

OUR CORE VISION IS:

**Living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the heart of our city
as God's people**

nurturing hearts for God,

offering a home to friend and stranger, and

**providing a hub to equip the people of God
for the mission of God.**



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St Cuthbert's Prayer Diary - June 2018

- Fri 01 For all Christians in the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 02 For all who are preparing for, or who will be involved in, leading worship tomorrow or during the week, an openness to God's guidance.
- Sun 03** *[God says] giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honours me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God (Ps 50)*
- Mon 04 For all those affected by recent terror attacks and violence around the world. For the thousands worldwide, who die each day from violence, hunger, dirty water, or treatable diseases, whose stories never make headline news.
- Tue 05 All living in countries torn apart by war, violence, or civil unrest. The decision makers and all who are responsible, may their hearts turn away from violence and embrace peace and reconciliation.
- Wed 06 As God's representatives in the world, may our love not be selective or narrow, or only for those who are like us, or who fit our perceived model of a Christian. May we learn to love others as God loves them - tolerantly, inclusively, patiently, unconditionally, compassionately, overwhelmingly - listening not preaching, love in action not just in words.
- Thu 07 For this fragile earth our home. May we tread lightly and to consider the impact we have as consumers, on the environment and other people, in all we do. May all governments and authorities enable and encourage their people to become better stewards of God's creation.
- Fri 08 For all Christians in the Free Catholic Church in Germany. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 09 For those who will attend Young Church, and all who will attend worship tomorrow or during the week. May they all be aware of God's presence.
- Sun 10** *Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Give me back my joy again; you have broken me - now let me rejoice (Ps 51)*
- Mon 11 For the work of Christian Aid, as it seeks to establish a witness for Christ in every unreached nation, and to encourage and strengthen evangelical Christianity in nations where Christians are persecuted or few in number.
- Tue 12 For all who are overwhelmed by life, who can see no hope for the future, or who feel their life is out of control. For all who are anxious or lonely. May the light of God's love shine into their darkness.
- Wed 13 As a church and as individuals, that we may not be judgemental, but be open to the questions of those who are seeking God, particularly when they are different to us, or their ways of seeking are different to ours.

- Thu 14 For members or visitors to our belfry who ring the bells for services and other special occasions, encouraging all who hear them to come and worship with us.
- Fri 15 For all Christians in the Free Church of England. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 16 For all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel part of our worshipping community.
- Sun 17** *I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love. I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. (Ps 52)*
- Mon 18 For the unity of the Christian Church in Scotland and around the world, within and beyond denominational boundaries. Make us more aware of our commonalities than our differences, more inclusive and welcoming to those seeking God, and more tolerant of each other's faults and failings.
- Tue 19 Give thanks for those working for peace or justice in war-torn places of the world. May they be protected from harm, strengthened, and supported in their work, and guided to do always what is right.
- Wed 20 For those who have lost their way - in life, in their faith. Those who are looking for answers in the wrong places. Those who have stopped searching and live lives of quiet despair or increasing desperation.
- Thu 21 Pray that God will stir the embers of great fires within his people's hearts. May those hesitating in the shadows of a calling, find the clear light of God's directing. May those wanting to show the hand of love and service, see the opening of a door. May those with a word to proclaim, find a voice.
- Fri 22 For all Christians in the Free Protestant Episcopal Church. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 23 For all who will partake of Holy Communion tomorrow, that they will know God's blessing and presence with them, tomorrow and every day.
- Sun 24** *When God restores his people, Jacob will shout with joy, and Israel will rejoice (Ps 53)*
- Mon 25 For the church as it struggles to touch a world that thinks it has no need of God, or thinks of him only as an anachronism or irrelevance. Show us where Christ is already at work, and how we may share that work, and effectively communicate the reality of Christ's overwhelming and unchanging love for every person
- Tue 26 For all who are known only by what is wrong with them, rather than who they are. For all living with the frustrations and challenges of chronic pain or illness, or struggling to come to terms with health problems. For all living with HIV or AIDS.
- Wed 27 For all churches in difficult and dangerous places. For all people persecuted because of their faith, especially for Christian women and girls treated as spoils of war, or forced into slavery, by those who believe their actions are right.
- Thu 28 For blessings on the work of the Church of Scotland's team of Interim Ministers and on the congregations with whom they are involved, as they seek to provide help, support, and inspiration as they journey forward.

- Fri 29 For all Christians in the Gloriavale Christian Community. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 30 For all who are preparing for, or who will be involved in, leading worship tomorrow or during the week, an openness to God's guidance.

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- Sun 01** *God is my helper. The Lord keeps me alive! I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good (Ps 54)*
- Mon 02 For all churches, including ourselves, faced with difficult decisions that will determine our path into the future. Grant to all, the guidance and discernment to make the right decisions, based not on our own desires to survive, but on God's salvation plan for the world
- Tue 03 Give thanks for those in the emergency services, who are prepared to risk their own lives to help others. May they be protected from harm, strengthened, and supported in their work, and able to help those in need of their services.
- Wed 04 May the Church be open to God's guiding into new or different paths. May we not be so bound by tradition, or what has been done before, that we are unwilling or unable to try something new or different.
- Thu 05 For the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), providing flights for 1,500 aid, development, and mission organisations, so enabling them to use their donations, to transform the lives of millions of people, in places that would otherwise be too dangerous or time-consuming to reach.
- Fri 06 For all Christians in the Grace Movement Churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 07 For all visitors or new attenders at worship tomorrow or during the week, may we make them feel welcome among us, and may they be aware of God's presence.
- Sun 08** *Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall (Ps 55)*
- Mon 09 Give thank for all who prepare the floral displays in the church, and those who distribute them. May God bless all who receive the flowers.
- Tue 10 For refugees and asylum seekers who have left behind everything, in their search for safety, or a better life for their families. For so many, who reach their destination, only to find that it is little better than what they left behind.
- Wed 11 The Welcome Guide, their ministry of welcome and hospitality, all tourists and visitors to our church and to our city.
- Thu 12 The outreach of the church worldwide to those who have not heard the Gospel of Christ, that all may come to know and love him. That as the church in Edinburgh, we may find ways to reach out to those all around us, who need to hear God's message of love to them.
- Fri 13 For all Christians in the Great Commission Association of churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering together we are Christ's church.

- Sat 14 For all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel part of our worshipping community.

- Sun 15** *I praise God for what he has promised; yes, I praise the Lord for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? (Ps 56)*
- Mon 16 For our internal congregational communication and external publicity, to reach out to all those around us, all who live or work in our Parish, or pass by the church.
- Tue 17 Governments, heads of state, local councils, national and international businesses, and all in positions of power or influence – may they always use their power wisely and for the good of others, not to protect themselves, or for their own gain.
- Wed 18 The clergy and congregations, in our Edinburgh Together churches partnership, and St Andrew's Church in Jerusalem.
- Thu 19 For all churches, including ourselves, who have a shrinking membership and increasing financial problems. For discernment to see where Christ is leading, and the courage to trust, obey, and follow him wherever he leads us.
- Fri 20 For all Christians in the Greek Old Calendarists church. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 21 For all visitors or new attenders at worship tomorrow or during the week, may we make them feel welcome among us, and may they be aware of God's presence.
- Sun 22** *My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. I will thank you, Lord, among all the people. For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (Ps 57)*
- Mon 23 The Treasurer, Finance Manager, Fabric Convenors, and all who administer our finances and care for our fabric on our behalf. Wise stewardship of our resources.
- Tue 24 All who are unemployed, or worried about possible redundancy. Those in management positions having to make staff redundant. All searching for work. All those who help and support those who are unemployed, or searching for work.
- Wed 25 The unity of the church locally and worldwide, and an openness to God's Spirit. That we may have the grace, humility, and courage to be free from prejudice and receptive to new ideas.
- Thu 26 For all God's people and churches, that he will show them how best to reflect the light of his love into the dark places of the world around them
- Fri 27 For all Christians in the Holy Catholic Western Rite churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's church.
- Sat 28 For all who will partake of Holy Communion tomorrow, that they will know God's blessing and presence with them, tomorrow and every day.
- Sun 29** *There truly is a reward for those who live for God; surely there is a God who judges justly here on earth. (Ps 58)*
- Mon 30 The ministry and work of the Kirk Session, the Session Clerk, all office bearers, and all members of the Kirk Session.
- Tue 31 Pray for child labourers, child soldiers and children exploited in pornography, for young girls and women exploited on the streets, for all men, women and children enslaved, betrayed, and abandoned.