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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Advent, Christmas and then Epiphany can often leave us with a child-like understanding of Christ. The challenge over the next two months is to let Christ grow in our hearts so that we are ready to understand and fully engage with the Lenten experience and then the passion in all its maturity.

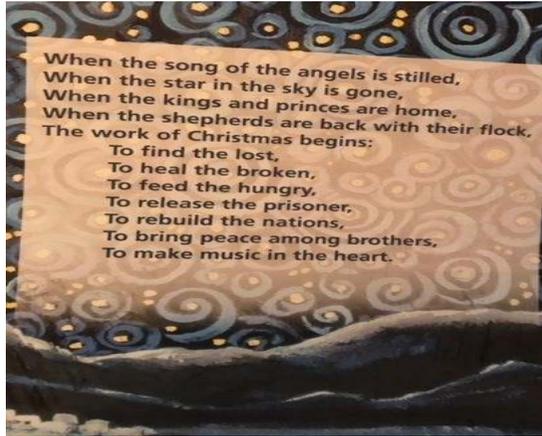
Growth is often seen in numerical terms, however, spiritual growth is sometimes difficult to discern.

It is perhaps in the little encounters, the personal prayer life, the quiet conversation, the lighting of a cherished candle where growth is taking place.

Here is a thought with a useful check list to help us grow together, not just as individuals, but as a loving, kind and caring congregation in the heart of our great city.

God Bless

Peter



CHURCH DIARY FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018



Sunday February 4th Epiphany 5

- 09.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship: Holy Communion includes the ministry of prayer for healing.

Tuesday February 6th

- 12.00 p.m.-12.30 p.m. Service of Reflection and Holy Communion followed by Healing/Listening Ministry

Wednesday February 7th

- 12.30 p.m.-2 p.m. soul space. Led reflections 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. & 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Come and go! Theme: Candlemas

Sunday February 11th Last Sunday before Lent

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship. Holy Communion after the service
- 11.00 a.m. Young Church meets.
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship, includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Wednesday February 14th Ash Wednesday

- 6.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes

Sunday February 18th Lent 1

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship: Sacrament of Baptism
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Sunday February 25th Lent 2

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship: Holy Communion
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Sunday March 4th Lent 3

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship: Holy Communion includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Tuesday March 6th

12.00 p.m.-12.30 p.m.
Service of Reflection and Holy Communion
followed by Healing/Listening Ministry

Wednesday March 7th

12.30 p.m.-2 p.m. soul space. Led reflections 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
& 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Come and go! Theme: Lent.

Sunday March 11th Lent 4

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship. Holy Communion after the service
11.00 a.m. Young Church meets.
6.00 p.m. Evening Worship includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Sunday March 18th Lent 5

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship
6.00 p.m. Evening Worship includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Tuesday March 20th St Cuthbert's Day

6.30 p.m. St Cuthbert's Day Service of Holy Communion

**SPECIAL SERVICES FOR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Sunday March 25th Palm/Passion Sunday

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship: Palm/Passion Sunday
includes Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Evening Worship: The Way of the Cross
includes the ministry of prayer for healing

Wednesday March 28th

12.30 p.m.-2 p.m. soul space. Led reflections 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
and 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Come and go! Theme: Holy Week.

Thursday March 29th Maundy Thursday

12.45 p.m. Maundy Thursday. Community Lunchtime Service
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion and Tenebrae Vigil

Friday March 30th Good Friday

11.00 a.m. Good Friday Morning Worship
7.00 p.m. Good Friday Evening Reflection

Sunday April 1st Easter Sunday

7.30 a.m. Easter Dawn 'Together' Service of Holy Communion
(in St Andrews and St George's West Church)
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Easter Day Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Easter Evening Reflection
includes the ministry of prayer for healing



**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

Holy Week is a time when we walk with our Lord through the final dark days of the journey to the Cross, before joining in celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. As is fitting in such a significant season of the Christian year, there will be a number of opportunities for us in St Cuthbert's to join in worship together through Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, as we reflect upon the mystery of Christ's suffering and death and celebrate his resurrection.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for any (or all!) of these services.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 25 MARCH

11am - Palm Sunday Worship.

As in past years, this service will include both the 'Liturgy of the Palms' (with procession with Palm Branches and the 'Liturgy of the Passion' including the reading of the Passion of our Lord from the Gospel).

6pm - The Way of the Cross.

In this service we can engage actively with the path of suffering walked by Jesus. 'The Way of the Cross' - marked by a number of 'stations' - originated when early Christians visited Jerusalem and wanted to follow literally in the footsteps of Jesus, tracing the path from Pilate's house to Calvary. They would pause for prayer and devotion at various points. Eventually those pilgrims brought the practice back to their home countries

and ever since then Christians of differing traditions have used this form of devotion.

HOLY WEEK WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

soul space Come and go 12.30pm-2pm, and 5pm-7pm. Led reflections at 1pm and 6pm. In this Holy Week soul space, we continue our 'For everything there is a season' theme, as we reflect on Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29 MARCH

12.45pm - 'Community' Lunchtime Service.

A lunchtime service of reflection on the events of this day on which Jesus washed his disciples' feet, celebrated Passover and instituted the Lord's Supper, endured the agony of Gethsemane, and was betrayed. (Refreshments will be available after the service.)

7pm - Holy Communion and Tenebrae Vigil.

On the night on which Jesus shared his Last Supper with the disciples, we will gather around the Table to remember, reflect upon and receive the signs of his broken body and shed blood. This service will conclude with the 'stripping of the church' when all hangings and decorations are removed in preparation for Good Friday and then we will observe the Tenebrae Vigil. 'Tenebrae' is the Latin for shadows, and in this vigil, through scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles, we will recall the abandonment of Christ who goes alone to the Cross. The vigil ends without a benediction or blessing and we depart in silence. The Triduum (the Three Days of Easter) has begun. The Maundy Thursday liturgy is deeply moving and inspiring. All who are able are warmly encouraged to come and prepare in this way for the commemoration of our Lord's suffering and death and the celebration of his resurrection.

GOOD FRIDAY 30 MARCH

11am - Good Friday Morning Service.

On this day on which our Lord went to the Cross, we will ponder his suffering and self-sacrifice for us.

7pm - Good Friday Evening Reflection. This act of worship will take place in the Memorial Chapel as, in reading, prayer and symbol, we reflect upon the events of this day. We will use music from the Taizé tradition in this service, and again the service will end without benediction or blessing as we depart in silence.

EASTER SUNDAY 1 APRIL

7.30am - Easter Dawn Communion Service. A quiet service of Holy Communion, (in St Andrew's and St George's West Church, George Street,) at the beginning of this most special of days.

11am - Easter Day Holy Communion.

We always celebrate Holy Communion on Easter Sunday - in a joyful celebration on this high and holy day. As has become our tradition, on Easter Sunday, the choir will sing a 'special' setting of the communion as our offering of thanksgiving for the resurrection. With this music and with the glorious Eastertide hymns, Easter Day promises to be a triumphant celebration.

6pm - Easter Evening Reflection.

A quieter service for Easter Sunday evening including the 'service of light', reflection, symbolic action, prayers for the sick and the ministry of prayer for healing.

ELDERS DUTY

February	March
Lady Coulsfield TL	Mr Dunbar C
Mrs Douglas C	Mr Gilchrist TL
Mr Newjem C	Dr Millar C
Professor Percy	Miss Rose
Miss Pollock	Miss Todd
	Mr Williams

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Death: "I am the resurrection and the life"

13 January George McKinnes

New member:

Christopher Mallon



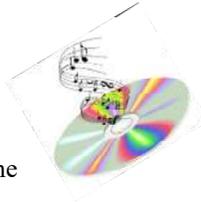


TELEPHONE PRAYER CIRCLE

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.



WEEKLY FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES



Grateful thanks to all who give their offerings by envelope or by standing order. For those using envelopes, the 2018 envelopes are now ready for uplift in the Lammermuir Hall. If you require them posted 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 (if you are a tax payer) donating by gift aid. This is at no cost to the donor.

Contact details:- 01501 731893 or reeders@tiscali.co.uk
Iain Reeder (Gift Aid Treasurer)

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flower Committee would like to thank the many members who over the past year have donated flowers for a particular Sunday or have made a donation to the Flower Fund. The Flower Calendar for 2018 is now on the notice-board in the Lammermuir Hall and any member who would like to donate flowers on a

particular Sunday is invited to enter their name against the relevant Sunday.

The calendar shows which member of the Flower Committee is responsible for each Sunday. Alternatively, if you wish to make a donation to the Flower Fund, this may be placed in an envelope clearly marked Flower Fund and placed in the offering bag, given to a member of the Flower Committee or sent to the Treasurer via the Church Office.



After the morning service the flowers are taken to the recently bereaved, sick and housebound members of the congregation. This is an important ministry which we know by the many letters / cards received that the flowers are greatly appreciated. Help with the delivery of the flowers is always required. Please consider if you can help any Sunday.
Margaret Pollock (Flower Convener)

COMMUNICATION

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



TUESDAY GROUP UPDATE

Dear Friends, The Group has much enjoyed the first half of the session with a variety of very interesting speakers. You may like to know who will be visiting us for the second part.

- February 13** Mary's Meals - an update on their work
- February 27** Mr Roy Johnstone - "Henry VIII and his 6 wives"
- March 13** Simon Fairnie - "Fisherwomen - Part II"
- March 27** 4S - The Road to the Isles - a stravaig in scenes, songs, stories and music
- April 10** Annual General Meeting and afternoon tea.

All meetings are held at 2:30pm in the Lindisfarne Room - look forward to seeing you at some of them.
Sheena Cant, Group Leader

WELCOME GUIDES

Some Churches have “Welcomers”, some “Guardians” but in St Cuthbert’s we have always been **Welcome Guides**, thus highlighting our two main functions. We welcome all visitors to the Church, whether they are tourists from any part of the globe or locals, who drop in for a few minutes’ peace and quiet. And we guide visitors round the Church, pointing out important features like the Tiffany window, carefully judging just how much information they want from us and encouraging them to ask for more if they wish. In any season there can be as many as six or seven thousand visitors and one year there were 10,000!



This is a very worthwhile, fascinating and satisfying area of work in St Cuthbert’s and, judging from comments in our Visitors’ Book, much appreciated by all our visitors. It is part of our mission of outreach.

Welcome Guides work in twos or threes on a regular weekly or fortnightly basis for 3 hours at a time (10am – 1pm or 1pm – 4pm) on Tuesdays through to Fridays and on Saturdays mornings (10am – 1pm). There is also a reserve list of Welcome Guides who can’t commit to a regular slot but are available to be called on to cover Guides absent because of illness or holidays.

Regular Guides sign on from year to year but we always have slots for new Guides and, as Rota Keeper, I should be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join us this year. I can assure you that you will be paired with an experienced Guide in the first instance and that full training will be given.

It would also be very helpful to me if regular Welcome Guides would be good enough to contact me to confirm the slots they would like to cover this season, which will run from Tuesday 10th April till Saturday 6th October.

There will be an initial get together of all Welcome Guides on Thurs 15th March from 2 – 4pm in the Lindisfarne Room, to which all are invited, old and new!

Please let me know if you can come.
Irene MacKenzie. Tel: 0131 315 2113. Email: imackenzie@voltaire.plus.com

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A very big thank you to all who helped in any way towards making the Christmas Fair a success. We know there was a lot of preparation work done in advance by a lot of people so thank you all for you well appreciated contributions and to all who supported and helped the event on the day.
Lyn and Derek Deans



CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE



A big thank you to everyone in the congregation who gave gifts for the gift service to enable the children of the Halesland project to have a good Christmas. The staff and parents, and indeed, the children, were overwhelmed with the response from you all. The response enabled the children to have a good and warm Christmas and the rest of the year.
Thank you all once again, Karen Armiger

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs Sheila Kirk

Sheila Kirk died suddenly on 31 October 2017. Sheila was baptised and married in ST Cuthbert’s. Before her marriage she had sung in the choir and taught in the Sunday School. She married John, who was Assistant Minister at St Cuthbert’s. After retirement Sheila returned to St Cuthbert’s and was admitted an elder in 1984. She was Convener of the Pastoral Care Committee and of the Christian Education Committee. Sheila was greatly involved with the development of the healing and listening ministry. Sheila Kirk was a lady of strong faith and commitment. Her contribution to the life of St Cuthbert’s is greatly missed.



Mr George Bain Mckinnes

George McKinnes, our second most senior elder, died on Saturday 13 January 2018.

His parents were members of St Cuthbert’s (his father was also second most senior elder in his day) and George was brought up in the church where he made

many friends over a long lifetime.

He was an enthusiastic boy scout and became Scoutmaster and Treasurer of the St Cuthbert's Troop. He also taught in the Sunday School. He was married in St Cuthbert's in 1958 to Winifred by Dr Leonard Small. He was ordained an elder in 1957 and was very active in his district; he was Depute Session Clerk for a number of years when Kenneth Mackenzie was Session Clerk, and served as Convener of the Congregational Board for three years.

George was a regular attender at the Tuesday Coffee Morning, and he was in his usual place in his beloved St Cuthbert's the Sunday before he died. His record of commitment and service to the Church is not unparalleled in St Cuthbert's, but it is exemplary and outstanding.

During the War, he served as a Bevan boy, mining coal in Newtongrange. He was companionable, caring, and kind. We shall miss him.

We give thanks to God for George and for his quiet steadfast faith, and commend his children Lachie, Ian, and Helen and their families to his comfort and care.

REPORT OF ARTS OUTREACH PROJECT LEADER FOR GREENSIDE PARISH CHURCH

In partnership with Edinburgh City Churches Together

The Edinburgh Playhouse has a new General Manager who is a former work colleague of mine when I managed The Queen's Hall in the late 1980s. I met him shortly after he started in November and we had a positive meeting. He has not worked with a Theatre Chaplain before and thinks of Theatre Chaplains like doctors – you call them when you need them. He means to talk to the General Manager of the King's and Festival Theatre to find out how he sees the operation of a Theatre Chaplain in those theatres. He had been on training with other venue managers and confessed that when asked to name someone that had inspired him he named me as having inspired him in audience care!

My work at the King's Theatre has settled into a good routine and I meet most of the visiting companies and in the by-going am getting to know the resident staff. They have issued me with a badge which saves me from always having to introduce myself. The King's is currently in a fairly long run of pantomime and having met the company on the opening night I am now keeping in touch with the Company Manager.

The Festival Theatre is run by the same management as the King's Theatre and since becoming Chaplain in August I have been able to slot into a similar routine. I have also assisted with a project for people with dementia and have been attending a monthly tea-dance where I have assisted the resident staff with looking after the guests and their carers. The musicians at the tea-dance are provided by Live Music Now Scotland of which I am a Director so this gives me an added interest.

I have been working with a contact at the Church of Scotland headquarters on inviting members of the Syrian Refugee Community to the theatre and had an invitation to *Slava's Snow Show* at the Festival Theatre. Only one couple signed up and in the event did not turn up. However I did take three families of Assylum Seekers to a children's show in the Studio at the bank of the Festival Theatre and the children in particular were enthralled. It was the Hans Christian Andersen story of *The Tin Soldier* – a story about people who were different and in the cast was a guy with Cerebral Palsy in a wheelchair and another who was deaf and dumb. I am working on taking a group to the pantomime in January.

I have had further meetings with the General Manager of the Royal Lyceum Theatre but progress is slow. I had been promised an invitation to a "meet and greet" session with the company when it forms and still hope that this will happen early next year.

Work at the Omni Centre keeps going in a fairly passive way and I am gradually getting to know some of the staff.

I have recently been involved in a meeting about the partner project which Graham McGeogh ran with the LGBT community in the East End. He has left Edinburgh and I was invited to join a group to talk about the future. My experience in Theatre and Work-Place chaplaincy did not quite align with the wishes of others to integrate members of the LGBT community into their church communities. I see it as more of a pastoral care opportunity.

During the Edinburgh Festival Fringe I took a small group to a one-woman show about 'kindness' and we had a good discussion afterwards. In October I showed the film *The Sound of Music* to about twenty people in St Andrew's and St George's West Church and there was a discussion afterwards in which many people admitted to having noticed things in the film that they had not noticed before – things about faith, hope and love. I am showing *I, Daniel Blake* in the church in January – a powerful film about people caught in the bureaucracy of the benefits' system in modern Britain.

In September Greenside Parish Church were given a three year grant of £6,000 per annum to help towards my work. I led worship there in September and

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October and also led worship at St Andrew's and St George's West in October. I am participating in a Business Community Carol Concert in St Cuthbert's this week.

David Todd

ECUMENICAL FRIENDS, EDINBURGH – WINTER TERM 2018 12.30-1.45pm

These meetings take place in St Cuthbert's Church

Feb 1 st	Cleodie McKinnon	<i>The Poetry of George Herbert</i>
8 th	Ian Gilmour	<i>Protest with Praise</i>
15 th	Iain Paton	<i>Palestine Tours</i>
22 nd	Jane Dawson	<i>John Knox and the Protestant Reformation</i>

These meetings take place in St Andrew's and St George's West Church

Mar 1 st	Sandra Holt	<i>The Good, the Not-So-Good and the Downright Ugly</i>
8 th	Peter Sutton	<i>Lenten Meditation</i>

Thu 01 The government in Westminster; the Holyrood and European Parliaments, the City Council and all elected representatives. For discernment and integrity in all their decisions. For the Queen and her family, and their dedication and service to our country.

Fri 02 **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: may we be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, one God, now and for ever.

Sat 03 For all who are preparing for, or who will be involved in, leading worship tomorrow or during the week, that they will be open to God's guidance.

Sun 04 *Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you. (Ps 39)*

Mon 05 The ministry and work of the Kirk Session, the Session Clerk, all office bearers and all members of the Kirk Session, as they guide the spiritual our temporal affairs.

Tue 06 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 07 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 08 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 part of 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 09 For all Christians in Eastern Orthodox churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering that we are all a part of Christ's one body the church in the world.

Sat 10 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 11 *O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them. (Ps 40)*

Mon 12 The growth and development of our healing and listening ministries, all who are involved, and all those who ask our assistance and prayers for help and healing.

Tue 13 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 who are enslaved, betrayed, abandoned or abused.

Wed 14 **Ash Wednesday** God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

Thu 15 The on-going growth and development of our pastoral care. All who visit those in our congregation who are unable to come to church. All who are sick in hospital, or at home, and those who care for them.

Fri 16 For all God's people and churches in all places, that he will show us all how best to reflect the light of his love into the dark places of the world around us.

Sat 17 For all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel included in our worshipping community.

Sun 18 **Lent Thought** *Jesus was led by the spirit out into the wilderness (Luke 4:1)*
Pray this week for those who find themselves struggling in a wilderness, whether physical, emotional or spiritual.

Mon 19 For all who have been forced to flee from all they know, as they try to escape the horrors of war, persecution, or civil unrest, as they seek safety for their families.

Tue 20 For the perpetrators and organizers of human trafficking that they will turn away from their unjust ways, that the millions of people trafficked will experience freedom, and that government leaders, corporate directors, and all who serve the public, will address the systems that allow human trafficking to take place.

Wed 21 For those who work to relieve inequality and injustice, whether in trade and commerce, tax laws, debts owed by individuals or nations.

Thu 22 All who suffer domestic violence, or abuse. All who are harmed by those who should be protecting them. May each one receive the help and support they need to find a way out of their situation.

Fri 23 For all whose lives have been devastated by circumstances beyond their control. For all who have lost loved ones, been injured, or made homeless through war, violence, civil unrest, terrorism, or natural disasters.

Sat 24 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 25 **Lent Thought** *When Jesus was hungry, the devil tempted him to turn stones into bread (Luke 4: 2-3)* Pray this week for those who are hungry, whether their need is physical, emotional or spiritual.

Mon 26 For those who are unable to feed their families, and for all agencies seeking to provide food to those in need. Soften our hearts of stone that we will seek ways in which we too can help.

Tue 27 Millions of people cannot access basic medical care, clean water, schools or receive the Good News of God's love, simply because it's too dangerous or time-consuming to reach them. Please pray this week for the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, who provide flights for aid, development and mission organisations, enabling practical help, physical healing and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the world's most remote and inaccessible communities.

Wed 28 The work of the Bible Societies. All who work translating the Bible so that everyone may be able all to read the scriptures in their own language. Those who distribute the Bibles, those who support this work.

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Thu 01 That Christ will show us how to share the good news of his love to those who are searching for answers to their questions. For those who know there is something missing from their lives, but find no help in the institution we recognise as church.

Fri 02 For all who feel let down, abandoned or rejected by the church or a church, that all will find a welcoming home somewhere among God's people where they will be cherished and nurtured

Sat 03 For all who are preparing for, or who will be involved in, leading worship tomorrow or during the week, that they will be open to God's guidance.

Sun 04 **Lent Thought** *The devil offered to give Jesus the world if he would worship him (Luke 4: 5-6)* Pray this week for all with power over the lives of others, that they will always use it carefully, wisely and justly.

Mon 05 For governments, politicians and all in authority over others, that they will not be corrupted by their power, will resist the temptation to glorify themselves, and that they will always use their power wisely and in the service of others.

Tue 06 For those responsible for making and passing laws. All those responsible for upholding the law, or for dispensing justice. All working in the prison services. All prisoners.

Wed 07 For all who work in the caring professions, for patience, gentleness and kindness in all they do. For those who work with people who are unable to help themselves, and all who live with the frustrations caused by needing help from others.

Thu 08 For all people who are born or forced into slavery. For the victims of trafficking, violence, terrorism, or abuse, and those who are responsible. For all victim support agencies.

Fri 09 For all children - for those who are abused or abandoned, for those raised in places of violence where they are taught to hate or to fight. For all children in care, who long for a family of their own, for those who will never know the love of a family.

Sat 10 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 11 **Lent Thought** *The devil tempted Jesus to throw himself off the temple, to demonstrate that God would save him (Luke 4: 9-11)* Pray this week for all who are lost or who desperately need a helping hand to save them.

Mon 12 For those who are swamped by the darkness of depression or grief, who feel they have nothing to live for. For those contemplating suicide, who believe no-one loves them enough to stretch out a hand to save them. Show us practical ways in which we can demonstrate God's unconditional love for them.

Tue 13 The work of the Church of Scotland's 'Priority Areas' Committee, as it seeks to help and support people struggling against poverty.

Wed 14 For all those who have never heard the good news of the gospel of Christ, or who have heard it but rejected it as irrelevant to them. May God show us how to share the Gospel in ways that will enable them to hear with their hearts, the message of God's love and care for them.

Thu 15 All who struggle with addictions, that they may seek and find help and support to change their lives. All who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

Fri 16 As the church in the world, show us how to reach out to those who need to hear of God's love for them, by going to them not waiting for them to come to us, offering help relevant to their needs and concerns, in language that they can understand.
 Sat 17 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 18 Lent Thought *Angels ministered to Jesus (Matthew 4: 11b)* Give thanks this week for the times that we may have 'entertained angels unawares'.
 Mon 19 Give thanks for the times when God has helped, supported, and encouraged us during a time of need, through those around us. May we always be alert to God wanting us to minister to others in their time of need.
 Tue 20 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 21 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.
 Thu 22 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 23 Give thanks for all the blessings of God's beautiful world, and for the people who bless our lives with their presence and their love and care for us.
 Sat 24 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 25 Lent Thought *The spirit led Jesus out of the wilderness, to begin his earthly ministry (Luke 4: 14-15)* Pray this week for all those who are experiencing, or searching for, a new beginning.
 Mon 26 For all who are beginning their ministry, or being led to a new ministry, that the spirit will guide, strengthen and support them in all they do, as he did Jesus.
 Tue 27 For Christian websites and social media sites, for all involved in internet evangelism, and who are searching these forums trying to learn more about God.
 Wed 28 For the Rock Trust, Fresh Start, Bethany Christian Trust, the on-going winter night shelters and the volunteers who are involved, and all organisations who help and support those who are homeless, or who are moving on from homelessness.
 Thu 29 **Mauandy Thursday** On the day that Jesus instituted the Last Supper that links us back to his first followers and forward to all those who come after us, pray for all Christians worldwide. Give thanks for those who came before us, and ask that we may pass on a vibrant example and living church to those who will come after us.
 Fri 30 **Good Friday** On the day that Jesus was unjustly tried and condemned to death, pray for all held captive without trial. For all who are persecuted, or suffer for their beliefs, or for being different. For the voiceless, the marginalised, the disappeared. May everyone be treated with honesty and integrity, justice and respect.
 Sat 31 **Holy Saturday** We know nothing about the day between Good Friday and Easter Day, but for those grieving for Jesus' death how terrible it must have been. Pray today for all who are mourning loved ones, or who overwhelmed by grief, that they may know the comfort and support of God's loving presence.

MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP
'THE TREE OF PEACE HAS ITS ROOTS IN JUSTICE'

The Morningside Justice and Peace Group exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large. Meetings are held every Wednesday during the autumn and spring months from 10.30am to 11.30am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road in Edinburgh. These meetings are open to all and consist of a short talk on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion.
 To cover costs, a contribution of £1 is requested at each meeting.

Steering Group;
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MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE
SPRING PROGRAMME 2018

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Date	Speaker	Topic
Jan 10	Dorry McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Viewpoint Housing Association.	'Sheltered Housing: current policies and provision.'
Jan 17	Alasdair Neilson, Project Officer, FIDRA.	'From Nurdles to Cotton Buds, Plastic Pollution in the Marine Environment.'
Jan 24	Dora Jandric, PhD student, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh.	'The Future Alone. Quality of Life in Old Age in Scotland.'
Jan 31	Dr Fabian Hilfrich, Senior Lecturer in American History, University of Edinburgh.	'The State of Trump.'
Feb 7	tbc	
Feb 14	Daniel Johnson, MSP Edinburgh Southern.	Update from Holyrood, Scottish Parliament.

Feb 21	Dr. Milja Radovic, MTh, PhD, Universities of Edinburgh/St Andrews.	'Transnational Cinema and Political Activism'
Feb 28	tbc	
Mar 7	John Kerr, Edinburgh Friends of Parks Forum.	'If we don't care for our parks and greenspaces...who will?'
Mar 14	Johanna Carrie, Board member, Transition Edinburgh and MJ&P member.	'Zero Carbon, Edinburgh'
Mar 21	tbc	
Mar 28	Alan McKinney and fellow poets from MJ&P.	'Poetry and the Human Spirit.'



An opportunity for business and professional people to come together to pray for their work and witness in the city, to encourage one another and focus on God's Word

Dear Friend, The next Edinburgh City Prayer Breakfast will be held at Dine Restaurant on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30 am. I do hope you can join us. The details for booking can be found on the Eventbrite site by following this link

- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/edinburgh-city-prayer-breakfast-tickets-41698356908>

We will have breakfast together followed by a time of Scripture focus and prayer lead by Judith Norton. The Title for the event will be 'Replacing Our Fear With Our Faith'

Judith is a manager within the Technology and Change function in Standard Life Aberdeen. She loves working with people and is passionate about helping them be the best they can be in their role. Judith enjoys spending her spare time with friends and family, exploring new places, being active (walking, road cycling and running) and supporting the children and youth in her church with their faith journey.

There is no charge for the breakfast but a contribution towards the cost (suggested donation £10) will be much appreciated. The event will end promptly at 8.45 am enabling guests time to get to their offices.

If you have already booked, please accept my warmest thanks – it is so encouraging to event organisers to get a prompt response. Perhaps you could now encourage others to come with you! If you have not yet booked it would be good to hear from you.

I very much hope you can join us. Every blessing David Vardy
Trustee | The National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland | www.npbs.info

SAUGHTONHALL CHURCH FILM NIGHT

Dear Friends, Saughtonhall Church are hosting a film night on Saturday 3rd February at 6.30pm. This Film, 'Before the Flood' is a follow-up to the evening many of us attended with Katharine Hayhoe. Leonardo DiCaprio travels on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, visiting five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change first hand. The film is free but it is necessary to book through filmcrew@saughtonhall.

On a similar theme the University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Centre has a free event with refreshments at 5.30pm on Tuesday 6th February on 'The personal politics of Climate change, what makes us care?' This is open to members of the public. Please book through:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-personal-politics-of-climate-change-what-makes-us-care-tickets-41419144777>

Both promise to be excellent sources of information and inspiration.
Best wishes, Heather

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ZERMATT

Peter, our minister, recently undertook a locum chaplaincy at St Peter's Church, Zermatt, in the Swiss Alps

The church has a significant place in Alpine history. The fame of Zermatt (particularly in the light of the Matterhorn disaster of 1865) means that many visitors attend the church. The church contains commemorative plaques to famous Alpinists (including several members of the British Alpine Club) and others such as a RAF pilot who died in 1940. Several mountaineers are also buried here, including Charles Hudson who died in the Matterhorn disaster.

The English Church, St Peter's, is an important part of Zermatt's history and traditions. It is closely linked to the British visitors who were among the first to want to see and experience the Matterhorn.

For Zermatt, the English Church occupies an important role in the resort's history. Consecrated in 1870, the church also represents the "golden age of alpinism". During the pioneering days of tourism in Zermatt in the 19th century, English guests made up the greatest share of visitors by far.

Plans for a church and the first ascent of the Matterhorn

From 1862, Protestant Sunday services for English speaking guests were held in the Hotel Monte Rosa and the Hotel Mont Cervin. The first plans for the building of an English church were drawn up in May 1865 and a donation list was prepared at the same time. The two hoteliers Alexander Seiler and Joseph Clemenz were the first to add their names to this list, although they were both Catholic - a reflection of their ecumenical and cosmopolitan views. The same year, on 14 July 1865, the British climber Edward Whymper completed the first ascent of the Matterhorn. Of the seven men who reached the summit, only three returned to the village. Four climbers, including Lord Francis Douglas, Douglas R. Hadow and the Reverend Charles Hudson, fell to their deaths on the descent.

The tragic end to the first ascent of the Matterhorn did nothing to impede the initiative to build the church but actually strengthened it even more. The Marquis of Queensberry, head of the family of Lord Francis Douglas, and the relatives of Douglas R. Hadow immediately made large donations. The foundation stone for the English Church was laid on 29 June 1869, only five years after the start of the donation list. The first service took place one year later on 29 June 1870.

Poignant memorial plaques

There are numerous plaques inside this historic church in memory of mountaineers who had particularly close links with Zermatt and its mountains. The remains of the Reverend Charles Hudson are buried under the main altar.

Pastoral care for Protestant guests in Zermatt is provided by the Intercontinental Church Society. The clerics, who originate from England, are changed every two weeks and play an important role to this day. The Alpine Club of Great Britain celebrated its 150th anniversary in Zermatt in 2007. Naturally, a ceremony was held in the English Church.



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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)
Holy Communion after service on second Sunday
Holy Communion on Last Sunday*

6pm

Evening Worship (Memorial Chapel)

(includes the Ministry of Prayer for Healing)

TUESDAY

12.00pm

(First Tuesday of each month)

Holy Communion (Memorial Chapel)

ministry of prayer for healing offered afterwards

WEDNESDAY

(First Wednesday. Not July/August)

12.30pm - 2pm

soul space Come and go !

& 5pm-7pm

Optional led reflections at 1pm and 6pm



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT

OUR VISION

Our core vision in St Cuthbert's 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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