



Come, Holy Spirit

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our minister had asked me to write this month's Pastoral Letter, and I am happy to do so.

May is the month of Pentecost: it falls in that month more than twice as often as in June. In a sense, then, we enter the month of May under the most appropriate auspices that could be imagined, in the name and power of the Holy Spirit.

Of course, whatever the month, we are always living, or we ought always to be living, in 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit'. That means two things: our fellowship together as a Christian community, and our individual fellowship with God.

In the New Testament, fellowship together in the Christian community was vital and impressive. It meant, for instance, that a justifiably proud Pharisee like Saul of Tarsus could share his deepest intimacies with poor illiterate slaves from the slums, barbarians he once would have called them; but now, 'in the Spirit', they are his brothers and sisters. Or here is a Christian *agapè* or love feast in the catacombs, and a Roman lady, with imperial blood in her veins, a kinswoman of the Caesars. She is taking the cup from the hand of a nameless waif of the streets, and both of them feel it is the most natural thing in the world to do, for in 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit', there is now a love deeper than human relationships between them. And always that fellowship was drawing others to itself, always it was self-propagating, for every single member of the fellowship was a herald of the living Christ, showing his love, scattering his glory.

Behind that wonderful early Christian fellowship there lay a direct individual fellowship with God, a personal experience of the Holy Spirit. There was nothing bored or listless or apathetic about the early Christians. Because they were 'in the Spirit', they eagerly expected things to happen when they said their prayers, for example. or when they spoke to their non-believing friends of Christ their Saviour. They were always listening for God, always looking for him, always expecting him to act. For they were Christ's men and women right up to the hilt, ready to go anywhere, to do anything at his command. His marching-orders were the music of their lives. There may have been a few who became weary and languid, but most of them could say to Christ such words as Robert Herrick said to his Anthea some three hundred and fifty years ago:

*Thou art my life, my love, my heart,
the very eyes of me,
thou hast command of every part,
to live and die for thee.*

The call for us here in St Cuthbert's this Pentecost month of May, as indeed it is in every month of the year, is to live in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We strengthen the bond of that fellowship by the loving care we take of one another and of those who come among us. But we can do that only if each one of us, individually, deepens our fellowship with Christ. By our being unconditionally and unreservedly committed to him, we become men and women full of the Holy Spirit, and St Cuthbert's becomes a church throbbing with the life of the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you all.
Charlie Robertson

CHURCH DIARY

Wed 2	1pm & 5.30pm	soul space : 'Holy Spirit'
May 6	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship <i>Preacher – Revd Tony Bryer (Work Place Chaplain)</i> Evening Worship: Holy Communion
May 13	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship <i>Young Church meets</i> Evening Worship
Wed 16	7.30pm	Time for Prayer
May 20	The Sunday after Ascension 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Worship Assembly Sunday: 'Heart and Soul' event in St Cuthbert's and the Gardens all afternoon. 5pm Closing Worship at the Ross Bandstand <i>NB – No Evening Worship in St Cuthbert's</i>
May 27	Pentecost 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship: Holy Communion Evening Worship: Evening Prayer

TOGETHER JOINT SERVICE

On Sunday 3 June the annual **Together Joint Service** will take place in St Andrew's & St George's West (the Shandwick Place building) at 11.00am. **Please note that there will be no 11am service in St Cuthbert's on this Sunday.** All are encouraged to join with our sisters and brothers of our partner churches for this important service.

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THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

You will note that the Together Joint Service coincides with the weekend of celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This being the case, we in St Cuthbert's will be marking the Diamond Jubilee on the Sunday following, **10 June at 11am** with appropriate prayers of thanksgiving etc.

DWD

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

May 6	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Acts 8: 26-40 22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 St John 15: 1-8
May 13	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Acts 10: 44-48 98 1 John 5: 1-6 St John 15: 9-17
May 20	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Acts 1: 15-17 & 21-26 1 1 John 5: 9-13 St John 17: 6-19
May 27	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Acts 2: 1-21 104: 24-34 & 35b Romans 8: 22-27 St John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4b-15



The 'Heart and Soul' event planned for General Assembly Sunday takes place on Sunday 20 May. Last year's event, 'Roll away the Stone' attracted thousands of church members from congregations throughout Scotland and much of West Princes Street Gardens and St Cuthbert's was full of folks of all ages taking part in events of all types.

This year it is expected that there will be even more people and the organisers have planned even more to do over an even wider area! From St Cuthbert's all the way to the Mound there will be stalls, events, worship, music, stages, children's activities, displays, seminars and much more besides.

Once again, this year's Assembly Sunday promises to be very exciting and we in St Cuthbert's have the privilege of once more being fully involved in this national event.

Stay around for the day following morning worship on 20 May. It promises to be uplifting and inspiring!

DWD

EVENTS TO BE HOSTED BY ST CUTHBERT'S IN MAY

Tuesdays	1 pm to 2 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Group meeting
Wednesdays	10 am to 12 noon	Chest, Heart & Stroke Society meeting
	1 pm to 2 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Group meeting
Thursdays	11.45 am to 2.15 pm	Scottish Slimmers
Sundays	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Group meeting
Tuesday 1	7 pm to 10 pm	Edinburgh Bach Choir rehearsal
Thursday 3	7 pm to 10 pm	The Practice Choir rehearsal
Saturday 5	10.30 am to 12 noon	Coffee Morning
	1.30 pm to 2.15 pm	Ian Ball Organ Recital
Monday 7	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Sketching Club Private Viewing
Tuesday 8	10 am to 5 pm	Sketching Club Exhibition
	6.30 to 7.30 pm	St Cuthbert's Change-Ringers AGM

Wednesday 9	7 pm to 10 pm 10 am to 5 pm	Edinburgh Bach Choir rehearsal Sketching Club Exhibition
Thursday 10	9.30 am to 11.30 am 10 am to 5 pm 2 pm to 4 pm 7.30 pm	Probus Club meeting Sketching Club Exhibition Napier Uni Music Students' rehearsal Napier Uni Music Students' Recital
Friday 11	10 am to 5 pm 12.15 pm to 2 pm 3.30 pm 4.30 pm to 8 pm	Sketching Club Exhibition Friends of RSNO Lunchtime Concert Wedding Blessing Service RSNO Junior Chorus rehearsal
Saturday 12	10 am to 5 pm 10 am to 1 pm 7.30 pm	Sketching Club Exhibition Cadenza Choir rehearsal Cadenza Choir Concert
Sunday 13	2 pm to 5.30 pm	Scottish Sinfonia rehearsal
Monday 14	7.30 pm	Napier Uni Music Students' Recital
Tuesday 15	12.45 pm to 3 pm 7 pm to 10 pm	"Bookworms" meeting Edinburgh Bach Choir rehearsal
Wednesday 16	1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	U3A meeting
Thursday 17	9 am to 4 pm 7 pm	George Heriot's Junior School rehearsals George Heriot's Junior School Concert
Friday 18	3 pm 6.30 pm	St Andrew's Jerusalem AGM Royal Conservatoire Choir Concert
Saturday 19	7.30 pm	St Tomas Choir (Stockholm) Concert
Sunday 20	1 pm to 5 pm 7 pm to 10 pm	"Heart & Soul" Party in the Gardens Scottish Sinfonia rehearsal
Tuesday 22	7 pm to 10 pm	Edinburgh Bach Choir rehearsal
Thursday 24	10 am to 12 noon	Probus Club meeting
Sunday 27	2 pm to 5.30 pm	Scottish Sinfonia rehearsal
Tuesday 29	7 pm to 10 pm	Edinburgh Bach Choir rehearsal
Thursday 31	3 pm to 8 pm	OASIS Fun Run support.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S

Last reminder for important events

Cadenza Choir – Saturday 12 May 2012 at 7.30pm - Tickets Only £8

Available from Church Office, Bookstall on Sunday Mornings, Pat Ferguson, Gordon Wemyss and Trustees of the Society. We hope to attract a good crowd to this event.

Trip To Lindisfarne – Saturday 26 May 2012 - Estimated cost £30

Anyone still interested should contact Pat Ferguson or the Minister

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CHERRYHOLME HOUSE

A very successful Coffee Morning which raised £239.30 was held on 21st April. Our thanks to everyone who supported this Fund Raising Event.

The Festive Season began with our Annual Carol Service conducted by our Pastoral Care Minister, The Rev Fran Ruthven from Morningside United Church. Christmas Cards and a present were delivered to all 19 residents. We organised and funded a New Year Party on the 6th January with dinner and entertainment by "QUERN", a musical group of singers and musicians.

Our monthly worship services continue by the Rev Ruthven who conducted a special Communion Service during Holy Week, at Easter. We also organise and fund musical entertainment every month and already this year we have had "The Southside Singers" "David Vernon" and "Jack High" each of whom gave superb hour-long concerts much enjoyed by all the residents.

The next special event is an outing on The Seagull Trust Barge from Ratho to Almondell on 4th June with a picnic lunch on board. Transport is organised with a S.E.A.G. bus.

Last but not least, one of our committee, Ruth MacKenzie, is arranging to send birthday cards to all the residents on a regular basis. Any members who would like to pay a visit to Cherryholme and meet some of the residents, please contact myself.

George Gilchrist (Chairman of The Committee and Friends)

CHRISTIAN AID REPORT

Given to Kirk Session on 24 April 2012

St Cuthbert's continues to be involved in the work of Christian Aid through our CA Committee comprising Samia Dunbar, Maggie Romanis and Anne Wemyss. We coordinate events both specific to St Cuthbert's and to TOGETHER. The year started with the well-established **St C's Marmalade Market** which raised the sum of £278. A special word of thanks must go to all our marmalade makers for enabling this event to continue. The next fundraiser we were involved in was the very successful **TOGETHER Fair Trade Fashion Show** held in St C's on 29th March in our newly refurbished Lammermuir Hall, which proved an excellent venue. Not only was the marvellous sum of £743 raised but hopefully there was an increased awareness of the work of the Fair Trade Foundation and it gave us an opportunity to meet others from TOGETHER. A further fundraiser is planned for early autumn, which will be a musical evening in St Cuthbert's. More details to follow nearer the time!

Christian Aid Week this year runs from Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May. Donation envelopes will be handed out after the morning services on Sundays 13th & 20st May. We are very fortunate to be getting a preview of this year's theme as Crispin Longden (a member of STAGWs and also an employee of Christian Aid) will give a short presentation at our 11am Service on Sunday 6th May. To many Edinburgh citizens Christian Aid Week means one thing – the annual Book Sale at STAGWs. This runs from Saturday 12th – Saturday 19th May. If any one wishes to help at this please see one of the committee in the first instance. Details of times of the sale are on flyers at the bookstall.

The work of Christian Aid is not just confined to fundraising however but supporting the various campaigns it runs is very important too. On Saturday 3rd March 2012, approximately 30 people gathered for a coffee morning with a difference – **Meet the Politicians**. It wasn't just about enjoying coffee, cake and conversation in the Undercroft of STAGW's but also about discussing issues raised by Christian Aid's campaigns on Taxation and Climate Change. The event was organised under the auspices of the Wider Horizons Group and supported by TOGETHER Christian Aid. Originally 4 MPs/MSPs were scheduled to appear but in the end we were very fortunate to have 2 MPs present namely Sheila Gilmore and Mark Lazarowicz.

Diane Green, Campaigns Organiser for Christian Aid in Scotland kept us all well briefed as to Christian Aid's stance on the above topics. The MPs moved around the three tables where everyone asked a question of their choice on both topics. The resulting discussion was very good, with the MPs being very approachable, encouraging and keen to keep us informed. They also offered tips on lobbying - letters/emails must be well informed (never assume politicians know everything) and the wider range of people and backgrounds the better! Questions have to be specific and challenging.

Ultimately the big question was – what can TOGETHER do to influence Climate Change and Taxation? Ideas considered included the following:

On Climate Change

- form a writing group (also applies to Taxation)
- campaign to get more of us cycling
- “quality of life” – making small changes in our lives can make a big difference – use our own poster campaign to get these messages across (constantly changing the posters to keep interest up)

On Taxation

How can we as TOGETHER support Christian Aid in closing the loopholes?

- look at our own tax/financial affairs first as individuals, then as congregations then as a city, a country and so on. Put pressure on MPs, MSPs & MEPs for greater tax transparency.

Maggie Romanis will be stepping down from the TOGETHER Christian Aid and St Cuthbert's Christian Aid Committees in the autumn of this year. A new member from St C's will have to be found.

Finally, many thanks are due to all who support Christian Aid through their giving, lobbying and prayer.

M. A. Romanis

(Chair - TOGETHER and St Cuthbert's Christian Aid Committees)

THE MONDAY GROUP

The Monday Group had their last meeting of the session on the afternoon of Monday 23 April. While numbers have not increased significantly, we are holding steady and those who have come have enjoyed a varied programme of speakers and in-house afternoons, and we have had positive feedback from speakers and the friends who came. We are in the “What's On” booklet, the Churches Together magazine, and the Church Secretary is very good at making sure there is an intimation in the order of service for two Sundays prior to the next meeting.

Over the session we have been collecting small change and at the last meeting agreed that the money should be split between two charities – “Starlight” which grants wishes to seriously and terminally ill children and their families; 88 pence of every £1 donated helps these families to have respite care or short holidays. The other charity is “Mary's Meals” which was set up in 2002 in Malawi at that time feeding 200 children. It is now helping more than 600,000 children in 16 countries. The children are schooled and fed and it only costs £9.40 a year to feed a child (using local produce where possible).

The Group hope to start again in October with Sheena Cant continuing as Group Leader, Jean Watt as Treasurer and Rena Scott and Betty Tait as Committee Members.

Sheena Cant (Group Leader)

HELP IN THE CITY CENTRE FOR THOSE IN NEED

People coming to and from churches and especially the Ministers are frequently approached by people seeking help of all kinds. So, for some years, the TOGETHER Homelessness Team has produced up-to-date information in the form of a single page notice and a handy size four page leaflet. The latest (April 2012) versions are now available and copies have been distributed to those directly concerned, including the Church Officer who has placed one on the main noticeboard. If anyone would find it useful to have a personal copy, please contact the Church Officer or June Ross (332-2144).

June Ross

WIDER MISSION TASK GROUP
Report to the Kirk Session 24 April 2012

Jamaica Education Trust

This project, supported by St. Cuthbert's and other congregations since 2006, came to an end last year, with the retirement of Roy Dodman. The conclusion of the project was marked by a very successful visit to Edinburgh by Roy and Jane Dodman in August 2011. The last major contribution to the Trust, amounting to £1,331, has been remitted to the Trust Treasurer. Going by previous reports to the Kirk Session, St. Cuthbert's contributed £2,500 in 2006 and 2007, £2,000 in 2008/9 and £1,200 in 2010.

Malawi Nancholi NAYO Project

This was a project carried out in the summer of 2011 by a group of students under the auspices of the Edinburgh Global Partnership, an organisation with substantial experience in the preparation and execution of projects of this kind. The objective was to construct a piggery and establish a business which would provide support for AIDS sufferers and their families in the area of Nancholi, in Malawi. Francis Powlesland, a member of our choir, was involved in this project. Young Church were keen to take part in supporting the project and a fund-raising lunch was held, and other opportunities for contributions by the congregation were arranged. The project was reported to have been successfully completed.

Further Projects

The Group has considered a number of possible further projects. There was much interest in the possibility of supporting initiatives in Palestine and members of the Group met the Rev George Shand of St Andrew's, Jerusalem, who described some of these initiatives. It was, however, felt that there was not sufficient information to enable the Group to decide how the congregation might most effectively become involved in supporting any of these initiatives, and that it would be better to delay any attempt to become involved, particularly in view of the possibility mentioned below, that a group visit to Palestine might be organised, along with the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam, in the fairly near future. The Group were, however, anxious to remind the Kirk Session and congregation of the existing shop selling Palestinian products, and to encourage them to support it (Hadeel in St Andrew's & St George's West Church): and, also to remind the congregation of the long-standing association with St Andrew's, Jerusalem. Contact will be maintained with Mrs Carol Morton who will be visiting Palestine in May.

The Group also received a further approach from the EGP, asking for support for a different project in Malawi, this time for building a school classroom. The Group expressed interest, but felt that more information was required. Unfortunately, that has not yet been forthcoming.

In connection with Malawi, it has been suggested that we should note that the David Livingstone bicentenary will be celebrated in 2013 and that we should consider arranging a visit to the Centre at Blantyre.

Just Trading Scotland

The Minister received a letter explaining this scheme, which involves selling fairly traded rice. By the time the letter was received, it was too late to embark on the scheme, in the current year, but it is understood that St. Andrew's and St. George's West are engaging in the scheme, and they have been approached and asked to keep us informed as to how it progresses.

World Church Links

The Rev John Cowie preached in St Cuthbert's in January and he and his wife met with members of the Ministry Team and the Wider Mission group: The Minister and his wife visited Amsterdam and met with the Elders and Deacons of the English Reformed Church. Our Minister preached in the Church and Jane shared in the worship. There was some informal discussion of the possibility of a group from St Cuthbert's visiting Amsterdam, and also of a group from Amsterdam visiting Edinburgh. The Group think that these suggestions should be encouraged, and that consideration should be given to arranging a seminar or conference, perhaps around the theme of historic links between Scotland and the Netherlands. It is hoped that it may be possible to arrange a joint visit for members of both congregations to the Holy Land, but information about possible options has still to come through.

Lord Coulsfield (Convener, Wider Mission Task Group)

WEDDINGS IN ST CUTHBERT'S DURING APRIL

8 April	Lindsay Burnett and Hayden Lingard, Edinburgh
14 April	Zoe Sell and Martyn Johnstone, Edinburgh
21 April	Mandy McArthur and Andrew Kay, Edinburgh

DUTY ELDERS

May 2012		June 2012	
Mrs Douglas	Miss Rose	Miss Pollock	Mrs Romanis
Dr Langdon – C	Miss Watt – C	Mr Reeder	Miss Stoddart - C
Miss McNeel-Caird	Mr Wemyss	Mrs Reeder – C	Mr Williams
Mr McLean			
C - Communion after Morning Service on Sunday 13 May 2012		C – Communion after Morning Service on Sunday 10 June 2012	

'CARMEN'

One of the choir members, Alison Paterson, is taking part in a production of 'Carmen' at the Lyceum Theatre from 23 to 26 May. The company, Edinburgh Grand Opera, consists of an amateur chorus, with professional principals, directors, orchestra and production team. The soloists are mostly young singers from RCS (formerly RSAMD) and are all very talented. If you would like tickets, please contact Alison for further details on 0131 337 7693 or iandapaterson@btinternet.com. Come and experience some Seville sunshine!



ECO CONGREGATION

World Mission Stamp 2012 Appeal

We have received a letter thanking us for all the used stamps we sent to the Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp Appeal during last year. Sale of all stamps donated in Scotland rose to just over £3,700 last year.

This year the proceeds from selling used stamps are to go to help a project run by the Joint Christian Committee for Social Services in Lebanon. More than a decade ago, a farming project was set up near the city of the 45,000 refugees in the area who have no prospects but the Agricultural Training Centre provides them with basic skills and knowledge such as planting vegetables and caring for fruit trees.

Now the Committee would like to offer the refugees the opportunity to raise chickens by transforming an old building into a chicken coup. This will also provide a small income for the farm.

The majority of people in Southern Lebanon live off the land around them and the Joint Christian Committee has been using a 4,000sq.m plot of land on the edge of the city of Tyre to improve the lives of Palestinian refugees, who are excluded from 70 processions due to their status.

Please help us to contribute to this worthwhile project by saving all your used postage stamps and bringing them to Church, where they are collected in the basket work recycling tower. Rena Scott does a wonderful job in trimming the stamps and then they are sent off to the Stamp appeal.

Irene MacKenzie

Prayer Diary - May 2012

Tue 1	Those currently training to become Ministers or Readers within the church, those responsible for their training. Those considering training for positions of leadership within the church.
Wed 2	All those who live or work in our Parish, or pass by the church. Visitors coming into the church all who will welcome them. All involved in leading, and those who will attend, soul space today.
Thu 3	The City Centre Task Group. Our mission in the parish. Our shared witness with our Together partners in the City. The Together Trustees (meeting tonight)
Fri 4	The clergy and congregations of Kirkliston Church Edinburgh, and Perth presbytery. For Anguilla and Antigua - all Christians, the governments, all in authority, those responsible for making the laws or dispensing justice, and all who live in these countries. Justice wherever there is inequity and peace wherever there is conflict in the world.
Sat 5	Ministers, choir, organists, readers, and all involved in leading our worship tomorrow. Those who prepare the floral displays, those who distribute the flowers, those who receive them.
Sun 6	<i>All who seek the Lord will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy. (Psalm 22: 26)</i>
Mon 7	Eco-congregation convenor. The development of our Eco-Congregation efforts. The care of Creation in all aspects of our lives.
Tue 8	The work of Christian Aid and those who coordinate this work in our congregation and in Together. The Bell-ringers AGM this evening
Wed 9	All the staff who serve our congregation, including the Manager, Secretary, Church Officers, Cleaner. Staffing group. Those responsible for safeguarding and Health & Safety
Thu 10	The minister and congregation of St Andrew's & St George's West. The clergy and congregation of St John's; Rev John Armes as he prepares for his new role as Bishop of Edinburgh.
Fri 11	For the service of blessing and thanksgiving on a marriage in St Cuthbert's today. The clergy and congregations of Leith North Church Edinburgh, and Ross presbytery. For Argentina and Armenia - all Christians, the governments, all in authority, those responsible for making the laws or dispensing justice, and all who live in these countries. Justice wherever there is inequity and peace wherever there is conflict in the world.
Sat 12	The Friends of St Cuthbert's organisation, and their support of St Cuthbert's work and mission. Ministers, choir, organists, readers, and all involved in leading our worship tomorrow. Young Church and their leaders
Sun 13	<i>Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music (Psalm 98: 4)</i>
Mon 14	Our Website, for internet evangelism and those seeking to learn more of God through this medium. All involved in Christian publishing and the distribution of printed materials.
Tue 15	Those in the emergency services, and all whose work means they have to be prepared to risk their own lives to help others.
Wed 16	The growth and development of our prayer life as a congregation and as individuals, Prayer Diary, Time for Prayer (tonight)
Thu 17	Ascension Day 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 18 The church in Scotland. The unity of the church and openness to God's Spirit. The General Assembly (starting tomorrow) and all attending, or involved in it. That all participants will listen to other's views non-judgementally, and all decisions will accord with God's will for his church.
- Sat 19 "Heart and Soul" General Assembly event tomorrow, all attending, or involved in it. Ministers, choir, organists, readers, and all involved in leading, or attending, our worship tomorrow.
- Sun 20 *Blessed are those who. . .delight in the law of the Lord. And meditate on his law day and night. (Psalm 1: 1-2)***
- Mon 21 The Presbytery of Edinburgh and our Presbytery Elder. The churches of the Edinburgh Presbytery, and across Scotland. Those who work at 121 for the Church of Scotland, as they try to find new ways to enable the church to serve the people of Scotland.
- Tue 22 All who are unemployed, or worried about possible redundancy, All searching for work. Those in management positions, faced with having to make staff redundant.
- Wed 23 For new opportunities to explore faith; new forms of worship and church; new attenders at St Cuthbert's. All searching for God, or trying to find meaning in their lives
- Thu 24 The government in Westminster; the Holyrood Parliament and Scottish Government; the City Council. The Queen and her family.
- Fri 25 The clergy and congregations of Leith South Church Edinburgh, and Shetland presbytery. For Australia and Austria - all Christians, the governments, all in authority, those responsible for making the laws or dispensing justice, and all who live in these countries. Justice wherever there is inequity and peace wherever there is conflict in the world.
- Sat 26 Those travelling to Lindisfarne to meet with Ray Simpson and explore 'The Way of Cuthbert'. Ministers, choir, organists, readers, and all involved in leading our worship tomorrow. Those of our congregation who are unable to attend Sunday worship.
- Sun 27 *Pentecost I will sing praise to my God as long as I live (Psalm 104: 33)***
- Mon 28 Those in our armed forces, particularly those on active service around the world. Those at home anxiously awaiting their safe return. All who have been injured in the service of their country. Forces chaplains. Those leading, or attending, the annual Scottish American Memorial Service today
- Tue 29 The Finance and Fabric Task Group (meeting tonight), the Fabric Convenor and the Treasurer who administer our finances and care for our fabric on our behalf; The good stewardship of all our congregation's resources
- Wed 30 A spirit of generous giving in the congregation (time, talents and financial); thanksgiving for all who give.
- Thu 31 All who suffer as a result of recent natural disasters, and all who continue to suffer long after they have stopped being front page news. those who are trying to helping them. The ministries of 'Oasis' and 'Business Matters'. The Oasis 'fun run' today.

Prayer Diary - June 2012

- Fri 1 The clergy and congregations of Leith St Andrew's Church Edinburgh, and St Andrews presbytery. For Azerbaijan and Bahrain - all Christians, the governments, all in authority, those responsible for making the laws or dispensing justice, and all who live in these countries. Justice wherever there is inequity and peace wherever there is conflict in the world.
- Sat 2 Ministers, choir, organists, readers, and all involved in leading our worship tomorrow.

JUNE MAGAZINE

Material for the June 2012 Magazine should be sent to the Editor, Mary Wilson by e-mail to: magazine@st-cuthberts.net or put in her pigeon-hole by Monday 21 May 2012.

TELEPHONE PRAYER CIRCLE

Requests for prayer in a 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.

TAPE MINISTRY

Tape recordings of Sunday Morning Services are available for the sick or housebound members. For further information, contact George Gilchrist on 339 7899.

LIFE AND WORK

May Issue

A Nursing Church

A series of articles marking World Nurses' Day on May 12. Jackie Macadam unearths the history of the Nurses' Chapel at Glasgow Cathedral. Barbara MacFarlane talks about the work of the Parish Nurses in Scotland. Ida Waddell, Church of Scotland mission partner in Zambia, tells how her nursing career has supported her faith journey.

General Assembly 2012

Lynne McNeil meets the Moderator Designate, the Rev Albert Bogle. Assembly reports, timetable and fringe diary. Heart and Soul: this year's General Assembly Sunday celebration. The Big Question: what is your most memorable Assembly moment? A Month in a Life: Tom Murray, Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner.

A Theft Deterrent

Jackie Macadam reports on a new technology that can help protect churches from metal thefts.

Changing Church

A brand new building which is benefiting both church and community in a small Ayrshire town.

A Little Red Book

The Rev Doug McRoberts describes worship as part of a worldwide family.

Plus all the regular columnists, letters, reviews and crosswords - all for just £1.80. Available at bookstall from Sunday 6 May.

WORSHIP AT ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday

- 9.30am Holy Communion (Memorial Chapel)
- 11.00am Morning Worship
Communion on Last Sunday
Communion following service on 2nd Sunday
Young Church on 2nd Sunday
- 6.30pm Evening Worship
Communion on 1st Sunday

Tuesday

- 1.00pm Healing & Listening Time (Memorial Chapel)

Wednesday

- 1.00pm & 5.30pm soul space (1st Wednesday)
- 7.30pm Time for Prayer (3rd Wednesday)



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.**



The Church of Scotland

St Cuthbert's is a congregation of the Church of Scotland.



St Cuthbert's is an 'eco-congregation'



We also belong to the ecumenical parish grouping EDINBURGH CITY CENTRE CHURCHES TOGETHER

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