



# ST CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE August/September 2018



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Cover picture: the newly refurbished Ross Fountain in West Princes Street Gardens

## MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we stood around the spectacularly restored Ross Fountain sharing the 9.30am Communion on 8<sup>th</sup> July I was struck by how we don't need to travel far to see things differently.



Looking at the gathered congregation there was a new backdrop to what I am used to when presiding in our magnificent Church.

This time I saw the Lord lifting up his face to shine upon you on a fine summer's morning and behind was the avenue of

trees stretching all the way along the Gardens - it's a beautiful Parish full of beautiful people!

As we walked back to the Church a young mother ran over from the play park to say it was 'so good to see you all sharing communion around the fountain that was very special and something I will always remember.'

Long summer days are what memories are made of and walking with Christ to encounter him in the bread and wine as we blessed ourselves with the water from the fountain just a few hundred metres from our Church is one I will never forget.

Thank you

Peter



## CHURCH DIARY

### Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

6.00 p.m.

### Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship: *the ministry of prayer for healing is offered after the service*

Holy Communion and Visiting Preacher, Rev Dr John McCulloch, St Andrews Jerusalem

### Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>

12.00 – 12.30pm

Service of Reflection and Communion followed by Healing/Listening Ministry

### Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.  
6.00 p.m.

### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship: Festival Holy Communion

Evening Worship: Rev Clephane Hume

### Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.  
6.00 p.m.

### Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

Evening Worship

### Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.  
6.00 p.m.

### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship including Holy Communion

Evening Worship

### Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.  
6.00 p.m.

### Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Morning Worship: *the ministry of prayer for Healing is offered after the service*

Holy Communion

### Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>

12.00 – 12.30pm

Service of Reflection and Communion followed by Healing/Listening Ministry

### Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>

12.30pm – 8pm

soul space with led reflections at 1pm and 7pm  
*Come and go !*

### Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>

9.30 a.m.

### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Morning Worship: Young Church followed by Holy Communion  
 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship: Friends of St Cuthbert's Service and AGM: Visiting Preacher Rev Rosalind Brown Canon Librarian of Durham Cathedral  
 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship including Holy Communion  
 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship

See pages 18 and 19 for additional events being held in St Cuthbert's during the Festival

**EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the August/September edition of St Cuthbert's Church magazine.

We are pleased to include in this edition two Featured Articles. The first is a report on the McCrae's Battalion Service in St Cuthbert's with contributions from Edinburgh and Contalmaison. The service, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July, occurred exactly 102 years since the start of the Battle of the Somme where so many of the Battalion's soldiers lost their lives.

The second involves the early morning service in West Princes Street Gardens at the restored Ross Fountain (and which is captured in the front cover). The year-long work has restored the Fountain to its former glory and St Cuthbert's were privileged to be able to conduct their early morning service just a few hours before the formal re-opening.

We also include a reflection on the homeless initiative recently conducted in the Church. Geoffrey Miller turns detective to find the answer to a question that has long puzzled him while Mike Bruce sheds some light on the Royal Visit of 1994.

There is also news about our preacher at the evening service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

August, Dr John McCulloch – all the way from Jerusalem. Please try to attend what is likely to be a fascinating service.

Stewart Cowe

**REPORTS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S**

**Featured Article 1: McCrae's Battalion Service**

**1 July 2018 – A message from Lt Col Gary Tait MBE**

***"Greetings from the Somme:***

*This morning at 0915hrs in the Village of Contalmaison, Picardy, France, a service of Remembrance marking the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme commenced. The standard of the Royal Scots Association was marched on to the beat of their Regimental Quick March, Dumbarton's Drums, and smartly took post at the Cairn. This signified the beginning of a service which has been conducted annually since the unveiling of the Cairn in 2004 and commemorates the soldiers of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Battalions of the Royal Scots, City of Edinburgh 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. These Battalions were raised to fight in Kitchener's New Army and found their true baptism of fire on that dreadful day. Of particular note, and focus of the Cairn, is the memory of the 16<sup>th</sup>, known as "Sir George McCrae's Own" for within their ranks they represented every part of the community of Edinburgh, every walk of life, every class of citizen and the very beating heart of our Capital city.*



*The service remembers the terrible sacrifices made by so many on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1916, some 102 years ago today which marked the commencement of the Battle of the Somme, so heavily etched in our collective consciousness. We remembered the British and French Forces along with the enemy of the day, the German Forces. We remembered our commonwealth and dominion Forces especially those from the Royal Newfoundland and Labrador Regiment who suffered appalling losses at Beaumont Hamel this very same day. We remembered the people of Contalmaison and the surrounding area, their lives completely upturned in that hell that was one of the most sinister of battlefields. We remembered them all and commemorated their sacrifice.*

*The Madam Mayor of Contalmaison, Patricia Leroy, sends her warmest of greetings to the good people of Edinburgh today, acknowledging the strong and*

*lasting links between us all that were forged that fateful day. She and the villagers enjoy the company of the pilgrims of McCrae's Battalion Trust each year and we all look to think positively in remembering the soldiers of the 16<sup>th</sup> as we socialise outside the Sal de Fete, across from the Cairn in a manner that boys and Sir George would be proud and happy to join in on. They fought, fell and survived so that life could thrive.*

*We wish you well and join with you across the miles in Edinburgh as you too remember those who fell. We will be with each step of the way to McCrae's Place and the laying of the wreath outside the Usher hall in McCrae's Place. From somewhere in France.....*

*God Bless"*

*Lt Col Gary Tait MBE*

*Chairman, McCrae's Battalion Trust"*

The above message was read out to the Congregation by the Rev. Peter Sutton at the commencement of the 11 o'clock Service in St Cuthbert's on Sunday 1 July which was attended by many people who had come along to recognise the ultimate sacrifice made by all the young men who had laid down their lives on that fateful day 102 years ago. The address was delivered by Padre Andrew Oliver, Chaplain to The Royal Highland Fusiliers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland.



At the end of the service, poppy wreaths in memory of those who died were brought forward to the altar of the church and blessed before being piped out of the church. The Piper and Wreath Bearers were followed by the great majority of those who had attended the church service and processed to the McCrae's Battalion Plaque on the steps of the Usher Hall in McCrae's Place. Once everyone was gathered around the Plaque a short service of commemoration was held and the wreaths were placed and dedicated to the fallen. With the passing of the 100 centenary years of the 1914 – 18 War this Act of Remembrance on the steps of the Usher Hall on 1 July 2018 will become an annual event.

Over the centenary years of WW1 St Cuthbert's has held three services to commemorate this truly remarkable Battalion which was raised in its parish. The first service was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to commemorate the raising of the Battalion, the second on 1 July 2016 to commemorate the first day of the Battle of the Somme and the third, this year, which is the subject of this article.



Over these years a strong and lasting relationship has been forged between St Cuthbert's and McCrae's Battalion Trust and both organisations look forward to working together in the years to come. We also greatly appreciate the long stand support of our outreach partners **business matters** and Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland and, in particular, for helping to advertise this and past services.

Janice Todd

Joint Administrator of OASIS

Serving the business community in Edinburgh's city centre.

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## Featured Article 2: The Ross Fountain

As you will have read in Peter's opening message, members of the congregation attended early morning worship on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ross Fountain now restored to its former glory. That day saw the formal handing over of the Fountain to the city and the switch on of the water for the first time since 2010.

The restoration was commissioned by the Ross Development Trust, took 12 months to complete and cost £1.9m. The Trust was supported by Edinburgh World Heritage who provided a significant grant for the work and was undertaken in collaboration with the City of Edinburgh Council. All told approx. 40,000 hours were spent restoring the Fountain.





The Fountain was originally purchased as a gift to the city by local gunsmith, Daniel Ross, from the Great Exhibition in London in 1862. It was constructed at the iron foundry of Antoine Durenne in Sommevoire, north east France.

Ross noted that the statues at the base represented art, science, poetry and industry while the figure at the top is holding a cornucopia.

Edinburgh being Edinburgh wrangled for years as to the best position in the Gardens to site the Fountain and it was not until 1872 that the present location was chosen. Sadly Ross never got to see the Fountain installed as he had died the previous year. At first, the Fountain was to operate only "on Sundays and when the band played". The fountain was not actually operational during our morning worship, as it was switched on officially later that day at 1pm.

Despite the fondness with which the city residents took to the new structure, not everyone approved of the design. As Fiona MacDonald, Conservation Architect at Edinburgh World Heritage stated, the Fountain was initially viewed as "audacious, flamboyant and even scandalous" to some 19<sup>th</sup> century sensibilities. Closer to home, Dean Ramsay minister of St John's Episcopal Church at the time was outraged at the amount of nudity on display which was "grossly indecent and disgusting; insulting and offensive to the moral feelings of the community and disgraceful to the city". How times change!

The restoration presented the team with several challenges. The colour palette chosen may seem at odds to that remembered prior to the restoration, but it reflects as closely as possible the colour at inception and was based on the team's research of other French fountains. More than 120 pieces of cast-iron had to be dismantled, removed and taken to Wigan where they were expertly restored to their former glory by the company Lost Art. Piece by piece, the Fountain was dismantled, restored and then put back together again. The final piece of the giant metal jigsaw was put into place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May when the two-tonne statue was returned to the top of the Fountain by a 15-metre crane in an operation which lasted an hour.

The Fountain has been fitted with a state-of-the-art diagnostics system which allows it to be switched on and off by remote control. The new system gives remote control over key functions such as water flow and lighting, delivering alerts of operational issues within the fountain and its various elements. Sensors will detect and notify technicians if the pumps are not working, if there is a lack of pressure or anything else that can possibly go wrong. Sensors will also detect daylight levels so the fountain's new lights "know" when to come on.

The Fountain is one of only three listed cast-iron fountains in Scotland - the others being the Saracen Fountain in Glasgow and the Grand Fountain in Paisley.

The former was originally erected in 1901 for the Kelvingrove International Exhibition before being relocated to its current home, Alexandra Park, in 1913. Thomas Coats, the world-famous thread manufacturer, gifted the Grand Fountain in 1868 and it is situated in Paisley's oldest park. Both have also recently undergone major refurbishment.

The Ross Fountain is not the only project the Ross Development Trust are involved in. There are plans to replace the dilapidated Ross Pavilion (also known as the Ross Bandstand). An architects' competition has already chosen the winning concept and the new pavilion should be completed in 2021. Additionally, a new visitor centre will be created facing the Bandstand and the Castle, the bridge over the railway near Kings Stables Road will be replaced and the cottage and shelters at the east end of West Princes Street Gardens will be refurbished.

With thanks to David Ellis, Managing Director of the Ross Development Trust. Photos by kind permission of AC Photos

## **St Cuthbert's welcomed the homeless to an evening of board games – a reflection**

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Isaiah asks, *'Does not God require you to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?'* Isaiah 58:7

### **Background**

Every Monday between 7-9pm for eight weeks in April and May, St Cuthbert's opened its doors to the homeless. The aim was to provide food, companionship, sanctuary and stability and transport to the Bethany shelter; in essence, a temporary refuge.

### **Introduction**

Reflecting on how to write this article my thoughts turned to numerous questions on the meaning of home and food. What do we think about when we hear the word home?

It is a place to lay down your head, where you are surrounded by memories and possessions, where your friends and family gather, where you are safe enough to laugh and cry, where you build your dreams.

For all of us home holds a special meaning. Losing one's home, walking the streets, living in temporary accommodation and being separated from

neighbourhoods and community is the daily reality that our Monday evening guests experience.

We all eat but food is not just fuel for our bodies. It is at the centre of numerous social occasions where we acknowledge our collective ties. The choosing, preparing, serving of food is infused with ritual and meaning. When eating is nothing more than an act to reduce hunger, we lose our sense of social identity. The sharing of food with our guests creates community. Our Monday evenings tried to supply something of that.

### **What We Did**

On a Monday evening our guests were welcomed and given a hot meal. Some of us played board games over which there was much conversation. We shared, cared, listened, laughed and through the food and board games we tried to create a caring community where there was a feeling of trust, worth and togetherness. The evening was appreciated by all.

### **Evaluation**

How can we judge the success of our venture? Is it by supplying the statistics, or telling the stories, or mentioning those who contributed?

### **The Statistics**

The statistics collected each evening tell us that:

- during the eight nights over 60 different people visited
- the average attendance was between 15 and 20 people
- the majority, 90%, were male.
- ages ranged from 18 to 63 with most of our guests either in their 20s or 50s.
- a third of the guests attended more than twice and some came every week.

### **The Stories**

*John (21) was given a flat several miles away from his family and friends. At present he is unemployed. "I don't like eating alone and I am not a good cook. I come here to meet my friends who are still on the streets."*

*James (26) "I live in a Bed and Breakfast accommodation I've got to be in by 10pm. There's no cooking facilities; I have to eat carry outs every night and it uses up my wages. Here I get home cooking and company."*

*Peter (55) "My life is too chaotic now; the drink and anger takes over. I lost everything family, job and home. At least here people care."*

*Anne (28) "After 10 years on the streets I am now in a temporary hostel. It is so good to come here and to have people who listen, really care and accept me."*

### **The Contributors**

This is a good place to record our thanks to all the members of the congregation who donated clothes, board games, food, toiletries; to the Waldorf Astoria staff; for the numerous donations of food and monies; to The Watchtower for their soup and food; to the volunteers and congregation for their time and generosity; above all to our guests for reminding us what it is to give.

Anne Robertson

### **The Font**

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For some time, I have wondered who the donor of the Font was, and now I have found the answer, sadly too late to include in the information sheet in the church. The story may be of interest to the welcome guides, but I am sure that all readers will be interested in the story.

"The donor of the font was Charles Hunter Stewart, first professor of Public Health in Edinburgh University in memory of his wife, Ann Marie. He was described as brusque but genial, interesting and amusing and lecturing with a deliberate and impressive style. His particular interest was in water supply and river pollution".

His obituary in "The Student" is adjacent to an article about Eric Liddell's victory in the Olympic Games in Paris in 1924.

Geoffrey Millar

### **Reflections on a Royal Visit**

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Mike Bruce, son of the late Cathie Bruce, brought in several items of interest to a recent Tuesday morning coffee morning. Included was a photo taken on the occasion of the Royal Visit commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the present church in 1994. That got the assembled gathering reminiscing of that occasion and the Rev Tom Cuthell, who happened to be at the coffee morning, added some interesting stories about the Royal visit.

Princess Anne attended the service on 27 June but it seems that she was not Tom's first choice! Tom had higher designs and apparently wrote to the Queen's Private Secretary to ask if Her Majesty would be able to attend but was politely told that she would be entertaining the King of Norway at that time. However, he did encourage Tom to approach other members of the Royal Family and that led to the Princess Royal visiting.

Incidentally, this visit from Princess Anne was not the first Royal Visit to St Cuthbert's. In June 1944, the Princess Royal (this time Princess Mary, Countess

of Harewood) attended a service of Edinburgh Girl Guides. The previous Royal Visitor was King Robert the Bruce in June 1314.

The 1994 visit is well remembered by the Magazine Editor as St Cuthbert's own Boys' Brigade Company was asked to provide a Guard of Honour outside the Church for the Princess Royal. It was also George Gilchrist's final official duty as Captain of the Company as he was retiring after 26 years at the helm. Not a bad way to go out!

## **soul space September 2018 – June 2019**



On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, soul space returns after its summer break. The church is 'open house' from **12.30pm-8pm** to allow everyone the freedom to **come and go**, as and when they want. There are short, optional, **led reflections at 1pm and 7pm** for anyone wishing to join with others in worship. (Please note the slightly different times.)

For centuries, Jesus has been a compelling figure to people of many different faiths and of none. The man who claimed to be God, showed great compassion and lived a radical life of poverty, challenging the religious and political leaders of his own day and ours, inspiring devotion in his followers. Who was he? Who is he through 21st century eyes?

Intrigued, we will be reflecting on this at soul space during the coming months, focussing on a different aspect each month, such as Jesus as Healer, Teacher, Shepherd, Provider, etc.

**soul space takes place on the first Wednesday of each month between September and June (not January), plus the Wednesday of Holy Week.** soul space seeks to provide a sacred space in the heart of the city of Edinburgh. A space to find peace, stillness and refreshment. A space to chill, to relax, to unwind. A space to explore, to reflect, to pray. No pressure, no expectations, no word-filled service - and it's free !

Come when you can, leave when you must. Space for you to relax, chill and just unwind. Come and give it a try - you may find it refreshes the parts other churches don't reach !!

*soul space team*

## **Christian Aid Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Many thanks to all who contributed to St Cuthbert's Christian Aid Week collection. The sum of £340 was raised. Thank you also to those who signed the petition asking our Prime Minister to lobby the UN regarding the plight of over

40 million internally displaced people in the world today. We ask that the UN give them the same rights as refugees.

Finally, a date for your diaries! Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together Christian Aid Committee are hoping to have a social event on Saturday 29th September in the Lindisfarne Room at St Cuthbert's. This will take the form of a Japanese Floral Art Demonstration followed by afternoon tea. Further details will follow nearer the time in our church notices.

Anne Wemyss, Gordon Wemyss, Maggie Romanis

## **Evening Preacher: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Please welcome to St Cuthbert's a special preacher all the way from Jerusalem. Rev Dr John McCulloch, minister of St Andrews Jerusalem & Tiberius (Church of Scotland) will preach at the evening service (6pm) on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Dr McCulloch has already travelled widely, living and growing up in Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, and Lanarkshire. Moving from his charge in Argyll, Dr McCulloch was installed in St Andrew's Scots Memorial Church on Palm Sunday this year. His Jerusalem congregation is also diverse, including expat Scots, Palestinians, Messianic Jews, international staff from NGOs and pilgrims; and the wide-ranging partners that the Church of Scotland is working with across Israel & The Palestinian Territories.

In an interview John said: "To live out this call in the very place where Christ walked, is both humbling and a real privilege." If you're intrigued by his statement, or interested to hear more of what it is like to live in such a key religious site at a tempestuous time in its history, in the middle of social justice issues - do come along to hear Dr McCulloch speak on 5th August.

August is Festival time in Edinburgh and with its road closures (including King's Stables Road) and increased traffic. But if getting to Church becomes a little more frustrating than usual at this time, then our difficulties bear little comparison to Dr McCulloch's daily hassles when he goes to his Church. His travels involve going through armed checkpoints, back and forth from Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on a regular basis.

## **Tuesday Afternoon Group**

At our March AGM it was agreed that the Tuesday Afternoon Group would continue to meet fortnightly from October to December 2018 and January to April 2019, with myself as Group Leader and Secretary, Jean Watt as Treasurer and Rena Scott and Betty Tait as Committee Members. The syllabus is beginning to take shape but there will be more information in the October/ November

Church Magazine. Our October meetings are on Tuesdays 9 and 23, when we look forward to seeing you. Meantime enjoy the rest of the summer.

Best wishes, Sheena Cant

### **Friends of St Cuthbert's**

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As previously intimated in the last magazine, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 23 September 2018. Information and the Annual Report will be sent out to members towards the end of August.

In June, a small Group of us joined with some of the Pilgrim Way Group to visit the Treasures Exhibition at Durham Cathedral which includes a display of St Cuthbert artifacts. The visit was enjoyed by all and it was agreed that this was a wonderful opportunity for the two groups to get to know one another. Information about the exhibition can be found on Durham Cathedral's website.

Pat Ferguson

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

### **Message from the Lord High Commissioner**

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Following the General Assembly and the Garden Party in Princes Street Gardens, the Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner (His Grace, The Duke of Buccleuch) sent the attached letter to the Rev Dr George Whyte at the Church of Scotland.

I am writing to thank you for helping to make the Lord High Commissioner's visit to the Princes Street Garden Party a huge success.

There was a wonderful carnival atmosphere with everyone of all ages having a good time. The emphasis on the younger members of society was noticeable, even a stand where they could recharge their mobile telephone whilst relaxing and chatting to each other!

We met some of the participants of the Boys' Brigade parade from outside St Giles and learnt some of the challenges they are having encouraging new members.

Another interesting area was finance. Castle Community Bank is a fascinating example of harnessing the expertise of people with a business or banking background and putting banking within reach of people who are excluded from the average high street banking services.

His Grace couldn't leave without visiting The Guild's Stand where he was delighted to meet a number of the key members and final port of call was St Cuthbert's church where Rev Peter Sutton gave us a wonderful tour around the First World War memorial chapel.

His Grace was impressed with all the effort that had gone into arranging the garden party and with the eagerness of everyone involved.

Would you kindly convey his warmest thanks to all who took part.

Signed Tom Murray W.S., Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner

### **Life and Work September 2018**

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The September edition includes:

*70 Years of Walking Together:* Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Council of Churches

*'I Feel Blessed to be Part of All This':* Interview with the BBC's Hugh Pym, a Church of Scotland elder

*The Churches and the Festival:* How Edinburgh's churches are contributing to this year's festival season

*Make Our Steps Count:* In her first column, the Rt Rev Susan Brown urges readers to walk with her during the year

*A Truly Revolutionary Event:* Ron Ferguson pays tribute to the National Health Service

*The Road Home:* The Very Rev Albert Bogle highlights the importance of a safe home – and the deeper impact of providing a home for others

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Congregational Roll**

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Marriage Blessing - 25th Anniversary

8th July Sarah and Steve Arnett, North Carolina, USA



## Communication

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

## Duty Elders

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August	September
<b>Mrs Ferguson</b>	<b>Mr McLean</b>
Mr Newjem	Miss Pollock
Mr Revolta	Miss Todd
Mr Turnbull	Mr Williams
Miss Watt	

## Telephone Prayer Circle

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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

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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

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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 an 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.

Margaret Pollock

## Future Church Magazines

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

October/November edition by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
December/January edition by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
February/March edition by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January (provisional)

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

## Festival Events in St Cuthbert's Church

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### St Cuthbert's Organ Festival Recitals - 12:30pm-1:15pm – Free Admission

Tuesday 7 August	Graham Maclagan (St Cuthbert's Church)
Wednesday 8 August	Michael Harris (St Giles' Cathedral)
Thursday 9 August	Morley Whitehead (Morningside Parish Church)
Monday 13 August	John Kitchen (Edinburgh City Organist)

### Other Festival Events in St Cuthbert's Church

<b>Friday 3 August</b>	
12:45pm, 2pm, 6.30pm and 7.45pm	Tal Coward 'Classic Conjuring'
<b>Monday 6 August</b>	
1:30pm and 2.45pm	Tal Coward 'Classic Conjuring'
<b>Tuesday 7 August</b>	
3:30pm, 4.45pm, 6pm and 7.15 pm	Tal Coward 'Classic Conjuring'
<b>Friday 10 August</b>	
7pm	Amersham A Capella 'A Pitch in Time' concert
<b>Saturday 11 August</b>	
7pm	Amersham A Capella 'A Pitch in Time' concert
<b>Monday 13 August</b>	
3:30pm and 7.30pm	Library Theatre - Talking Heads 'Bed among the lentils'
<b>Tuesday 14 August</b>	
12:30pm	Anne-Isabel Meyer concert - Bach Cello Suites
3:30pm and 7.30pm	Library Theatre - Talking Heads 'Bed among the lentils'
<b>Wednesday 15 August</b>	
12:30pm	Anne-Isabel Meyer concert - Bach Cello Suites
3:30pm and 7.30pm	Library Theatre - Talking Heads 'Bed among the lentils'

**Thursday 16 August**

12:30pm Anne-Isabel Meyer concert - Bach Cello Suites  
7:30pm Santa Ignace Evening Piano Recital

**Friday 17 August**

7:30pm Pitchcraft concert

**Saturday 18 August**

7:30pm Waverley Care concert - featuring Loud and Proud

**Monday 20 August**

8pm Alastair Savage + Gregor Blamey 'Scotland and Beyond' concert

**Wednesday 22 August**

1pm Polish Highlanders concert

**Thursday 23 August**

7:45pm Orchestra of the Canongait concert

**Friday 24 August**

7:30pm Opera Bohemia 'Falstaff' concert

**Sunday 26 August**

7:45pm Scottish Sinfonia Concert

**REGULAR 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**

(First Tuesday in the month)  
12.15pm **Post Coffee Morning Worship** (Memorial Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY**

(First Wednesday. Resumes September)  
12.30pm-8pm **Soul space** Come and go !  
Optional led reflections at 1pm and 7pm.

**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.**



The Church of Scotland



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## St Cuthbert's Prayer Diary - August 2018

- Wed 01 For those who work to relieve inequality and injustice, whether in trade and commerce, tax laws, or debts owed by individuals or nations.
- Thu 02 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. That God will show us how to share the Gospel in ways that will enable them to hear with their hearts, the message of God's love for them.
- Fri 03 For all Christians in the Independent Anglican Church of Canada. 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 04 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 05** *I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love (Ps 59)*

- Mon 06 The growth and development of our healing and listening ministries, all who are involved, and all who come to us for help.
- Tue 07 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, their dedication and service to our country.
- Wed 08 The ministries of 'OASIS' and 'business matters', Andy Gregg, and all involved in Workplace Chaplaincy, as they offer help and support in the workplace.
- Thu 09 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 10 For all Christians in the Indian Shakers 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 11 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 12** *With God's help we will do mighty things (Ps 60)*

- Mon 13 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.
- Tue 14 All who suffer domestic violence, or abuse. All who are harmed by those who should be protecting them. That they may find help, support, and a way out of their situation.
- Wed 15 The work of the Church of Scotland's 'Priority Areas' Committee, as it seeks to help and support people struggling against poverty.
- Thu 16 For all churches, including ourselves, struggling to survive, that we will not become so worried about our future, that we lose sight of our mission as the body of Christ in the world - to share in his work and witness, regardless of the cost to ourselves, and to trust him always to know what is best for us.

- Fri 17 For all Christians in the Inspirationalists (Amana Church Society). 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 18 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 19** *Let me live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings! (Ps 61)*

- Mon 20 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. Pray 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.
- Tue 21 Those responsible for making and passing laws. Those responsible for upholding the law, or for dispensing justice. All working in the prison services. All prisoners
- Wed 22 The work of the Bible Societies. All who work translating the Bible so that everyone will be able to read the scriptures in their own language. Those who distribute the Bibles, those who support this work.
- Thu 23 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.
- Fri 24 For all Christians in Lutheran 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 25 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 26** *Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him (Ps 62)*

- Mon 27 The staff, and the volunteers, who all willingly give of their time, talents, and finances, to serve God's worldwide church, St Cuthbert's, and our congregation.
- Tue 28 For all who work in the caring professions, for patience, gentleness, and kindness in all they do, especially for those who work with people who are unable to help themselves. All who live with the frustrations caused by needing help from others.
- Wed 29 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 rather waiting for them to come to us, by offering help that is relevant to their needs and concerns, in language that they can understand.
- Thu 30 For God's church in the world, that it may be a beacon of light and hope, drawing others into his family
- Fri 31 For all Christians in the Macedonian Orthodox 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.

## St Cuthbert's Prayer Diary - September 2018

Sat 01 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 02** *O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you (Ps 63)*

Mon 03 The work of the church in our city, country, and the world, in sharing God's message with others. Those called to be missionaries, at home or abroad.

Tue 04 For all people who are born or forced into slavery. For the victims of trafficking, violence, terrorism, or abuse, and those who are responsible. Victim support agencies.

Wed 05 For St Cuthbert's soul space ministry - offering an opportunity to find peace and space in which to stop and reflect, in the middle of the chaos of everyday life. For all who are involved with soul space any way, and for who will come into the church, that they may be aware of God's presence and blessing.

Thu 06 For all churches, the courage to reach out to those all around them, who are hurting and in pain, to share with them God's loving touch of healing and comfort

Fri 07 For all Christians in Japanese Makuya 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 08 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 09** *Proclaim the mighty acts of God and realise all the amazing things he does (Ps 64)*

Mon 10 For members or visitors to our belfry who ring our bells for services, encouraging all to come and worship with us.

Tue 11 For 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.

Wed 12 That we may have the courage to stand up and speak out against poverty, racism, violence, bigotry, and hunger. Show us how we can make a difference to those who are suffering because of these things.

Thu 13 For those whose bad experiences of Christ's people or church, have led to a loss of faith, that they might re-discover God, and his unchanging love and care for them.

Fri 14 **Holy Cross Day** Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we may be granted the grace to daily take up our cross and follow him.

Sat 15 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 16** *What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you. Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all (Ps 65)*

Mon 17 For Christian websites and social media sites, for all involved in internet evangelism in any way, and those searching these forums to learn more of God.

Tue 18 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, and for those who will never know the love of a family.

Wed 19 The work of Crossreach providing support and care for vulnerable people. The work of all the various Councils of the church of Scotland, and all who work for 121.

Thu 20 For all churches, including ourselves, facing an uncertain future, that we may not try to hide from the storm ahead, but have the courage to walk out into it to wherever Christ waits to meet us. That we may all be more concerned about saving people than saving buildings, and trust our future to his loving guidance, rather than relying on our own self-sufficiency

Fri 21 For all Christians in the Mariavite 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 22 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 23** *Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! (Ps 66)*

Mon 24 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.

Tue 25 For all students, at schools, colleges, and universities in our city. For those struggling to keep up with their workload, for those who are far away from everything and everyone they know. For all who teach or support students.

Wed 26 As God's people in the world, may we always treat every person we encounter, with such love and respect, that God's love shines through us to all around us.

Thu 27 For those whose bad experiences of Christ's people or church, have led to a loss of faith, that they might re-discover God, and his unchanging love and care for them.

Fri 28 For all Christians in Jewish Christian 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 29 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 30** *May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favour on us (Ps 67)*