



St Andrew's and St George's West September 2015 Magazine



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Conga Anyone?

Ian Gilmour

Last Saturday night I took part in a conga, multiplying as we snaked around the floor of Balerno Church hall. Old and young, male and female, slewing slowly to the left and then sliding swiftly to the right. We added more smiling dancers as we criss-crossed the floor. And no one was asked if they had a degree in dance or even a driving licence, before they joined the troupe. You simply had to smile and put your hands on the hips of the person in front, then conga as if your very life depended on it, with as much exuberance as you could muster. It was late in the evening.

I was delighted to join this dance for three reasons:

- 1) Many people on that floor had some joint history. Earlier in the day many of them had participated in a 'fun' run in teams all to raise funds for the Marie Curie Hospice at Fairmile. People from 2 years to 90 years and of both sexes took part, slim and rotund, even out of condition ministers ran as though their chariots were on fire.

- 2) Our purpose was to mark the life of Louise Duncan. Until dying due to an inoperable cancer earlier this year, she was the outstanding minister at Balerno Parish Church. Louise had made a video for her own funeral service asking her 1,400 friends to gather, run and dance for her. We were pleased to do this because she touched us and we loved her greatly.
- 3) We wanted to raise some hard cash to help others have the support which 'Lou' had enjoyed at Fairmile. By Sunday evening all of the weekend's events had raised the amazing sum of £20,000. It reminded me of the difference which one life lived with joy, faith and integrity can make.

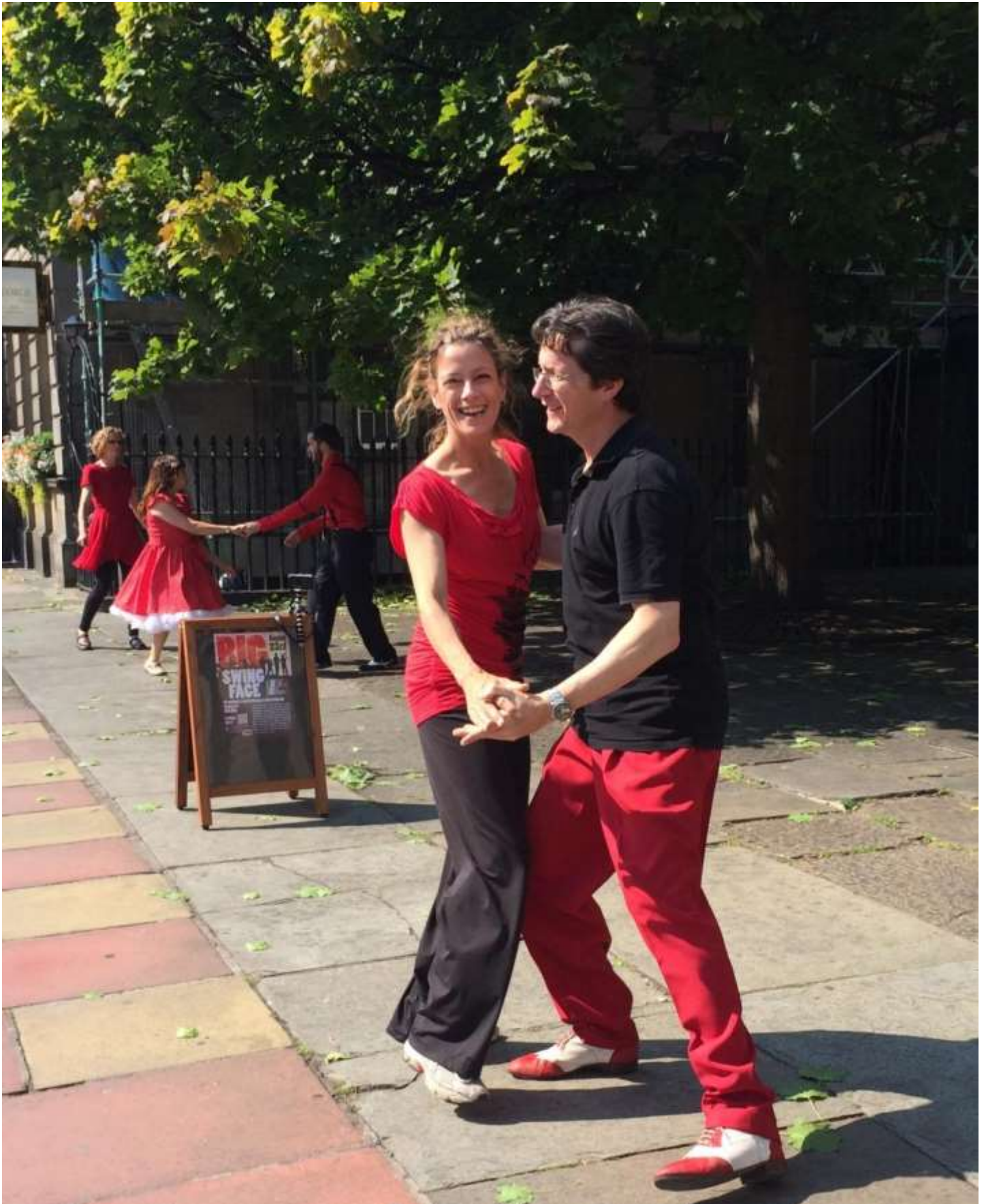
Now the conga is not a sophisticated dance form, it has the simple premise that you follow the person in front who in turn is ultimately following the leader. It struck me for the first time that this dance is like being part of the church. Our leader, the unique Jesus of Nazareth, has shown us all the most profound moves making our task much easier. We simply have to follow him.

This quote from W. Purkey comes to mind when I think of Louise,

***You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."***

So enjoy this autumn to the full.

Blessings, Ian



South London Jazz Orchestra, one of our Fringe performers, enjoying the sun in the courtyard.

Worshipping God

Worship Strengthens and Transforms

Worship is helpful for our growth as followers of Christ, so consider joining us Sunday by Sunday.

You can attend Communion at 9.00am, the All Age service at 9.45am or enjoy our progressive pattern at 11.00am

Paul says,

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

11am Sunday Morning Worship Themes and Readings

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| Sun 6 September <i>Creationtide</i> | Creationtide | John 1:1–14 |
| Sun 13 September <i>Creationtide 2</i> | Humanity Sunday | Genesis 1:26–28 |
| Sun 20 September <i>Creationtide 3</i> | Sky Sunday | Jeremiah 4:23–28 |
| Sun 27 September <i>Creationtide 4</i> | Mountain Sunday | Isaiah 65:17–25 |
| Sun October Harvest Thanksgiving | Celebrating God's creation | Psalm 14 |

Five Ways to Love

Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18)

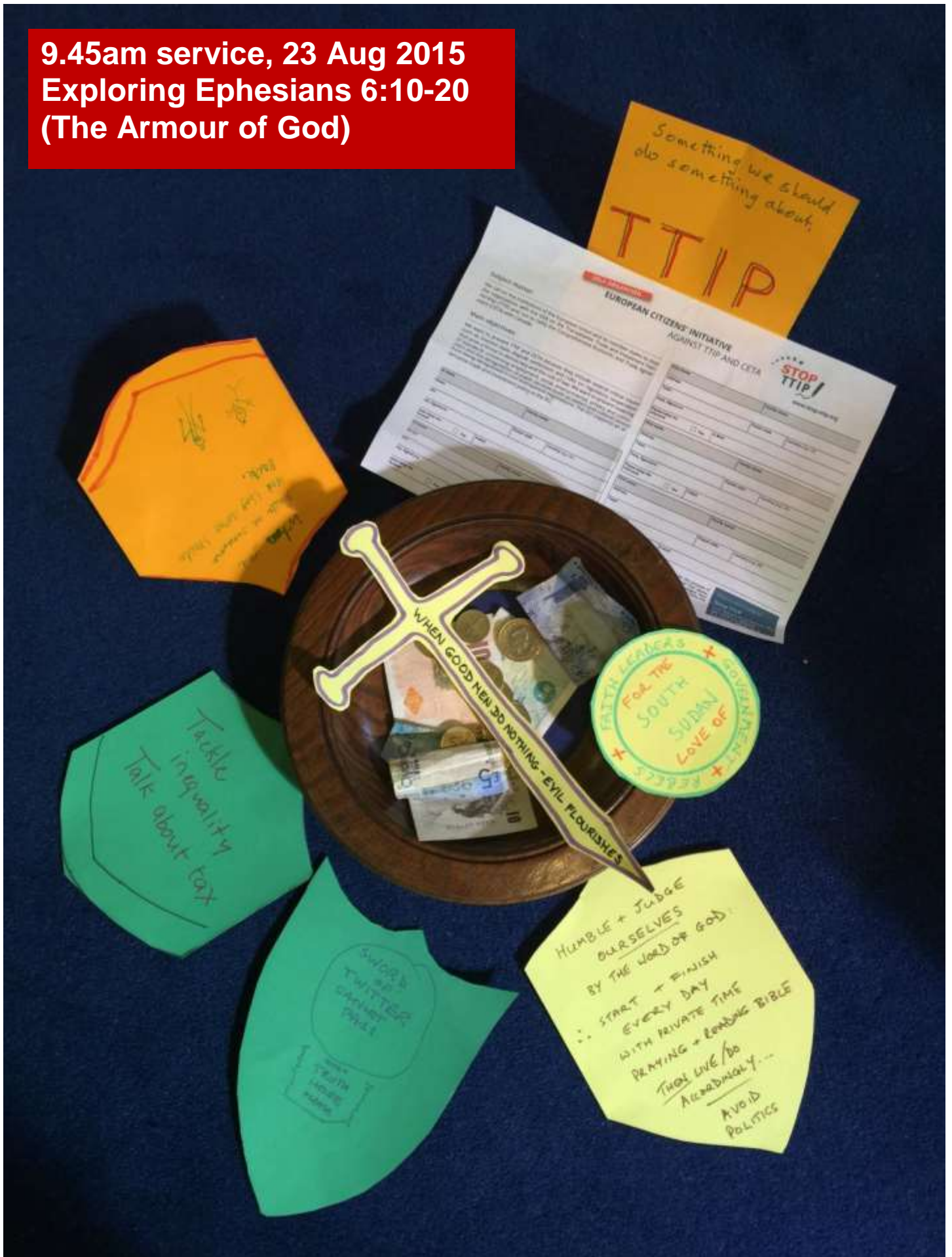
Speak without accusing (James 1)

Give without sparing (Proverbs 21)

Trust without wavering (Corinthians 13)

Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1)

9.45am service, 23 Aug 2015
Exploring Ephesians 6:10-20
(The Armour of God)



Explore Faith at STAGW

This autumn St Andrew's and St George's West is offering a new four week course based on new material written especially for us by Bill Clinkenbeard, called Framework for Faith.

Bill says: The course is for those who wish to enquire about what the Christian faith is and for those who wish to understand and deepen their existing faith. We will talk about moving from a childish or adolescent faith to an adult one, about faith always being in search of understanding, about the world view involved in the Bible and the kind of language it instills and about dealing with several of the thorny issues embedded in our historic faith. Anyone, no matter how old a Christian they are, would find something new here.

Bill Clinkenbeard will lead the course, which runs from Monday 21 September for 4 weeks, starting at 7.30pm. You can register online at www.stagw.org.uk or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Why Faith

Why not Faith?
Faith and Science?
What about Evil?



Framework for Faith

4 workshops to help you explore what it means to have faith in today's world; how we should interpret the Bible for today; what the Church is for.

September 21 to October 12

Monday evenings at 7.30pm
St Andrew's & St George's West
13 George Street EH2 2PA

Register at stagw.org.uk or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

St Andrew's & St George's West Diary

Autumn 2015

Find our online diary under the WHAT's ON tab on the website

www.stagw.org.uk/whats-on/

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| Mon 31 Aug | 12.15pm Amnesty Undercroft Group Bellringers |
| Wed 2 Sep | Sanctuary in use (charity conference) |
| Sun 6 Sep | 9am Communion (spoken liturgy) 9.45am Learning Together - all age worship, 10.30am Sunday Discussion Group (adults) 11am Morning Worship (Bright Sparks for children from 11.15) 12 noon bellringers |
| | 12 noon Fellowship Lunch for Mary's Meals Exhibition launch |
| Wed 9 Sep | Sanctuary in use (charity conference) |
| Fri 11 Sep | 7pm An Evening with Matthew Fox |
| Sat 12 Sep | 12.30pm Classical Guitar Recital Bach to Britten |
| Sun 13 Sep | 9am Communion (spoken liturgy) 9.45am Learning Together - all age worship, 10.30am Sunday Discussion Group (adults) 11am Morning Worship (Bright Sparks for children from 11.15) 12 noon bellringers |
| Wed 16 Sep | 7.30pm Kirk Session |
| Sat 19 Sep | 10.30am Messy Church |
| Sun 20 Sep | 9am Communion (spoken liturgy) 9.45am Learning Together - all age worship, 10.30am Sunday Discussion Group (adults) 11am Morning Worship (Bright Sparks for children from 11.15) 12 noon bellringers |

Interfaith Peace Walk

Mon 21 Sep 7.30pm Framework for Faith

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| Wed 23 Sep | 2,30pm Evergreens 7.30pm Why Christians Care for Creation |
| Thur 24 Sep | 12.30pm Ecumenical Friends (at St Cuthbert's) Ian Gilmour: <i>Slavery and Song</i> |
| Sat 26 Sep | The Treasure Trove pop up craft fair |
| Sun 27 Sep | 9am Communion (spoken liturgy) 9.45am Learning Together - all age worship, 10.30am Sunday Discussion Group (adults) 11am Morning Worship (Bright Sparks for children from 11.15) 12 noon bellringers 12 noon Communion 2- 4pm Albany Deaf Church meets |
| Mon 28 | 12.15pm Amnesty Undercroft Group 7.30pm Framework for Faith |

October 2015

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| Sat 3 Oct | 9.30am Money for Positive Change Conference Christian Aid Conference (Nicholson Square) |
| Sun 4 Oct | 9am Communion (spoken liturgy) 9.45am Learning Together - all age worship, 10.30am Sunday Discussion Group (adults) 11am Morning Worship: Harvest (Bright Sparks for children from 11.15) 12 noon bellringers 12 noon Fellowship lunch for Malawi 1pm Storytelling workshop We're collecting items for Edinburgh Clothing Store |
| Mon 5 Oct | 7.30pm Framework for Faith Architectural Heritage Society Lectures |
| Mon 12 Oct | 7.30pm Framework for Faith |
| Wed 14 Oct | 5.30pm Edinburgh Quartet Rush Hour Concert |
| Thur 15 Oct | 1pm Music and Reflection |
| Sat 17 Oct | 7pm Georgian Concert Society |
| Thur 22 Oct | 1pm Music and Reflection |
| Sun 25 Oct | Full Quarterly Communion |
| Thurs 29 – | CA Picture Sale with ephemera and books |

Sat 31 Oct CA Coffee Morning

November 2015

Thur 5 Nov 1pm Music and Reflection

Thur 12 Nov 1pm Music and Reflection

Sat 14 Nov Messy Church
Georgian Concert Society

Wed 18 Nov Evergreens

Sat 28 Nov Creative Together

December 2015

Tue 1 Kirk Session

10-24 Dec Edinburgh Christmas Tree Festival

Wed 16 Dec Evergreens

Announcements

Parish Wedding

Nicole Anne Gallagher and
Alexander Clifford on 7 August

Deaths

Miss Elise McLauchlan on 27 June

Mr Ronald S Stewart on 3 July

Mrs Sheila Hepburn on 7 July

Mrs Margaret Hughes on 15 July

Sheriff A Craig Henry on 16 July

Miss Agnes B Watt on 2 August

Members leaving

Dr Jean Morrison on 16 July
(Jean has moved to Deeside)

Mr Jeffrey Stevenson on 29 June

Regular events

Mon 7.30-9pm

Bellringers practice

Tue 10am – noon

Circle Scotland Kinship
Carers Choir

Wed 7.30-9.30pm

AA meets in the
Davidson Room

Thurs 7.30-9pm

Choir, Davidson Room

Thurs 7-9pm

Edinburgh Art and
Sketching Club

Undercroft, fortnightly



Children and Families News

Angela Grant, Child, Youth & Family Worker

The **Summer Fun in the Courtyard programme** was very successful on Wednesday mornings in July. At least eight children and their families attended every week, enjoying planting, singing, storytelling, Godly Play and cooking.

Twenty eight children and their families enjoyed the puppet show "***The man who planted trees***". Comments from families included



"all I can say is thank you, it filled a Wednesday morning for us with a high quality activity"

"thank you, my daughters have been drawing rainbows and arks all week"

"thank you, the activities were excellent and the café was a lovely friendly relaxed place after".

Well done to everyone who planned, created and produced the events it was a lovely time and enjoyed by all.

Messy Church is back on Saturday the 19th of September meeting at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Undercroft Café all are very welcome please email Angela [angela\(dot\)stocks1975\(at\)btinternet\(dot\)com](mailto:angela(dot)stocks1975(at)btinternet(dot)com) if you are coming for catering purposes.



Ian, Alison Campbell and Angela are due to start the **Art Club at Dalry Primary School** in September again this time with primary two's. Angela has planned a varied and exciting programme until Christmas.



Looking forward to Creationtide

Bright Sparks, our children's group, worked through spring and summer to design and make a new stole for our ministers. Then they led worship at the service to hand it over.

Bright Sparks Call to Worship

**we live in a physical world
which is full of miracles and wonder.**

**You give us talents
to help make this world a better place.**

**You give us kindness, love and happiness,
to help make this world a better place.**

**You give us family, friends and pets
to help make this world a better place**

**You sent us Jesus
to show us the right way to live,
to help make this world a better place**

**You gave us oceans, full of colourful fish,
part of your beautiful Creation**

we live in God's world.

we are blessed

come, let us worship God

From idea to reality

Dorothy Mackenzie, who guided the stole project, reflects on working with the group.

Bright Sparks

Our young folk are well named Bright Sparks! They are so full of ideas and enthusiasm to try anything. They designed, they traced, they cut, they stuck, they even worked the sewing machine to stitch up the seams. I so enjoyed working with them.

PS. Together we earned plenty Brownie points for our Eco-congregation status. Almost everything that went into the stole was recycled. The shiny fabrics were left over from banner making, and the blue fabric was left over from a sewing project many years ago – “if you keep something for 7 years you find a use for it”, but if you keep it for about 35 years you find an extra special use for it!



Why fish?

In the "ideas" stage of planning the stole, I took in a big bag of mixed fabric bits to get the creative juices flowing. The young folk immediately went for the shiny bits, which led to them thinking of how best to use them. Planets, suns and stars was one idea and fish was the other.

When they learned that the fish was the early "secret" symbol for Christians, that was the clincher for deciding the theme.

Marking Creationtide

1 September – 4 October 2015

Wednesday 23rd September 2015, 7.30pm

St Andrew's and St George's West, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Love God, Love God's World

WHY CHRISTIANS CARE FOR CREATION

Programme

7.30 Welcome Rev Ian Gilmour - Minister of St Andrew's & St George West

7.35 Introduction Rev Trevor Jamison - Environmental Chaplain to Eco-Congregation Scotland

7.40 – 8.20 Why Christians care for creation

The Most Rev David Chillingworth

Bishop of Dunkeld, St Andrew's and Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev Sally Foster Fulton

Convenor of the Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland

Philippa Bonella

Head of Communications and Education at the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

The Rev John Humphreys

Synod Moderator of the United Reformed Church in Scotland

8.20 Panel Question and Answer session chaired by Rev Jamison

9.00 Eco Congregation Scotland

9.10 Close



Please speak to Arthur Chapman if you are interested in attending this event



Good Money Week

Money for Positive Change A Church of Scotland Conference

Sponsored by: ethicalfutures⁷⁷⁷ Triodos Bank

Chaired by: Rev Sally Foster Fulton
Convener of the Church & Society Council of the Church of Scotland

Speaker: Tessa Tennant
Green Investment Pioneer

Workshops sessions:

- > Financial capability skills for young people, Iona Bain
- > The Good Money App, John Preston
- > Ethical Money Churches, Sabrina Groschel
- > Divestment, Adrian Shaw
- > Community Shares Scotland, Kelly McIntyre

Date: **Sat 3 October 2015, 9.30am – 1.30pm**

Venue: **St Andrew's & St George's West Church, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA**

Attendance is free and a buffet lunch will be included.

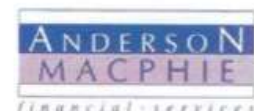
Register at www.eventbrite.com

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The Church of Scotland





Join our cherry bunch!

Margaret McGregor

The Undercroft has been open since 1975, giving a warm welcome to workers in the city, passers-by and visitors, especially at Festival time. The emphasis has been on providing soup –always made on the premises- and a simple lunch fare.



The menus have changed in the last 40 years but the vision remains the same and, although staff has changed, the café has been manned by women of the church with some men folk, and the addition of friends and some younger members of the church family.

In the past few years we have welcomed some younger volunteers to the team and have benefited from their enthusiasm and energy!

However we do need some more volunteers and I am writing to ask if anyone could come and join us.

The work is interesting; watching our café manager at work improves our skills (and he provides some interesting ideas which can be tried at home), but mostly it is fun and a great way to get to know more church members.

If you would like to know more of what is involved, come into the café, have a chat with any of the Crofters or speak to Peter, the café manager, or Jean the church Manager.

The vision for the start of the church café remains the same as it was, the need for a welcoming café providing a simple lunch and the team of Crofters will always welcome you.

Thank you
Margaret McGregor

What our customers say on Tripadvisor

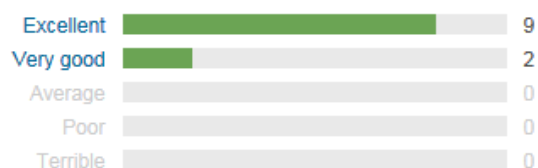
*“Stumbled upon this little gem, it's great to support a good cause. Nice homely cooking, good coffee ... the **staff would be some of the most congenial I have ever met.**”*

*“I honestly believe that this cafe deserves to be recognized more. **Staff and clientele are always lovely**”.*

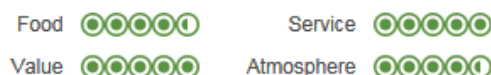
*“Food was good value all home made. **Staff ... a cherry bunch.**” (sic!)*

TripAdvisor Reviewer Highlights

Visitor rating



Rating summary



Evergreens Autumn Programme



The first meeting of the new season for the Evergreens will be on **Wednesday 23 September at 2.30pm** in the Church. John Ramsay has very kindly agreed to give a talk on Florence Nightingale. Members of the former St Andrew's and St George's congregation have heard John speak before and speak highly of his talks. It will be good to have this opportunity of hearing him before the Ramsays' departure for the sunny south, and it is good of John to give up his time just now. All welcome. As always the talk will be followed by tea or coffee.

In October we plan to have a cinema or theatre outing. Arrangements tbc.

On Wednesday 18 November Bob Morley and James Crerar will give an illustrated talk on our Tanzanian safari earlier this year. I may be prejudiced, but I think there are some very good photographs. A glimpse of sunshine must be welcome in November.

On Wednesday 16 December we shall meet to enjoy Christmas together, singing carols and listening to another of Brigitte's wonderful stories, surrounded by Christmas Trees

All meetings, with the exception of October, will be held in the Church at 2.30pm and will include tea and coffee. A small donation is asked to cover the cost of the tea etc, but otherwise the meetings are free and open to all. Veronica Crerar

Ecumenical Friends Lunchtime Lectures



- Sept 24** Ian Gilmour *Slavery and Song*
- Oct 01** Calum MacLeod *From One Windy City to Another*
08 Anne Booth-Clibborn *The Birth of Christian Aid*
15 Stephen Holmes *Liturgy in Scotland*
22 Trevor May *Christian Blind Mission*
29 Jack Holt *God in the Movies*
- Nov 05** Gero McLoughlin *Pope Francis and Ecology*
12 Ecumenical Friends *Our Own Stories*
19 Alistair McGregor *Olive-picking in Palestine*
26 Donald Smith *A Pilgrim Guide to Scotland*
- Dec 03** Frances Burberry *Advent Meditation*
- Jan 07** Ian Stewart *One World - Many Faiths*
14 Liz Law *Landlord/Tenant Mediation*
21 John Francis *Prosperity without Growth*
28 Robin Hill *The Unlikely Journey of the Psalms*
- Feb 04** Margaret Ann Fraser *In the footsteps of St Thomas*
11 Carol Finlay *Cuban Connections*
18 Fiona Davies *Miscellaneous Adventures*
25 Bethany Trust *Bethany's Work with Homeless and Vulnerable People*
- Mar 03** Marjorie Clark *Church of Scotland HIV Programme*
or Elena Sarra
10 John Munro *Lent Meditation.*



Meetings are held in **St. Cuthbert's Church Hall**. We gather at **12.30pm** and bring our own sandwich lunch with tea and coffee being provided for **£1.50** (to cover expenses) Meetings are open to all – everyone is welcome.

You are called to tell the story...



The new exhibition of the story and life of St Andrew's and St George's West is the work of a large group of members of the congregation. It will be on display from Sunday 6 September, in the sanctuary and will be there every day during the month of September, and after that on weekdays only. The banners are easily erected and collapsed, so can be quickly removed for any special events and during the Festival.

There are seven banners:

From Chaos to Clarity - the New Town and St Andrew's Church
Bill Clinkenbeard

Classical Church – a history of the Building
Jocelyn Cunliffe & Nick Evans

Cataclysm in the Church - the Disruption of 1843
Jean Mackinlay

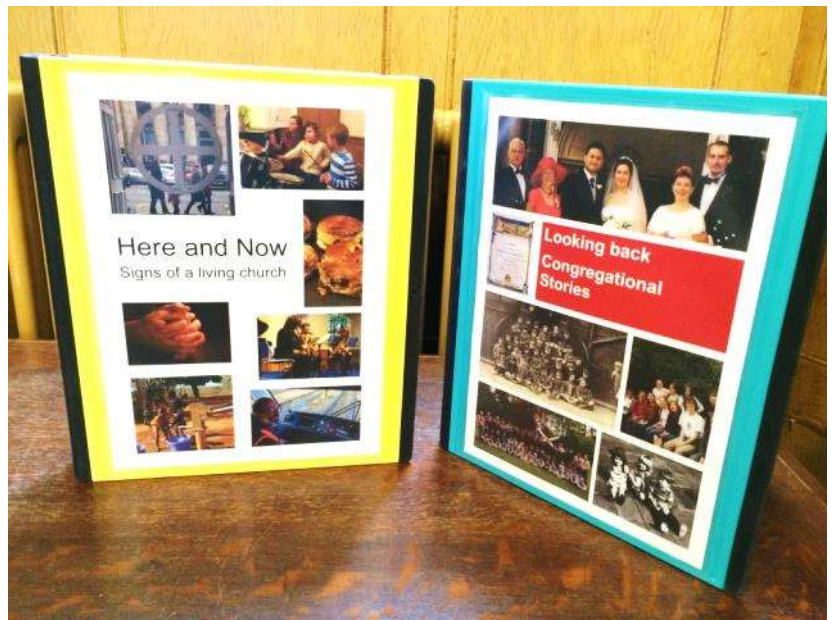
Full Circle - Unions with other churches.
Alison Bruce & Alan Mackinlay

Our Community - Here and Now (2 banners)
Mary Scott & Veronica Crerar

Chronology - a Time Line.

The banners have been beautifully designed by Kirsty Murray of Kammo Kreative; edited by Alison Bruce and Jean Mackinlay, and printed by McRobb.

Besides the banners there are four books, giving much more detail than can be given on the banners.



They are:

- **The History of the Building** (Jocelyn Cunliffe and Nick Evans)
- **Ministers of this Congregation** (Jean Mackinlay)
- **Here and Now** – our various involvements and organisations (Dorothy Mackenzie)
- **Looking Back** – memories from the congregation (Mary Godden & Barbara Ramsay)

This whole project is very much a team effort and help and information has come from many people in the congregation. Mary Davidson, especially, has been very generous in lending items and books from her amazing archive. Mrs Margaret Street has also given generously of her time and encyclopaedic knowledge.

We acknowledge with thanks all those who did research, wrote articles, sent photographs and certificates, and contributed memories, plus all those who loaned us their precious wedding photographs, including several of second and even third generation weddings in this church.

Thank you!
Jean Mackinlay

The Davidsons and the Fringe

Wendy Davidson

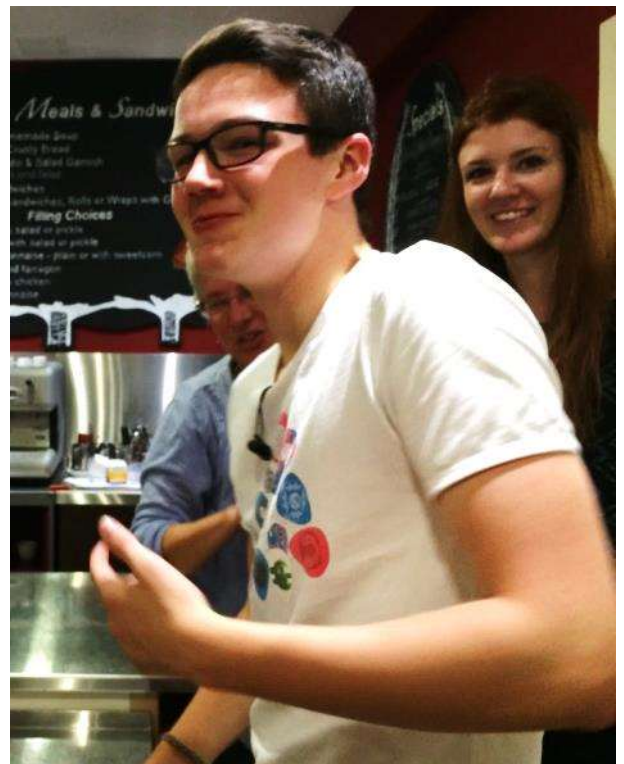


This is our first year being involved with the STAGW Fringe programme. My husband James, and son Calum and I are serial Fringe attenders. We have notched up over 30 shows between us in each of the last 2 years since we moved from Aberdeen to Edinburgh.

When Calum was offered the role of Mary Margaret's full time helper this year he jumped at the chance. It has totally surpassed his expectations for his first job (he turned 15 in June) and he absolutely LOVED being part of the buzz. He met so many people, loved chatting to the other volunteers, audience members and the performers. The role was so varied and not without incident!

Calum's favourite tale is the one about walking one of the performers to Waverley, with him providing assistance by pulling her suitcase and carrying her bag – unfortunately for Calum, the suitcase was bright pink and her bag was full of dresses – as she strode off in front, Calum got caught behind some people and was mightily embarrassed when a school friend spotted him with “his” pink case and dresses!!

All part of the experience!



With Calum occupied, I had available time and volunteered for box office duties. I too have loved the buzz and meeting so many new people, albeit, only about 50 per cent of them actually came to buy tickets but it's great to know that people felt welcomed when looking for general Edinburgh/Festival information – in particular, it's been a great way to meet so many of the congregation!

My “pink case” story is about the family from overseas who came to the church thinking they were going to see a show which was on at George Square! Too many Georges in Edinburgh I guess.

The range and number of shows at the church is phenomenal and there really is something for everyone – Calum and I both hope to be involved next year – STAGW is where it's at!



How to Stop the Trafik in George Street



instructions?



UN Gift Box



inside story



slave labour

Music News

Autumn Music and Reflection

Composers Lives and Music

George Gershwin

Songs by Gershwin
Rachael Liddell - Mezzo
Speaker: Ian Gilmour
15 October at 1pm

Franz Liszt

'Benediction de Dieu dans la
solitude' Jamie Lang - Piano
Speaker: Brigitte Harris
22 October at 1pm

J.S. Bach

Gamba Sonata No 1 G Major
Tim Cais – Violoncello
Speaker: Adrienne Burgess
5 November at 1pm

Vaughan Williams

Folksong Sketches
Anna Wright – Saxophone
Speaker: Tony Bryer
12 November at 1pm

Autumn Concerts



Sat 12 Sept at 2.30pm
Classical Guitar Recital
John Bailey and Paul Lakin
From Bach to Britten



Wed 14 Oct at 5.30pm
Edinburgh Quartet
Intimate Voices: Janacek
with Ron Butlin



Sat 17 Oct at 7pm
Georgian Concert Society
La Serenissima
Vivaldi-Four Seasons

City Centre Parking

Ian Gilmour, Minister

Edinburgh City Council have plans to change their pricing policy for evenings and for Sundays in the city centre.

At St AGW we would ask our members to stay up to date with this debate and consider expressing their concern or their support (some of our members are supportive of the green aspects of these changes) during the consultation period which runs into October and make their points in person to their local councillor in person or writing.

The Minister is trying to persuade the Presbytery to create a petition to challenge some of the proposed changes. He considers that having a debate of all aspects of this issue (Interfaith relationships, carbon footprint, disabled access and sufficient buses on Sundays) could be helpful and may lead to more beneficial outcomes for all users.

Not Just Business as Usual....

Jean Howard, Church Manager

By now it is fairly common knowledge that we suffered a break-in on the night of Sunday 9 August during which a sum of money and the iPad was stolen from the church office. To gain entry an attempt was made on the double door to the Undercroft (down the lane adjacent to Standard Life). This was unsuccessful and after damaging the door the intruders tried the double fire escape door to the church on the east courtyard through which they managed to gain access to the building. We were fortunate in that the only other damage in the building was to the church office door which has now been replaced.

It is clear that the intruders came, not to desecrate the building or damage it unnecessarily, but to steal cash and easily saleable

items, and were probably intent in getting into the safe. What is less certain, but quite likely, is that they were aware of our working and behaviour patterns and of the location of our valuables.

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining, and this incident has prompted a review of the security of the building and associated procedures so that weakness can be identified and rectified. The most critical of these have already been implemented and the rest are in progress to be completed without delay. As a result, some procedures have been amended and the people involved have been notified of the changes.

However, it will be even more helpful to the ongoing security of the building if everyone plays a part and the guidelines below should help us all to do that:

- Follow the written procedures you are given regarding key, cash and building security
- Ensure your resources are tidy, labelled and stored neatly where they should be
 - This not only sends a signal that we secure our valuables, but will be of great help in identifying losses if another break-in occurs
- Leave the building tidy on departure, especially after Sunday services, and make sure desks and surfaces are clear
 - Preclude any intruders thinking there may be 'goodies' hidden below any debris
- If you are unable to attend a Welcome duty, please advise someone in advance if possible so that a replacement can be found

Our church building houses a busy, vibrant community and there are many complex activities taking place. It is important to the culture of the church that this is maintained so any improvement to security has to be user-friendly but highly effective.

New-Look Notices

Jean Howard, Church Manager

In an effort to tidy up, and make some logical sense to the format of the weekly notices, a little sub-group was formed. The object was to come up with a weekly notice format that is:

- Logical
- Informative but concise
- Readable
- Relevant
- Timely
- Doesn't take Joyce, our church secretary, hours to compile!

The resultant outcome will start to be rolled out in September and will be trialled for 2 months, during which period feedback to the church manager will be welcome. These will then be reviewed, changes made if called-for, and hopefully the finalised format will be in use by Christmas.

How you can help when submitting information for notices:

- Provide a heading followed by a brief description; include dates if relevant and a contact name/number.
- If you have a poster about your event with more information please send this to us too.
- Don't expect a notice to run for a long lead-in period before an event
 - Break down the information into several notices to be inserted at appropriate times, e.g. an initial awareness notice followed by more information nearer the time.

Expect regular notices to be less frequent than weekly; familiarity lacks impact and becomes wallpaper very quickly



Edinburgh Clothing Store

Veronica Crerar



Early last year, we presented a cheque to the Edinburgh Clothing Store, (ECS) one of the Charities supported by the Christmas Tree Festival 2013. At that time it was suggested that, in due course, we might support the Charity further by making a collection of clothes, bedding, towels etc for them from within the congregation.

The charity is run entirely by volunteers, depends entirely on donations, and offers clothing, bedding etc to people in genuine need. The ECS helps families and others on a very low income, who are struggling to manage. Everyone they help is referred to them by a social care or health agency.

They are looking for good quality, clean clothing, shoes, towels and bedding. Clothes for children and for men are always in particular demand. We propose to have boxes in the Church on 4th, 11th and 18th October when goods can be left and will be transported to ECS.

If you prefer to take your own donations, the charity, which, at one time, was in the basement of St George's West, is now at 156 Lower Granton Road. Their phone number is 552 1111.

Decluttering can be very therapeutic, so do yourself a good turn as well as The Clothing Store!

Many Mountains to Climb

Margaret McGregor

This is the title of Christian Aid's Conference held this October 3rd in the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, Nicholson Square, Edinburgh from 10.30 am till 4pm.

Christian Aid works through local partners to deliver their work as it believes they are best placed to understand the causes of poverty and the solutions to it.

Three of their many local partners overseas from Bolivia, South Africa and India will share news of their work, as will Directors from the international and humanitarian teams. The topics explored will be the work on fighting the injustices of poverty, with an emphasis on gender, climate change and land.

There is no charge to attend the conference but places are limited.

If you are interested please phone Amy Menzies, Christian Aid Events officer on 0141 241 6138

News from the Malawi Group

Alison Campbell

Dr Ruth Shakespeare highlights a crisis in Mulanje Prison, where we support a programme to improve prison healthcare with weekly visits.

Malawi Government funding is under pressure and *"for prisoners the consequences are truly dire, with their daily food ration now reduced to one half ration of a watery porridge mixed with a few pigeon peas, once a day. The levels of clinical malnutrition amongst the prisoners are soaring."*

Mulanje Mission is working to put together a supplementary food programme for the prison. The Malawi Group is co-ordinating a financial response from St Andrew's and St George's West but if you would like to make a personal contribution to this emergency, cheques, made to the Church of Scotland, may also be given to James McNeill.

Listen!

Sheila Douglas reflects on Keswick in Buckie

The first week in August 2015 was the 30th Keswick in Buckie week.

I'd never attended it before but decided I'd go this time with a friend. I attended two evenings and found it a wonderful experience.

The North Church in Buckie hosts it, being the largest one for seating capacity. The church was well filled both evenings. It is encouraging to see so many people attend. All denominations are welcomed.

I heard David Earnshaw from Lancashire and Abe Ngunga from East Africa but preaching in Ayrshire at present. Both excellent speakers, on the theme of "Listening." Listening to one another, listening to ourselves and listening to God. The world is listening!

Many examples were given from the Bible. We sang many hymns and lively songs all on three screens.

On the Friday evening we all took part in Communion together. Churches in Buckie do quite a lot together and this is what we need to do.

I enjoyed my first experience attending Keswick in Buckie and look forward to going next year.

James 1:19

let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger

Proverbs 19:20

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future

Luke 6:27

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Sheila Douglas was a longstanding member of the St George's West congregation.

She moved back to Buckie last year but continues to keep in touch!

NOT THREE GODS

WHY WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY TRINITY AND HOW IT CHANGES US

The St John's Theology Symposium
led by Professor Lewis Ayres of Durham University

At St John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh

Saturday 26th September, 10am-4pm
including lectures, lunch, and discussion

All Welcome

there is no charge but donations can be given

To register or for further information contact:
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Faith Seeking Understanding

A series of theological talks organised by Edinburgh Greenbank and Morningside Parish Churches with the support of the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh.

Jesus

6 September
Professor Paul Nimmo

God the Creator

13 September
Professor David Fergusson

The Bible in the Church

- Mark's Gospel
20 September
Professor Helen Bond

Holy Communion

27 September
Professor Susan Hardman Moore

Sundays 7.00pm, Morningside Parish Church
on the corner of Cluny Gardens & Braid Road
refreshments served from 6.30pm

Shine: The 2015 Edinburgh Christmas Tree Festival

So, one Festival is over – and the next is in the planning stage. Shine is the title of this year's Edinburgh Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's and St George's West. Shine will run from 10-24 December, offering creative ways to share the Christmas story with all ages in the city centre. Here's what to expect – and how you can get involved.

September: Invitations go out

Do you know someone who would like to sponsor a tree?

In September we send out invitations to local businesses, charities and people to sponsor and decorate a tree. If you know someone who might like to take part, please let Katie McNeill know now.

October: Storytelling workshop

Would you like to help out with nursery visits?

We're running a storytelling workshop for anyone who would like to be part of the team which shares the Christmas story with visiting nursery schools. You don't need teaching or storytelling experience – just come along to the workshop. The workshop is on Sunday 4 October at 1pm.

November: Light Night Sunday 22 November

Can you help us open the church on the busiest day of the year?

20,000 people come to George Street to watch community performers and the official opening of Edinburgh's Christmas. It's a great opportunity to offer hot chocolate and hospitality.

December Shine 10-24 December 2015

Can you help (daytime/evening) to welcome people to Shine?

Normal opening times are 10am-4pm Monday – Saturday, with two late night openings until 9pm on Thursday 10 December (opening night) and Thursday 17 December. There will be lots of music throughout and of course **Carols at Six** on 18 December.

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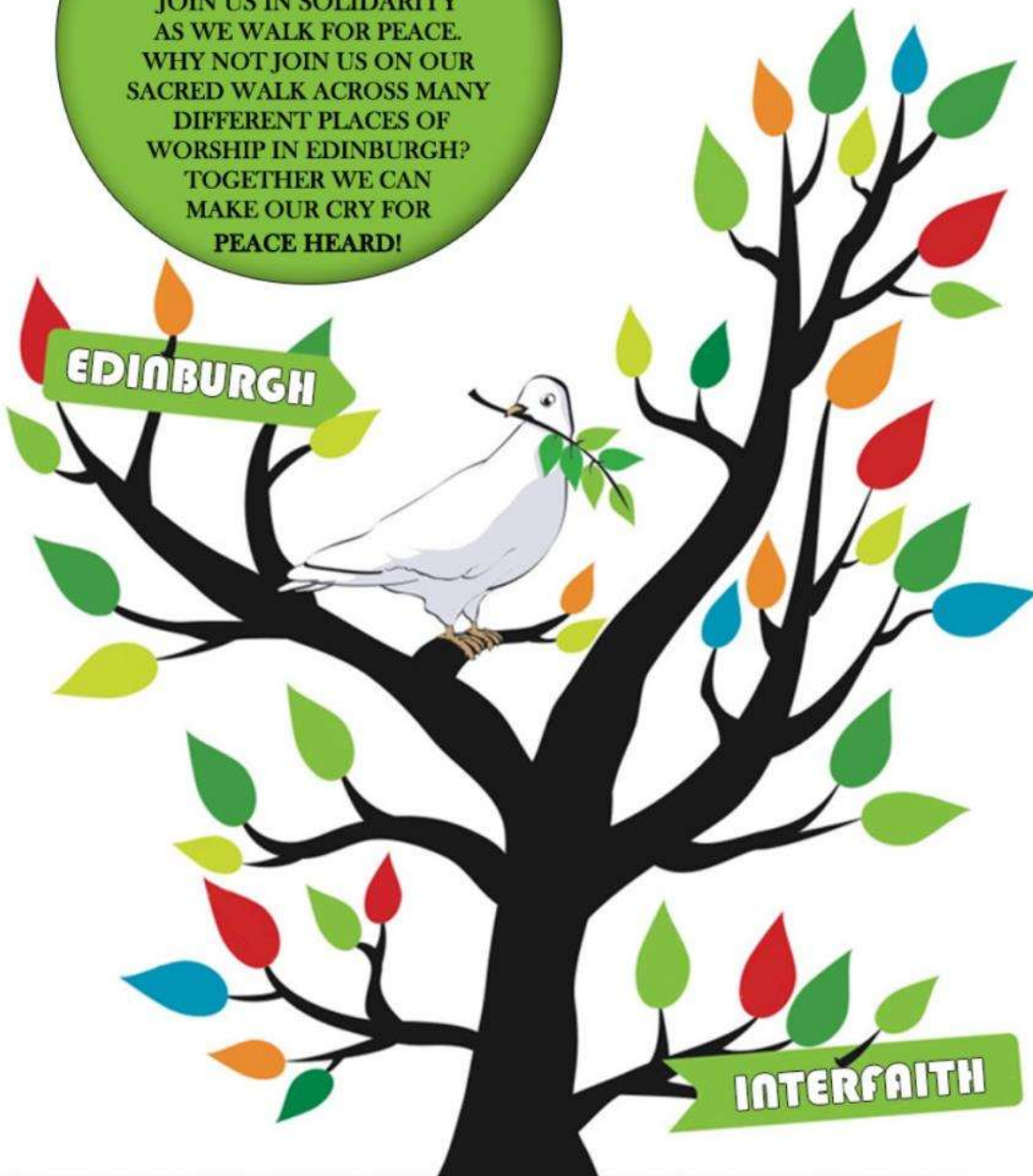
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AS WE WALK FOR PEACE.
WHY NOT JOIN US ON OUR
SACRED WALK ACROSS MANY
DIFFERENT PLACES OF
WORSHIP IN EDINBURGH?
TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE OUR CRY FOR
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**Gathering
at 1.45pm
Salisbury Rd
Synagogue
Edinburgh**

**Or join us at
St Johns
Church,
Lothian Rd
at 3pm
OR
St Marys
Cathedral,
61 York Place
at 4.10pm**

**Concludes at
Edinburgh
Hindu Mandir
for
refreshments
at 5.40pm**

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