



St Andrew's and St George's West Diary and Newsletter October 2014

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Enjoy the newsletter - many thanks to all contributors. The magazine is published monthly, in advance, to keep our community in touch with what is happening and to reflect its many facets.

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New Waves

A quick note from Ian

Recently, we have connected with three new waves at St Andrew's and St George's West.

1. Radio Wales (BBC) led two live broadcasts from our building during the Scottish Referendum debate and we had students and pupils as well as members being interviewed in our cafe. Radio Wales had held a concert earlier in the year and wanted to return and continue the relationship with us.
2. BBC Scotland have asked to record our Remembrance service with the German Speaking Church in Edinburgh, on Wednesday 5 November, at 6.30pm. We would be pleased to have members gather by 6.20pm for this recording. It is really exciting to consider that a controversial new initiative of some 30 years ago, led by Rev Andrew Wylie is being recognised afresh as we mark this important First World War anniversary. I hope you be able to support this initiative, which will be broadcast on Sunday 9 November.
3. Before heading off on study leave, Ailsa McIntosh emailed me to say she had heard that I was going to Little Rock to study slavery and song. Would I be willing to meet with her and take some recording equipment to tape the interviews which may be used in the future in BBC Radio Scotland? I have the kit in my case.

The importance of radio waves came home to me when I read John Tusa's book, 'A World In Your Ear'. Tusa was formerly Managing Director of BBC World Service. In the 1980's Tusa was given this account of the great Russian Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's amazing comments on the impact of BBC Radio within Russia,

“Solzhenitsyn opened his remarks by saying that we should not mislead ourselves into thinking that our broadcasts to the Soviet Union were only heard by a number of malcontents, dissidents and intellectuals. The whole of our broadcasts were monitored and transcribed for the Politburo in full....The Soviet authorities were so impressed by the broadcasts that they felt they ought to know what was being said, “so they could answer in their propaganda”...

So radio can be very influential and it is good for us to maintain these ongoing and helpful radio partnerships.

I hope you have a good month and will leave you with a suitable harvest blessing from my friend Peter Millar,

**Go gently, my friends
feel the good earth beneath your feet,
celebrate the rising of the sun,
listen to the birds at dawn,
walk gently under the silent stars,
knowing you are on holy ground.**

Live and love October,
Ian

'Who can stop climate change? We can. You and you and you, and me. And it is not just that we can stop it, we have a responsibility to do so that began in the genesis of humanity, when God commanded the earliest human inhabitants of the Garden of Eden, "to till it and keep it". To "keep" it; not to abuse it, not to make as much money as possible from it, not to destroy it.'

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Worshipping God

- Sun 5 Oct 11am God in Creation: All Age Harvest Service**
Psalm 19, Acts 14 v 15-17
Rev Tony Bryer leading
- Sun 12 Oct 11am Wider Horizons Group leading worship.**
- Rev Dr. Gama, minister at Mulanje Mission, and Dr. Ruth Shakespeare of Mulanje Mission Hospital will also be joining us for worship at 11am and at 9.45am.**
- Sun 19 Oct 11am Encouragement**
Rev Alistair McGregor leading
- Sun 26 Oct 11am Quarterly Communion**
Rev Tony Bryer preaching
Rev Alastair McGregor leads Communion
- Sun 2 Nov 11am For all the Saints**
Rev Alistair McGregor leading

The **Exploring Silent Prayer** group begins again in October, but at a new time and a new venue.

We shall meet in St John's Church, in the side chapel, from **3.30-4.15pm** on the following Tuesdays - **October 7th and 21st**. Further dates will be announced soon. All are welcome; you do not need any previous experience of such groups; we are all learners.

FreshStart

helping people make a home for themselves

Harvest at Fresh Start

Food Pack Items ▷▷▷

Tins and jars ▷

Tins of beans
Tins of vegetables
Tins of new potatoes
Tins of meals such as
macaroni, spaghetti,
ravioli etc
Tins of fish/meat
Jars of pasta
sauce/cooking sauces
Small jars of coffee

Packets ▷

Pasta (preferably 500g
or less)
Rice (preferably 500g or
less)
Sachets of instant
porridge
Packets of instant soup
Packets of instant
pasta/rice
Packets of
biscuits/snacks
Mini boxes of cereal

Other items ▷

Cartons of UHT Milk
(preferably 500ml or
less)
Small pots of salt and
pepper
Tubes of tomato
puree/cartons of
passata
Tea bags

All food items need to be non-perishable.

Please support STAGW's harvest appeal for Fresh Start by bringing generous donations of food (dry goods only, please) to all of our services on Sunday 5 October. These donations will make a huge difference to people moving into new accommodation.

Lord, to those who are hungry, give bread.

And to those who have bread, give a hunger for justice.

Latin American prayer

St Andrew's & St George's West Diary

Autumn 2014

Sun 28 Sep	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning Worship
Mon 29 Sep	12.30pm Amnesty Group meets 4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Tue 30 Sep	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir
Wed 1 Oct	Workplace Chaplaincy Celebration (closed event) 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's Adrian Shaw, EcoCongregation Fracking Discussion
Thur 2 Oct	12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Tom Cuthell My Faith Journey
Sun 5 Oct	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am All-age Harvest Service Fellowship Lunch for Mary's Meals 1-3pm at Hadeel, George Street: Identity and non-violent resistance
Mon 6 Oct	4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 6.30 pm Architectural Heritage Society Lecture A Scottish Architect Abroad: Robert Lorimer's work in England and further afield. Simon Green will explore this topic to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Lorimer's birth
Tue 7 Oct	9.30pm Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir 3.30pm at St John's Exploring Silent Prayer 7pm Japan Matters Lecture: Environmental radiation in Fukushima'

Wed 8 Oct	5.30pm Edinburgh Quartet Rush Hour Concert
Thur 9 Oct	12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Alison Wilkinson : Back in Africa
Sat 11 Oct	7.45pm Georgian Concert Society 7pm at St Cuthbert's Social evening with Dr. and Mrs. Gama of Malawi
Sun 12 Oct	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning worship
Mon 13 Oct	4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Tue 14 Oct	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir
Thur 16 Oct	10.30am Evergreens Coffee morning, Undercroft 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Justin Taylor : South Africa, past and present
Sun 19 Oct	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning Worship
Mon 20 Oct	10.30am Book Group meets, Undercroft Chapel 4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 5pm New College Cunningham Lecture
Tue 21 Oct	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir 3.30pm at St John's Exploring Silent Prayer 5pm New College Cunningham Lecture
Wed 22 Oct	7.30pm Kirk Session 5pm New College Cunningham Lecture
Thur 23 Oct	10am-3pm Art + Scottish Books Sale for CA 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Murdoch MacKenzie : The other side of Lesslie Newbiggin
Fri 24 Oct	10am-3pm Art + Scottish Books Sale for CA
Sat 25 Oct	10am-3pm Art + Scottish Books Sale for CA 10am-12 noon Undercroft: Coffee Morning with

	Antiques and Collectables for Christian Aid 7.30pm Vintage Twelve + Friends Concert, free entry, donations welcome for Mulanje, Malawi
Sun 26 Oct	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship (Quarterly Communion) 11am Morning Worship (Quarterly Communion) 11.30am-12.30pm Children's Light Party in the Davidson Room (Edinburgh City Churches Together)
Mon 27 Oct	Amnesty Group meets 4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Tue 28 Oct	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir
Thur 30 Oct	12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Ecumenical Friends Forum: What do we stand for? United together in our differences
Sun 2 Nov	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning Worship
Mon 3 Nov	4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Tue 4 Nov	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir
Wed 5 Nov	6.20pm for 6.30pm: BBC recording of our Remembrance Service with German Speaking Congregation
Thur 6 Nov	12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Sarah Kilbey : You shall not curse the deaf: a ministry with deafened and hard of hearing people
Sat 8 Nov	7.30pm at St John's TOGETHER CA Quiz Gaelic Mass
Sun 9 Nov	9am Communion 9.45 am all age service 10.50am Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship with the German speaking congregation

Mon 10 Nov	4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 6.30pm Architectural Heritage Society Lecture Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Estate. Michael Ridsdale , Head of Landscape at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Estate, National Trust, will speak about the multi-disciplinary management of this world heritage landscape. Joint lecture with the Garden History Society Scotland
Tue 11 Nov	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir 7.30pm Remembrance Music and Reflection at St Andrew's and St George's West, with TOGETHER churches
Wed 12	2.30 pm Bereavement Workshop I
Thur 13 Nov	12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Charles J Burnett: Heraldry – the shorthand of history
Sat 15 Nov	7.45pm Georgian Concert Society
Sun 16 Nov	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning Worship Sing out for the Homeless concert
Mon 17 Nov	10.30am Book Group meets (Undercroft Chapel) 4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Tue 18 Nov	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir
Wed 19	2.30pm Bereavement Workshop II
Thur 20 Nov	10.30am Evergreens Coffee morning, Undercroft 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Mark Wilson: My last visit to India?
Sat 22 Nov	Choir Fundraising Afternoon
Sun 23 Nov	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning Worship All age workshop: Advent Calendar

LIGHT NIGHT on George Street	
Mon 24 Nov	12.30pm Amnesty Group meets 4.15pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Tue 25 Nov	9.30am Little Ducks Club (Parents and Toddlers) 10am Circle Scotland Kinship Carers' Choir
Wed 26	2.30pm Bereavement Workshop III
Thur 27 Nov	Chris Harding lunchtime concert 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Ecumenical Friends Hanne Gormley: The Edinburgh German Church 12.45pm at St Cuthbert's McCrae Battalion Centenary Service 7.30pm Worbey and Farrell concert for LifeCare
Sat 29 Nov	Rock Trust Under 21 Sleepout
Sun 30 Nov	9am Communion 9.45am All age worship 11am Morning Worship 12 noon Fellowship lunch 1.30pm Advent 1: Music and Reflection

Find our online diary under the **WHAT'S ON** tab on the website www.stagw.org.uk/whats-on/ . Please advise any changes, errors and omissions to [comms \(at\) stagw \(dot\) org \(dot\) \(uk\)](mailto:comms@stagw.org.uk)
Thank you!

Errata in the September magazine

The **EcoCongregation Event on Fracking at St Cuthbert's**, previously advertised as taking place at 2.30pm on 2 October, will now be held at **7.30pm on 1 October**

The **AHSS lecture on Fountains Abbey**, previously advertised as taking place on Monday 3 November, will now take place on **Monday 10 November**

The **Ruthwell Cross Pilgrimage**, previously advertised as taking place on Saturday 22 November, will now take place on **Saturday 14 March 2015**

Regular events

Monday

1pm daily prayers
4-5.15pm Boys' Brigade and
Girls Association
7-9pm Bellringers practice

Tuesday

9.30-11am Little Ducks
Parent and Toddler Group
(Chapel)
10am-12 Circle Scotland
Choir (Sanctuary)
1pm Communion

Wednesday

1pm daily prayers
AA meets (Davidson Room)

Thursday

12.30-2pm Ecumenical
Friends (at St Cuthbert's)
1pm Daily prayers
7-9pm Choir practice
(Davidson Room)

Friday

1pm Daily Prayers

Sunday

9am, 9.45 am, 11am worship
Bellringers

Announcements

Deaths

Mrs. Vera Grant on 28 August
Mrs. Lyn Matheson on 16
September

Weddings

**Paul Oxley and Katrina
Burrow** on Sunday, 31 August
at Edinburgh Castle.

**Christina Fergusson and
Jonathan Welch** on Friday, 19
September in church.

Remembering Vera Grant



Vera, you lived a full and long life
A caring mother and a loving wife

Forever active, no moment was wasted
We couldn't keep up, were very frustrated

And everything you tried was brilliantly done
Each challenge was met and usually won

You loved to help people, made many a good friend
Were someone to turn to: on whom to depend.

If spirits were flagging, with a hint of gloom
You'd lighten the mood on entering the room

Soon there's be chatter and laughter out loud
With you at the centre of a bubbling crowd.

You carried on driving until near the end
The car, and passengers, going round the bend

In your last days you still battled on
Till the last light of life had finally gone

And now you're in heaven, where St Peter waits
Manning the Welcome Desk at God's pearly gates

Roderick Grant



Greetings everyone, my name is Ivan Brown.

I was born in Northern Ireland and educated at Belfast Royal Academy and Queens University Belfast. At university I studied Aeronautical Engineering and also completed a post-graduate degree by research. After university I worked for Gallaher Tobacco, Rolls Royce Aero Engine division, Harland and Wolff shipbuilders and Short Brothers Aircraft and Missiles. All of this was in the area of Information Technology. I then joined Polaroid Corporation for the start-up of a new

facility in the Republic of Ireland before transferring permanently to the parent company in the USA.

After this I moved to Scotland in 1986 as a Senior Manager in the Dumbarton factory. Subsequently, I worked as International Manager in the Netherlands before joining a team to re-engineer the Polaroid Marketing Organisation. Refusing an offer to move back to the USA, I took a post at Chief Officer level for the Scottish Police as Director of their Information Strategy.

Subsequently I worked for two years as Executive Director of St. Paul's and St. George's Church in Edinburgh. During this time I lived in Helensburgh and the five hour daily commute and many late meetings took their toll so I resigned from this position in 2007 and entered early retirement.

I have been a Reader in the COS for many years and the recent changes have allowed me to proceed to (hopefully) Ordination as an Ordained Local Minister.

Readership is a lay position that allows one to conduct services. In this I was kept busy in Dumbarton Presbytery with pulpit supply. OLM is a new position in the COS which replaces Auxiliary Ministry and allows one to also perform the sacraments as well as conducting worship services. It is a part-time non stipendiary position which will I hope, lead to an attachment to a church in Edinburgh.

I have been married to Janice for forty one years and our only child, Rachel, is a Consultant Psychiatrist in Edinburgh. Rachel is married to Colin, also a doctor and we have one grandson, Eli, who was two years old on September 24th.

I look forward to getting to know you better and serving you over this winter and spring.

Regards, *Ivan*

Remembering Malawi

Alison Campbell

Exactly a year ago, I was sitting in a sunbaked prison compound, surrounded by 240 men and 1 woman, prisoners in Malawi. The prisoners were singing spontaneously in harmony and I was there alongside local church people handing each prisoner a bar of soap, a bag of sugar and a drink of orange squash.

The soap came from our church in George Street, Edinburgh and is important for without it the prisoners would not be able to wash themselves nor their clothes for the next 6 months. The memorial stone outside Mulanje church contains the names of two Scottish

ministers, in retirement members of the George Street congregation, Revd. Richard Baxter and Revd. Hamish Hepburn.

In this as in so many ways, Malawi has always been close to Scotland, and the ties are closer now than ever before, with links through churches, universities, health authorities, schools. Other organisations closely involved with Mulanje include Fortrose Academy, Stewarts Melville College, Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society and Edinburgh University.

Conditions in Mulanje prison are terrible – but then the poverty and deprivation throughout Malawi is appalling. The prison can take up to 400 men and 20 women. The women are in a tiny annexe; the men live largely in the open air in

News from Colby

Rev Colby Kumwenda is settling back into academic life at the University of Livingstonia in Ekwendeni, Malawi. He has just received the news that he has passed his exams and officially gained his Masters Degree from Edinburgh University. He writes:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to express my sincere deep felt pleasure for being part of the SASGW Congregation for a year. I was really cherished during sharing 'peace of the Lord'. People were so kind to me. I have that conviction that owe a lot to the congregation. God willing, we will meet one day.

Greetings to all members.

a compound about 50 yards square, with 4 bare rooms for sleeping, in which they are locked at night with no sanitation. The local church has recently provided mats for them to sleep on – before that it was on the bare mud floor. This is a malarial area but they have no nets or medication; last year the local hospital managed to spray the interiors with insecticide spray and hopes to continue this regularly; they have also provided monthly visits from a nurse.

So many people from Scotland have had the huge privilege of visiting Malawi – university professors, senior judges, lawyers, teachers, agricultural experts, civil servants, Girl Guides, ordinary people from all walks of life. And many more raise money to help.

In a couple of weeks, the Head of Mulanje Mission, Rev Billy Gama, is visiting Scotland, with the Church of Scotland - employed Medical Director of Mulanje Mission Hospital.

Mulanje Mission is responsible not just for the hospital and the church, but for the primary, secondary and special needs schools, the prison, and a factory which makes porridge for all children to have a free meal.

This will be a chance to hear first-hand how Mulanje and Malawi are faring. Links like this can help us in Scotland, as well as helping the smiling, struggling people of Malawi.

Alison Campbell

Meet Dr. and Mrs. Gama

We will soon have the opportunity to meet Dr. and Mrs. Gama, the new minister at Mulanje Mission at an exciting Scottish flavoured Social Evening.

It will be at **St Cuthbert's**, so we can have some dancing as well as other delights! It will be a bring and share supper, so please bring a sweet or savoury dish or a bottle of something. It will be on **Saturday 11 October at 7.00pm.**

It would be a great support for our fledgling partnership if we had a good attendance, we will have only 50 places. Please let Ruth or Mary Margaret know if you can attend.



children +
families
news

Hello, I'm George the bear. I'm a new member at St Andrew's and St George's West. You'll find me at Little Ducks on Tuesday mornings and at Bright Sparks on Sunday mornings. Come and say hello and help me explore!!

Evergreens

The Evergreens will resume for the new season on Thursday, 16th October at 10.30 am in the Undercroft. Please note that this is a different day and a different time from previously. There will also be a new format.

The group was intended from the start to be principally a Fellowship group and we feel the new format will meet that need more successfully. The meetings will, for the most part, be drop-in coffee mornings in the Undercroft from 10.30 am till 12 noon. Members can come when they like during that time and leave when they like. There will be no charge, but everyone will be able to buy tea or coffee or whatever else they may want from the counter, and then enjoy the conversation and news of friends. We shall continue with monthly meetings as before, but now on the third Thursday of the month rather than the third Tuesday. The first meeting will be on Thursday 16th October, as stated, the second on Thursday, 20th November.

However, some of the musical and social events which we have held before have been so popular that we hope to be able to continue with these. Therefore, on Thursday 18th December, we shall have our traditional visit to the Christmas Tree Festival with Christmas carols round the piano and another Christmas story from Brigitte before we adjourn to the Undercroft for Christmas tea.

We shall have coffee mornings on 15th January, and 19th February, 2015. Andrew Smith and his group, who gave us such a great Taste of Burns last year, will come back later in the Spring. We shall also have a summer outing which we hope will be every bit as good as the last two. Full details of the Programme will be available very shortly, but we invite anyone who enjoys good coffee, or tea, good conversation and the company of good friends, to come along and join us on Thursday, 16th October at 10.30 am.

Further information available from **Veronica Crerar**



Alight! Christmas

The 2014 Edinburgh Christmas Tree Festival

Plans are well under way for The Edinburgh Christmas Tree Festival 2014! It's now firmly established as a significant part of the City's pre-Christmas activities, with the church full of sparkling Christmas trees, all sponsored and decorated by local businesses, organisations, church groups, families and individuals.

Invitations to take part this year are going out now. We provide a sustainably-sourced tree, stands and lights and encourage imaginative and creative decorations, reflecting a theme or social message of significance to you or your organisation. The suggested minimum donation is £35 per tree. Visitors to the Festival are encouraged to donate to our selected charities. Last year the Festival, working with Edinburgh's Christmas, raised £4,000 for three local charities.

If you would like to sponsor and or decorate a tree or more information, please contact Sally Evans or Katie McNeill.

Follow the Christmas Tree Festival on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EdinburghChristmasTreeFestival>

Do you have any photos from last year? We'd love to see them.

Autumn music at STAGW



Celebration concert

Sat 25 October, 7.30pm

Join soprano Emily Walker, tenor Stuart Murray Mitchell and pianist Chris Harding and friends for a concert celebrating love throughout the ages. Free entry, donations welcome for Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi.

Edinburgh Quartet 2014/15 Rush Hour Series

Wednesday 8 Oct 5.30-6.30pm

Leipzig: Mendelssohn – String Quartet Op 44 No 1 and J S Bach – Excerpts from The Art of Fugue

EQ investigates various influences on the music of Mendelssohn.

£10/£9 EQ friends, students and children free.

www.edinburghquartet.com

Georgian Concert Society 2014-15 Series

Sat 11 October 7.45pm

The Society of Strange and Ancient Instruments

Nine Daies Wonder

£18/£16/£5

www.gcs.org.uk

Save the date: 22 November 2014

St Andrew's and St George's West Choir will be hosting a very special afternoon of tea, seasonal music and more. More details soon...



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13 GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH

2014 Patron: Alexander Stoddart, The Queen's Sculptor in Ordinary in Scotland

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

10am - 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

JEWELLERY GIFTS

THURSDAY 23 to SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

10am - 3pm

SALE OF PICTURES

and

SCOTTISH BOOKS

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Further diary dates for Christian Aid

Christian Aid Quiz hosted by Edinburgh City Centre Churches TOGETHER will be held in St. John's church on Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm.

Christian Aid Thanksgiving Service will take place here in St Andrew's and St George's West on the evening of Sunday 7 December.

Palestinian Handicrafts: Identity and Non-violent Resistance

Sunday, October 5, 2014, 1- 3pm

Hadeel, 123 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4JN, 0131 2251922;

- **“My Distant War”**, **Nada Shawa** born in Gaza, living in Edinburgh, illustrated with personal photos of Gaza then and now with tastings of Palestinian snacks.
- Voices and stories from Gazan Embroiderers with Sulafa, UNRWA project. Readings from “Gaza Writes Back” short stories from Young Writers in Gaza, Palestine.
- Question and Answer time.
- DVD of Hadeel Meet the People trip in 2012.
- Hadeel shop will be open throughout the afternoon.

Part of the **Edinburgh World Justice Festival** 30 September – 20 October at venues across Edinburgh. www.ewjf.org.uk

UNDER 21's

SLEEP OUT

A NIGHT OUTDOORS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**At St Andrew`s and St George`s Church,
George Street, Edinburgh
Friday 28th November 2014 7pm – 7am Saturday**

For young people aged
12 – 21 from school, scouts,
church, college, university
and any other youth groups.

Includes: Hot meal -
Silent Disco – Magician
Games - Goody Bag – Breakfast!

Join hundreds of other
young people for a night of
entertainment and fundraising.

**BECAUSE EVERY YOUNG
PERSON HAS POTENTIAL**



The Rock Trust aims to prevent youth homelessness and
to support **young people** to build better futures

For more information visit www.rocktrust.org or
email events@rocktrust.org

Scottish charity no. SC018708

Making a difference: Rock Trust

We need as many young people as possible to sign up and fundraise for The Rock Trust and also help to spread the word. We need your support and to encourage more young people to sign up and get motivated to take part in the event – to raise funds and awareness of youth homelessness and help us support some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in our society.

This year we want to stage the biggest and best Under 21s Sleep Out that we have ever held!

As well as a night of entertainment and games, including a silent disco, giant jenga and a magician, you will get a hot meal in the evening and we will provide bacon rolls (or egg for vegetarians) for breakfast the following morning. The sleeping area will be decked out with cardboard on the ground and we advise that you bring your own sleeping bag and thermals too.

Early bird registration available until 15th October.

We have found from previous experience that the event is very popular with young people, particularly 14 – 16 year olds, who often find that they gain a lot from helping other young people less fortunate than themselves. Only young people aged 12 – 21 years old can take part and we are asking participants to aim for a minimum fundraising target of £50 each.

PS 21st birthday a distant memory? You can still swap your comfy bed for cardboard and take part in the Rock Trust Sleepout at Festival Square on Thursday 6 November from 7pm until 7am on Friday 7th November. **See <http://www.rocktrust.org/>**

News from the Kirk Session: Fabric



Outside Courtyards

The Kirk Session has requested the Fabric Group lead a process of exploring the options for the use of the two courtyards facing George Street.

As a key resource of the Congregation, with many possibilities, it is important to get at this early stage a cross section of views and ideas on how we might make best use of the areas in our outreach.

If you are interested in participating in the discussion please advise Walter Dunlop, Fabric Group Convener

News from the Kirk Session: Finance

Financial health check – first half 2014

Our financial figures for the six months to end June 2014 are in and the headline result is encouraging! The balance between our income and expenditure is positive to the tune of £11,512. The main reason for this pleasing result is receipt of a generous legacy of £66,000– clearly unforeseen in the budget and very welcome.

An equally welcome contributory factor is an above-forecast contribution from rental income, doubtless helped by the many improvements to the fabric and facilities of the building but also due to the hard work of our staff in promoting the venue and providing excellent service. This inevitably resulted in some additional expenditure taking local staffing costs slightly over budget. Also on the expenditure side of the books, heat, light and power costs remain a concern and it is therefore pleasing to report that a recent survey commissioned from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland has highlighted several areas for savings. This is being taken forward by the Fabric Committee.

The full management accounts are available on request from either myself or the Treasurers, Allan Sim and John Innes, whose hard work in compiling the figures needs to be recognised and thanked. For those whose minds work in numbers, these figures tell a story and the story they tell is of a vibrant church committed not only to fund its day-to-day operations but also reaching out to support countless others in Edinburgh City, across Scotland and in the wider world. We can all be proud of this.

Crispin Longden, Finance Convenor

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
THE CUNNINGHAM LECTURES
Rainy Hall, New College,
Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LX

Professor Miroslav Volf, one of today's most celebrated theologians from Yale Divinity School, will be giving the 2014 Cunningham Lectures:



1700 hrs – 1815 hrs

- 20 October :** Religion, State and the Economy (followed by a Reception in Rainy Hall)
- 21 October :** Religion and the Freedom of Religion
- 22 October:** Panel Discussion 'Faith and Public Life'. Panel Members Miroslav Volf, David Fergusson, Theo Hawksley and Anna Magnusson, to be chaired by Mona Siddiqui. This will be followed by a Reception in Rainy Hall, sponsored by CTPI

These events are free of charge, and a place can be reserved by visiting Eventbrite at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/1vEf30M>

Please contact Jean Reynolds with any enquiries (J.Reynolds@ed.ac.uk, Tel: 0131 650 8948)

News from Edinburgh City Centre Churches TOGETHER



Margaret Ann Fraser shadows Workplace Chaplain Tony Bryer

What's new in workplace chaplaincy?

Tony Bryer writes:

Much of my chaplaincy work continues to be in the retail sector. The sector continues to be affected by the aftermath of the recession, and stiff competition, and so I have seen further shop closures, and insecurity of employment for at least some of the workforce. Despite that, Edinburgh is beginning to witness some very large investments in retailing with work already underway in St Andrew Square, and the redevelopment of the St James Shopping centre probably starting sometime in 2015.

My chaplaincy to Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Trams is developing well, if feedback from management and staff is anything to go by. I try to visit one depot each week, and have also been meeting new recruits in both companies to introduce myself and the

chaplaincy role. Quite often I am recognised when boarding a bus or tram!



We have had two successful Introduction sessions in Edinburgh this year, which have resulted in nearly a dozen enquirers exploring whether they might become volunteer chaplains, including some members of Together churches. There are several openings for chaplaincy waiting to be filled, so I hope that by next year there will a growing team of volunteers.

There are also other churches looking at working in partnership with Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland, on the Together Churches model; this will help in meeting the many opportunities for chaplaincy in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

Should anyone like to find out more, you would be welcome to attend a future Introduction session. Please contact me for more information. Email tony (dot) bryer (at) wpcscotland (dot) co (dot) uk Mobile 07834 748129

Together Website

James McNeill writes:

Our revamped website is now live at togetheredinburgh.org.uk and we are grateful to Wyoming Interactive in Ainslie Place for all their work with us. The site will enable us to have a more active presence on the Web, and links to related sites will enhance the profile both of ourselves and them.

Now that the site is live there will be a little more pressure to keep it changing. After the trustees' Autumn meeting to go over our priorities for the next three year period we will be able to start populating the pages with our ideas. If you have photographs or images which you think we could use helpfully, please contact the Secretary, James McNeill.

Night Presence – *Exploring the Possibilities Together*

Ian Gilmour writes:



Over these past three years we had planned to explore to respond to the tremendous potential of offering a night presence in the city centre. Unfortunately, due to illness and changes of staff both in the Together trustee and clergy teams, we have but scratched the surface on a possible new sphere for ministry. However, we are now determined to look at all the options and even test some ground over the coming winter. If this sparks your interest then please get in touch with Ian Gilmour for some stimulating conversation on the topic.

Creative TOGETHER Fantoosh

Maggie Morley writes:

For the small group of ladies (mostly of a "certain age", it has to said!) who make up CREATIVE TOGETHER it was hard work preparing for our evening event on 20th August. This was something we had never done before and there were so many uncertainties. We knew we had sold all the tickets but would people bid for the high value items and buy all the other goodies we had been very busy making?

Our thanks must go to all the friends and Together church members who turned up early to help us set the scene in an hour and a half. Without them we wouldn't have managed.

Thanks too to all the musical performers who willingly gave their time and talent to make the evening enjoyable. Last but not least, of course, a very big thanks to Scott Hastings who was able to

persuade the audience to part with a great deal of money and keep them happy at the same time.



Since then many have commented on what an enjoyable evening it was. Importantly there were many faces, new to me who said it was such a good way of meeting members of the other Together congregations.

What's more we are delighted to have raised about £2000 for Christian Aid.

Getting ready to be a Pilgrim in the City Centre

Frances Cooper writes:

The plans for a reflective pilgrimage trail in the city centre have made good progress over the summer months. The small working group has met several times and meetings have been lively and productive. By the end of the autumn, it is hoped that a test trail leaflet will be ready for people in the congregations to try out, and feedback from this will enable the group to refine and perfect the material. One of the most positive aspects of this project, for those involved, has been getting to know new people within the three congregations – and there is still room for anyone who would like to be a part of what is proving to be an exciting new project for Together! If you are interested, please contact Frances Cooper

Events

On **11th November at 7.30 p.m.** in St Andrew's and St George's West, we are holding an event involving the choirs of our three churches and reflection on World War 1. Further details to come.

Congregational News

St Andrew's and St George's West



- Angela Grant has now started as the new Children and Families worker. She is very keen to work alongside the teams at St J's and St C's.
- Ian Gilmour is heading off to the USA, for October, on sabbatical studying slavery and song. Ian plans to return with new thoughts concerning power, collective memory and singing despite affliction.
- The Fringe team worked very hard and had a good August, with 'Fantoosh' a Together highlight, showing off some talents hidden in our midst.
- In terms of worship we are marking Creationtide - Forests, Wilderness and Rivers in September and have a new trainee cleric in Ivan Brown.

St John's

The long-planned development at St. John's is an exciting one but needs major finance. There is still a way to go on raising funds for it, but a decision has now been made to move forward on the project, but show financial prudence and implement an internal review before signing construction contracts. If it is then finally approved, work should start in September or October of 2015 and take about 18 months. There is still plenty of work to do towards this exciting goal, and we shall be grateful for the sympathetic thoughts and prayers of Together churches.

St Cuthbert's

A service in commemoration of the centenary of the Raising of McCrae's Battalion in the Parish of St Cuthbert will take place in St

Cuthbert's Church on Thursday 27th November at 12.45pm.



This Battalion of young Edinburgh men, from all walks of life, was officially, the 16th Royal Scots. It is perhaps better known by its affectionate name, McCrae's Battalion, after its charismatic colonel, Sir George McCrae. It is also known as the Sporting Battalion because it was largely composed of professional and amateur sportsmen including 16 players from Heart of Midlothian and 500 of their fans.

We, in the City Centre Churches, all have an interest in this Battalion not just because past members of our families may have served in the Battalion and belonged to our churches (as is the case in St Cuthbert's) but also because the 1350 men who signed up after the meeting in the Usher Hall, 100 years ago on the 27th November 1914, made their way, on foot, down Lothian Road, past St Cuthbert's and St John's, to sign up in Castle Street. Additionally the Padre to the Battalion was The Revd James Black, later to become the Minister of what was then St George's West, now St Andrew's and St George's West and who subsequently became Moderator of The General Assembly of Scotland. The men left to go to war from the Waverley Station, the great majority of them never to return.

You may be interested to know on the day after the Service, Friday 28 November, the area outside the Usher Hall will be renamed McCrae's Place by the City of Edinburgh and in the evening McCrae's Battalion Trust are holding a Commemorative Centenary Concert in the Usher Hall.

The service is organised by OASIS in partnership with Business Matters, Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland and McCrae's Battalion Trust. All are warmly invited to attend.

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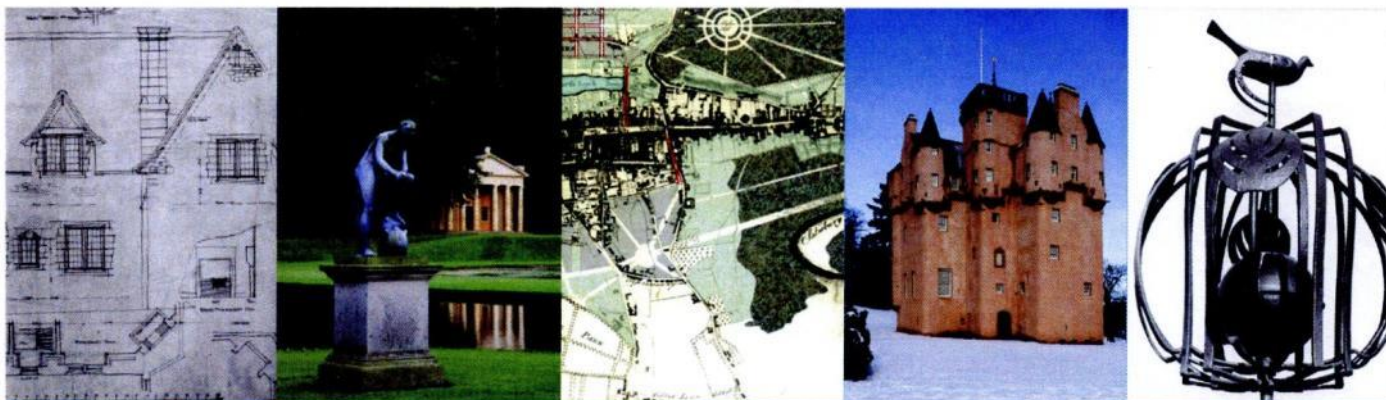


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Simon Green - *'A Scottish Architect Abroad: Robert Lorimer's Work in England and Further Afield.'*

10-Nov

Michael Ridsdale - *'Studley Royal: The Wonder of the North: - past, present and future'*

08-Dec

Margaret Stewart - *'City Vistas: Lord Mar's Plans for London, Paris and Edinburgh in the 1720s.'*

02-Feb

Ian Gow - *'Craigievar: Fifty Years in the Care of the National Trust for Scotland'*

02-Mar

Pamela Robertson - *'Mackintosh Architecture: Context, Making and Meaning.'*

13-Apr

Various Speakers - *A Round-Table Debate: 'Who's Looking Out for Our Historic Buildings.'*

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