



St Andrew's and St George's West June 2016 Magazine





Rev Ian Y Gilmour, with grandchildren who read the Bible in Gaelic during the 2016 General Assembly.

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Christian Aid Sale



Rev Moira McDonald, Rt Rev Russell and Mrs Margaret Barr, Rev Ian Y Gilmour

Caddie to the Moderator

A letter from Ian

It was a pleasure for me to serve, alongside the Rev Moira McDonald, as chaplain to my friend, the Rt Rev Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He has an unusual twist in his story in that he left Kilmarnock Academy with no qualifications to become a professional golfer. We felt that the daily devotions we led at 7.40am each morning might re-connect him with the riches of this unique part of his journey. His wife, Margaret, is also a good golfer.

Golf can be a helpful metaphor for the challenges of life and, of course, for the General Assembly!

You can perhaps imagine what we covered each day from these headings and our selection from the Book of Psalms...

Saturday	On the first tee	Psalm 8
Sunday	Knowing the course	Psalm 84
Monday	The caddies	Psalm 19
Tuesday	In the flow	Psalm 121
Wednesday	Playing from the rough	Psalm 22
Thursday	Time for reflection	Psalm 139
Friday	The 19th hole	Psalm 23

On Monday we looked at the caddie's role, which is to help the Moderator stay within the rules but to enjoy the experience to the full.

We also used some Church of Scotland resources including this meditative prayer from Pray Now,

See you - rich proud and powerful people!
 See him - the humble beggar on the street!
 See her - the lowly mum struggling with four kids!
 See them - the ones still on the outside!
 See me - with my good intentions and myopic sight!

See us,
 all God's people!
 See with the Spirit of Christ.
 See the goodness, the love, the needs.
 See the evil, the apathy, the greeds.

See Jesus in everyone.
 See everyone in Jesus.
 Now, there's a vision.

We had a short reflection each day and finished the week with these familiar words from Numbers Chapter 6, which are appropriate to all of us, so enjoy this ancient, rich and helpful blessing;

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
 and be gracious unto you:
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
 and give you peace.

Enjoy all the delights of summer, warmer temperatures and longer light.

Every blessing,
 Ian



Learn About Love - Worship God

"The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance." **C.S. Lewis**

"And what greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship." **-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Sunday 11am Morning Worship Themes

5 June Healing and Restoration Psalm 146

12 June Voice of Justice 1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15:21a

19 June Voice of Silence 1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a

26 June Voice of Change 2 Kings.1-2, 6-14

3 July Voice of Unexpected Wisdom 2 Kings 5:1-14

Worship lifts the Spirit, it both 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 or to have the richest and broadest experience come to all three!

June 2016

- Sat 4 June **7.30pm Gaelic Mass**
- Sun 5 June **9am Communion**
9.45am Learning Together
10.30am Discussion *Revelation*
11am Morning Worship
12 noon Fellowship Lunch for Mulanje, Malawi
- 2pm Albany Deaf Church (Sanctuary)**
- Sat 11 June **10am -12.30pm Messy Church**
- Sun 12 June **9am Communion**
9.45am Learning Together
10.30am Discussion *Revelation*
11am Morning Worship and cheque presentation to Christian Aid
2pm Albany Deaf Church
- Wed 15 June **10.30am Creative Together meets**
(at Maggie Morley's flat)
- Sun 19 June **9am Communion**
9.45am Learning Together
10.30am Discussion *Revelation*
11am Morning Worship
2pm Albany Deaf Church
- Mon 20 June **10.30am Book Group** – final meeting of the term
- Tue 21 June **Working Together in Faith Day Conference**
- Wed 22 June **6.15pm Donald Gorrie Schools Debates**
- Sat 25 June **10am Syria Refugee Trail** Polwarth Parish Church
- Sun 26 June **9am Communion**
9.45am Learning Together
10.30am Discussion *Revelation*
11am Morning Worship Quarterly Communion
- 1.30pm Congregational Picnic** at Dalkeith
2pm Albany Deaf Church
2pm Hungarian Church

Mon 27 June **12.15pm Amnesty Undercroft group meets**
7.30pm Kirk Session Meeting
Tue 28 June **6pm at St Cuthbert's Evensong Service** to mark
Tony Bryer's retirement as City Centre Chaplain.
Thur 30 June 7pm Alexander Chapman Campbell Concert
<http://www.alexanderchapmancampbell.com/home1/>

July 2016

Fri 1 July **12.30pm St Cuthbert's Somme Service**
Sat 3 July **9am Communion**
9.45am Learning Together
11am Morning Worship

Baptisms

Frederick Edgar and Joshua Leith

Deaths

Mrs Dorothy Brealey

Mr Ian Miller

Rev Ivan Brown

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform 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.

Romans 12

News and Notices

Congregation Picnic 26 June

There will be a Picnic after the 11am Service on Sunday 26 June. **All are invited.**

Food and drink Those coming please bring some food and some drink to share. There will be signup sheets in the vestibule and it would be helpful if people could indicate if they intend to bring a savoury or a sweet. The picnic will last roughly 1.30 – 4.30pm.

Transport Would anyone who would like a lift, or is able to offer a lift, please give their names to James Crerar or Mary Margaret Scott



Open Days - Charlotte Chapel, Shandwick Place

Jean Mackinlay

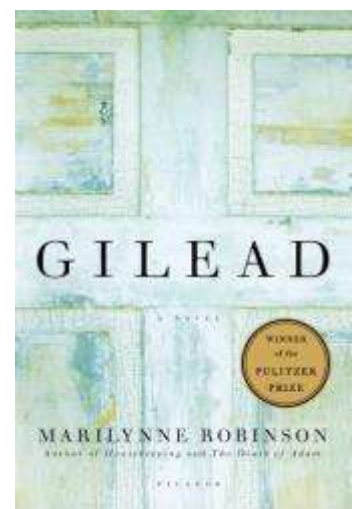


We now have confirmation of the days on which the former St George's West building will be open to visitors **Tuesday 14 June to Saturday 18 June.** Mrs Rees says that she hopes that everyone who is interested will be able to come and that we will be very welcome. There will be guided tours of the building and their café will be open on these days from 10 am until 4 pm (Saturday 10 am until 1 pm).

Book Group –holiday reading

Veronica Crerar

We have decided to treat ourselves to some holiday reading over the Summer. We shall be reading the novel “**Gilead**” by Marilynne Robinson, which, although fiction, has a religious background and has been highly recommended by two of our members. We shall be discussing it at our first meeting of the new session on 19th September. If any other members of the congregation would like to read it and join us on that occasion, we should be delighted to see you.





Christian Aid 2016 - Thank You

Judy Chapman

Once again I would like to thank all those who filled in help forms and came to help. Every one of you was needed and your help was greatly appreciated at this year's Sale. Some of you had to put up with a great deal and you did so without complaint. I think of those who responded to my special pleading and then found themselves at a section with very few customers.

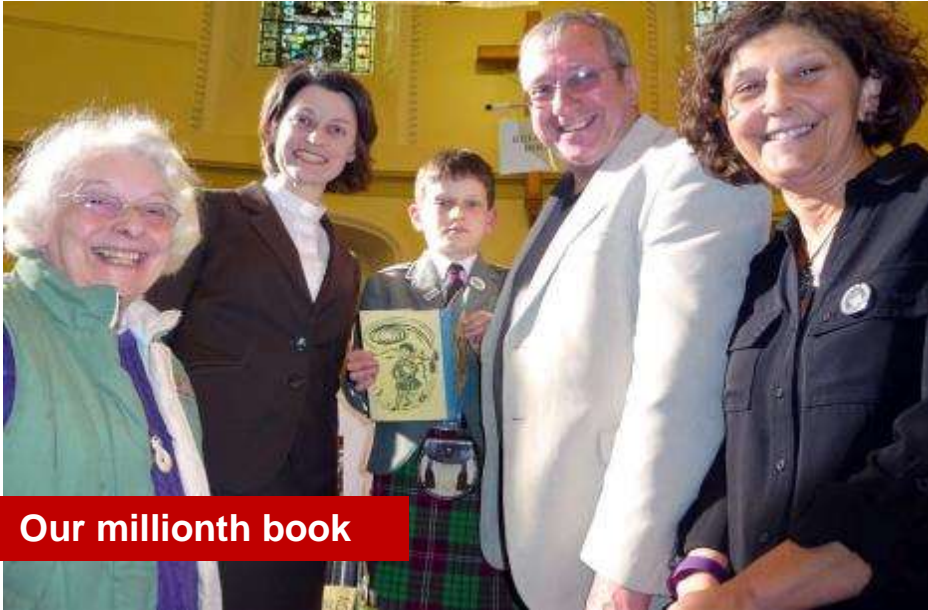
“Every one of you was needed”

It was wonderful to see so many of you who have been coming for many years as well as those returning for their second term. It was also reassuring to find new volunteers joining our band of helpers. However, it was with feelings of sadness that I looked through old name badges and recalled those who had died or were prevented from helping through illness and infirmity. This year I was particularly struck by the many acts of kindness that I witnessed or heard about. I am especially grateful to, and want to thank, those who were kind to me.

Many of you will have been exhausted after your three week stint - I hope you manage to get some well-earned rest. Finally, I must thank Mary Davidson who makes the whole Sale possible. There cannot be a single day in the year when she doesn't think about the Christian Aid Sale and very few days when she does not do something to promote it.

On Sunday, 12 June, at the 11am service Dr George Burgess will present the cheque for money raised at The 2016 Sale to Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, the new head of Christian Aid Scotland.

Highlights of the 2016 Sale



Our millionth book



Bright Sparks publicity



Ladies in red



end of day worship





Continually after Christ

Revd Allison Becker

Members and friends of STAGW,

I write this from the ministers' office, while listening to the live webcast of the Church of Scotland General Assembly. I've been blessed to be present for much of the assembly including the reading of the letter from HM Queen Elizabeth to the assembly, the address of the Lord Commissioner, welcome of our new moderator and seeing our own Revd Ian Gilmour serve as chaplain to our new moderator. A highlight as well was communion shared on Monday morning with all those gathered.

The work of the Assembly has included reports regarding advocacy for refugees, care for creation, stewardship of resources, provision for the poor and those on the fringes of society, global impact of our financial investments, ecumenical relations, ongoing work and a renewed dedication by the church to combat gender-based violence; among many important areas of reporting, debate and decision.

Reflecting on the work of the wider church in mission and service, our own STAGW is to be commended as she has committed herself wholly to the life and mission of the church: the coordination and welcome of

hundreds of volunteers, the sorting of thousands of books, witnessing the selling of the millionth book since the start of the book sale and funds gathered exceeding any year previous. The Undercroft served as a place to share many a cuppa and biscuit, as well as a place of worship, including celebrating Pentecost in creative ways. Dedication was seen in full to the last moments as faithful hands loaded books onto lorries and as the church was cleaned and reset for Sunday's worship.

All this - towards the support of Christian Aid. Yes indeed: books for grain for food! Lives impacted. Healthier and strengthened people. Empowered people - to make their own choices for a hopeful future. The theme of this year's General Assembly is: People of the Way. Indeed through the Christian Aid book sale and via many other avenues we have demonstrated that we are indeed people of the way!

To be people of the way is to be continually after Christ – neither stagnant nor stationary. Throughout the book of Acts mindsets are changed, value-sets are challenged, welcome spread ever-wider as people encounter the gospel of Jesus and are transformed by the Holy Spirit. Peter and Paul, even after coming to Christ, are further transformed as they are converted afresh to the heart of God and his kingdom ways by the Holy Spirit's movement, call and empowerment of diverse believers in the growing church. Yes, they and we are called ever further down the path of faith, growth and witness by the Holy Spirit.

As we look forward to the summer and ways in which we can continue after The Way Jesus, Ian and I are welcoming your contributions on possible subjects or themes we might preach on and around which we might design a worship service. Yes – we really want to hear your suggestions! Bring us your questions, themes and ideas. You can email either of us and together we will develop a list of themes. We look forward to hearing from you.

By continually looking to The Way, Jesus, and by freshly welcoming the work of the Holy Spirit, we will be guided by God ever onward, our stories enfolding to Christ's glory. Onward-people of The Way! Onward!

To the glory of Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life,

Rev. Allison Becker

How was your Assembly Week?



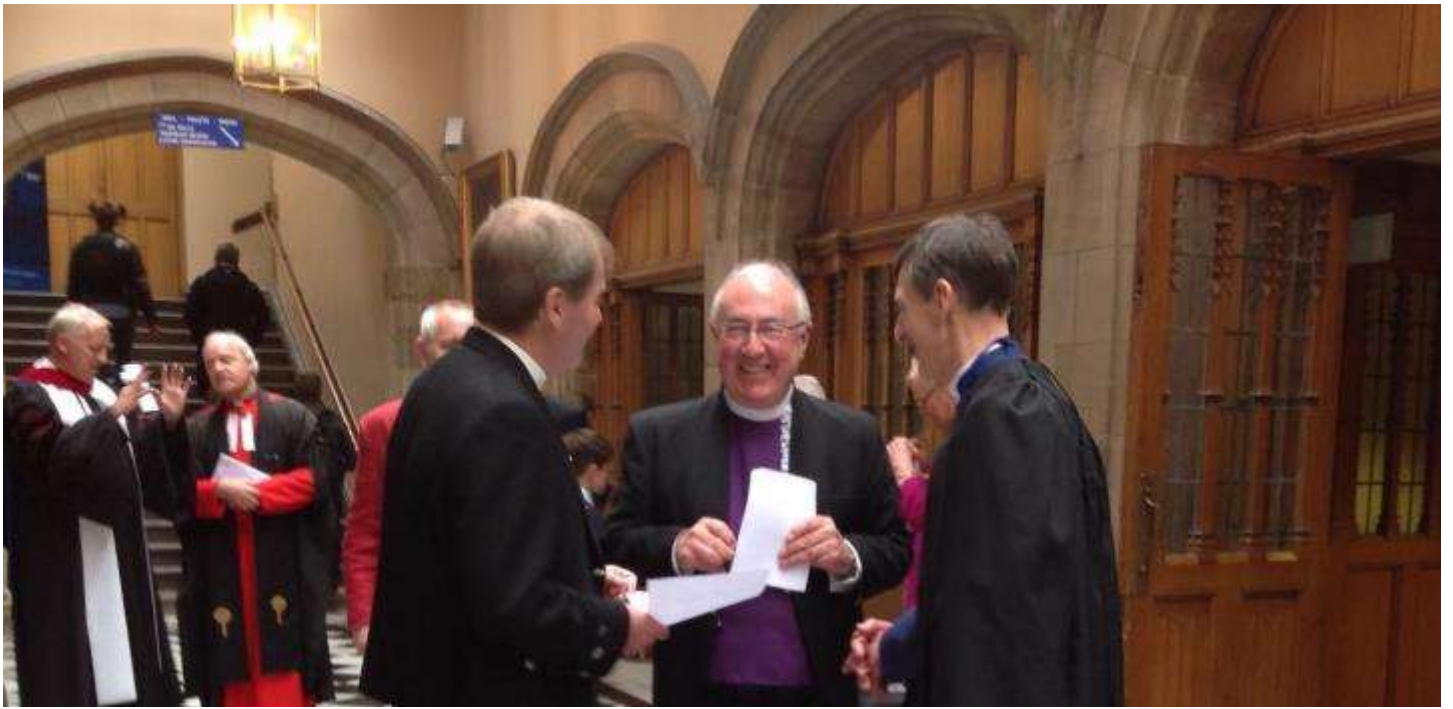
BB Silver Band in George Street



“What we play is life” Louis Armstrong



milestones on the way to an inclusive church



We went to the general Assembly after school on Friday afternoon. We met the Moderator. We were given stewards badges. Then we went to the Public gallery and listened to the 5 new speeches. We then went to the "clapping out ceremony" and saw the Moderator and his wife clapping back in. We helped to take off all the Commissioner's badges and voting pads. It was GOOD FUN!

By Jamie. and Emma

2013

Messy Church

St Andrew's and St George's West Church

13 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA



Saturday 11th June 2016

Come along from 10am to 12.30pm and get your
lunch included!

Theme: Wind, Fire of the Spirit

Please register in advance by emailing
admin@stagw.org.uk

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Gorgie/Dalry Arts Festival 13-19 June 2016

Helen Cox

It has been a pleasure to be involved with the staff and pupils from Dalry Primary school in connection with this project. The concept was community based and Gorgie Farm featured as the focus for the expressive arts theme.

With the inspiring leadership of Damian Callan, an artist at WASPS studios, pupils were guided through the process of initially sketching farm animals, progressing on to creating sculptures and finally creating Lino cuts which have been transformed into this wonderful poster print.



Continuing our church/school partnership, photograph boards have been produced. These images highlight the positive ethos which exists at Dalry and a genuine commitment to foster the education and well being of all pupils. You can view the exhibition in the **Undercroft from Sunday, 12th June until Friday 17th June**

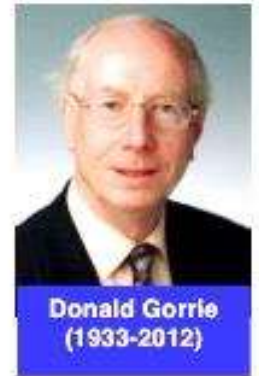
Find out more about the Sharing Secrets Festival at <https://sharingsecretsfestival.wordpress.com>



Donald Gorrie

Schools Debates 2016

Wednesday 22 June at 6.15pm



This annual schools debating competition at St Andrew's and St George's West Church in Edinburgh city centre encourages critical thinking, discussion and citizenship in young people. It was established in 2013 in memory of the late Donald Gorrie, MP and MSP and former schoolteacher. This year pupils tackle climate change in debating the motion

"This house believes that legislation is the only way to save the earth's environment for future generations"

Juniors

Boroughmuir
 Craigmount
 James Gillespie's
 Queensferry (2015 winners)
 Royal High

Seniors

Boroughmuir
 Craigmount
 Queensferry
 Royal High
 (2015 winners)



Senior and junior competitions run concurrently on the night.
Everyone is welcome at this exciting evening of impassioned debate.

St Andrew's and St George's West Church of Scotland Edinburgh is a registered charity. Charity SC008990
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UN Sustainable Goals

From 21 June we will be hosting an exhibition in the sanctuary about the UN Sustainable Goals.

The exhibition was developed by the Scottish Malawi Partnership, highlighting practical steps that organisations in Malawi and in Scotland are taking together to **end poverty**, **combat climate change** and **fight injustice and inequality**.

World Mission Stamp Appeal

Jennifer Dunlop

Do you write letters? Receive letters? If so, you can support the Othara Eco-Spirituality Centre in South India, an initiative of the Church of South India. Please save your used stamps and send them to **World Mission Stamp Project, PO Box 9191, Wishaw, Lanarkshire ML2 OYB**

Not a letter-writer?

Digital native? Check out Thom Leonard's blog at <http://thomashoskynsleonardblog.blogspot.co.uk/>

Thom comes to our 9.45 All Age Service and Adult Discussion Group and blogs about many things, including faith.

Working Together in Faith – Day Conference

Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees

Tuesday, 21 June 2016

10.30-15:30

St Andrew's and St George's West Church

for more information and registration see

<http://www.sfar.org.uk/working-together-in-faith-day-conference-2/>



Syrian Refugee Trail

Saturday 25 June, 10.00am -12 noon

Polwarth Church

As part of Scottish Refugee Week come along to meet the various Edinburgh-based organisations working along the Syrian refugee trail. Organised by Edinburgh Presbytery World Mission Committee

The Beginning of the Good News

Monday 20 June 7pm

Augustine United, George IV Bridge

Storyteller Phil Ruge-Jones presents: a live performance of the first half of the Gospel of Mark told from memory. On this night he will tell the first half of the Gospel of Mark and we will see what happens when God enters history and everything must change. Organised by Augustine United Church and St John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh.

Please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/storytelling-performance-in-support-of-the-syrian-crisis-tickets-25714750511>

Free, suggested donation £5 for Syrian refugees

Making Friends

Laura Shepherd

The other Sunday there was an excellent, uplifting and inspiring service here in St Andrew's and St George's West. This is not an unusual occurrence. In fact, it happens quite often. But this one was different. For a start, there were two choirs. This, though, has also happened before. But on this occasion, one of the choirs didn't sing. And now I think you will have realised that I am thinking of the engaging signing choir from Albany Deaf Church.

It was not only the fascinating signing that drew everyone to the choir. They did this with grace and elegance, interpreting the words of hymns so that they might be understood by all. It was also their energetic, cheerful enthusiasm that was so infectious.

Afterwards, when we were together having tea, coffee and conversation in the Undercroft, I could not help noticing that communication was difficult. How frustrating when there was so obviously both a need and a desire that we should get together.

It was lovely to see our bright Sarah Forrester in cheerful, animated conversation with new friends. Now I know that Sarah has spent years of her young life learning, studying and perfecting her skills in British Sign Language. She truly is an expert and I, for one, am very proud to know her.

But not many of us, for various reasons such as age, time and ability, can do what Sarah has done. But I feel strongly that, if our new friendship with the people from Albany Deaf Church is to grow and ripen as we would all wish it to do, at least some of us must try to learn something of the language they use.

There is a simplified form of BSL which is used in working with certain children and young people. Perhaps some of us could try that. This system is called Makaton. Another idea might be to ask our friends from Albany to teach us some rudiments of BSL. After all, if they were French or Swedish or Italian, would we not make some effort to reach out to them in their own language?

Can we get together to talk about this? What does everyone think? Friendships are waiting to be formed!

Getting glad and new ideas

Susanna Laitinen

Dear everyone in St Andrew's
and St George's West

I am Susanna Laitinen, a deacon from
Finland. I will come to Edinburgh for
almost two months with my family.

This possibility to stay abroad for a
while is really great for us. We are very
grateful to St Andrew's and St
Georges West, Ian and Donna
Gilmour and Mary Margaret Scott for
all the organisation this whole project
causes for you.



I hope and think we all get glad and new ideas from the time we will
share together. And I trust our Lord Jesus leads us all and will be
present as we will meet.

I am deacony worker at Finland's Evangelical-Lutheran Church.
I live and work in the city called Tampere, which is more than
200,000 people's home town. We have four big congregations in
Tampere. I work in the central congregation. We
have 38,400 members in our congregation,
which is 65 % of area's citizens. (However, at
deaconal work we help everyone who lives or
stays within our congregation's area.)

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resources

But our situation is changing. Every year more and more people
resign from the church. We have to find new ways of action with
less resources. And that is one reason why I want to come and see
how you organize your work here. You have so much going on and

a lot of voluntary workers. It's great and I hope I could find some new ideas which I could take with me to my work.

I was studying to be a deacon 18 years ago. An international training period was a part of my studies. I was sent to Edinburgh for three months and that was when I fell in love with the city of Edinburgh and people there.

Last summer I got possibility to visit in Edinburgh again. I met Ian and Donna again and visited in your church and your service. And after that I just knew I want to come back. After all the planning and organisation I will come to Edinburgh with my family (husband Pekka, daughters Amelia 11 years and Julia 8 years) for almost two months.

I will act as a voluntary worker in your congregation. So, I would like to get to know your congregation, the community, people there. I would like to get to know what kind of voluntary groups you have and how they are organized. I want to offer you my professional skills and my time. I have worked as a deacon for 15 years, I have met a lot of different kind of people with different kind of problems. So I feel professionally comfortable to listen, reflect and support by a conversation. I'm ready to visit homes if you think it would be appropriate. I could also plan with you some deaconal project if there is need for it and you would like to. Altogether I will come with open mind and am ready to help you anywhere I could be for help.

I will graduate next autumn to be a professional supervisor. A supervisor offers time and space for an employee or a volunteer or a group of them where they can process their work, work organisations, work roles etc. I could operate that kind of process with you if you feel so. That would require a clear structure.

Our whole family is very excited. For our daughters this summer will be real learning experience of language. And hopefully we parents would be able to learn some new words as well. Anyway I feel so grateful to have this possibility and stay in Edinburgh and get to know new people there. I really look forward to meet you all in St Andrew's and St George's West. **Susanna Laitinen**

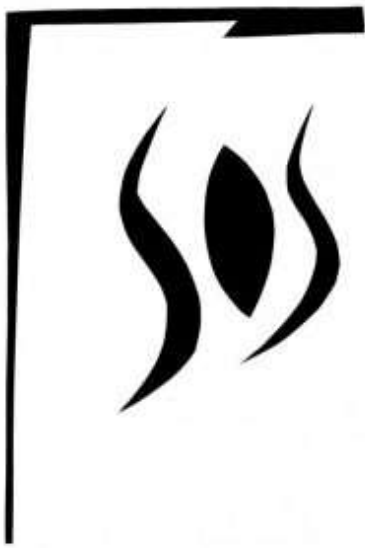
Alternative Summer Worship

Silent Prayer

Tuesday afternoons 3.30-4.15pm in the chapel at St John's Episcopal, Princes St

Song of Songs

5th June 5-8pm at Greyfriars Kirk



This evening will be an opportunity to celebrate a book rather than share formal worship. It will be a liturgical installation which reflects the seldom-read Biblical book of the Song of Songs (or of Solomon).

SOS is an ongoing liturgical intervention created by the **Wild Goose Resource Group**. Tonight we are delighted to be collaborating in making it happen with Edinburgh's excellent and lovely Nitekirk folk.

Quiet Day: The Summer Day

Saturday 25 June 10 - 4pm

Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh

What does summer have to teach us? A season of growth and fruitfulness, of holidays and re-creation. But perhaps we worry we are not being fruitful enough, and being on holiday can feel as busy as being at home. This day offers a chance to take time out and contemplate the summer, to think about growth and rest and how to cultivate more of both in our lives. There will be a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, and an opportunity to be outdoors, weather permitting.

£25/15 Lunch, coffee and cake are provided.

To book a place contact Susan Mansfield

07803 620038 wordsmansfield@gmail.com



All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Creatures Great and Small...

Pat McKerrow's Wildlife Diary

How precious life is. How beautiful too and yet how fragile. As a wildlife watcher and photographer, this has been especially evident in the last couple of months, watching the frantic preparations to welcome new life, witnessing new families emerging, and ultimately observing new parents fiercely protecting their youngsters.

Sadly they haven't all been happy outcomes, eg seeing a moorhen family reduced from four chicks to just one, and a mallard family lose two of their tiny ducklings, all just days after hatching. Horrible to see, but all part of nature's fight for survival between species.

I consider myself truly blessed to have witnessed many fabulous wildlife moments in my life. All have been in Scotland, and in recent

years, my local patch on the Water of Leith has generated a wonderfully varied selection of sightings.

Until the last couple of months, I would have had no hesitation in citing my time spent with otters on Jura and in Shetland as my most special. But now, having shared part of every day since April 16th with a pair of mute swans on my local patch, this has without doubt become the most enjoyable wildlife thing I've ever done.

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What an absolute joy and privilege it has been to watch their story unfold right from the time the eggs were laid – the day my '**Swan Watch**' began. How the adults have cared for each other, the nest site,

and the eggs. Now also seeing their obvious pride and the tenderness and protection they have lavished on their three tiny cygnets since they hatched on day 41 of my 'Watch'!

I've loved every moment of it, and hope to continue to watch the next chapter in their lives as they eventually move permanently from their nest site. I've already managed to photograph the little ones having their first swim, their first 'taxi ride' on mum's back, and lots of feeding and preening lessons! Such fun and unquestionably, life at its most precious, beautiful and fragile. I confess to having grown very attached to this family, and I'm grateful for all they've given me, including a whole new insight into swan life and behaviour, as well as a huge amount of respect for the species.

I am grateful to God too for such moments of joy, love and peace. From the thousands of photographs I've taken during my 'Swan Watch' to date, I've selected three to share with you.....for now!

I leave you with the words of verse two of the hymn 'by Dawn E Newport, which sums up how I feel at the moment, 'Think of a world without any animals, Think of a field without any herd, Think of a stream without any fishes, Think of a dawn without any bird. We thank you Lord, for all your living creatures, we thank you Lord, and praise your holy name.'

Every blessing Pat McKerrow



TOGETHER NEWS

New Workplace Chaplain



With the impending retirement of Tony Bryer, David Hart has been appointed to succeed him. Here David introduces himself.



Although I was born in Lurgan Northern Ireland, my formative years were spent here in Edinburgh as a result of my father's employment. I gained my theology degree in my early twenties at the London School of Theology where I prepared for pastoral ministry. I worked with a Baptist church and an independent church for six years until the summer of 1992 when God, denominationally and geographically, uprooted me and my family to London where I joined the pastoral staff of South West London Vineyard.

My wife and I happily worked there until God called us to return to Edinburgh to church plant in 2000 and from then until August 2014 we led the Edinburgh City Vineyard and planted another Vineyard church in Falkirk. I am passionate about seeing the Church, God's bride, be all it can be for his glory, having an impact and changing our world. As well as this I am passionate about rugby, and my family!

To the best of my ability I want to grow in my pursuit of Jesus and live the life he has called me to live so I am excited about this next chapter as I take up the role of chaplain to Edinburgh City Centre. Alongside the call to be a relevant witness, I believe the church and workplace chaplaincy, through partnership, have been given an amazing opportunity to reflect the love of Jesus to the world around us. My hope is that together, we can encourage one another to continue to look for ways to connect the grace that is on us with the people who are around us. Why? Because the dream God has in his heart for the city is so much greater than the Church.

Tony Bryer's Retirement

Evensong 28 June at 6pm

Tony retires from Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland at the end of June and there is to be a celebration of his work in the City Centre at an Evensong in St Cuthbert's at 6pm on **28th June** to which all are invited. The Together Trustees are co-ordinating a presentation to be made to Tony that evening and those who wish to contribute should hand cheques (payable to St Andrew's and St George's West) or other forms of payment, marked 'for Tony Bryer', to the Church Office on or before 19th June.



The Battle of the Somme

A Civic Event, St Cuthbert's, Fri 1 July, 12.30pm

This special event, organised by McCrae's Battalion Trust, and supported by OASIS in partnership with Business Matters and Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland, remembers the Battle of the Somme in 1916. All the arrangements are progressing well and more information will be available shortly. The service will be led by Army Padres and the singing by the Edinburgh Military Wives Choir. Forces TV will be filming the 9am (French time) Service in the French village of Contalmaison and an edited segment will be screened during the Service in St Cuthbert's at 12.30pm that day. Do come along and bring your friends with you.

St John's Church walks

The next Saturday walk will be on **18 June** and will be an ascent of Stob Binnein from Balquidder. Low level alternative.

The next Thursday walk will be on **7 July** and will be a circular walk through Gore Glen near Gorebridge and the grounds of Arniston House.



Africa in Motion Film Festival in collaboration with the Just Festival and the Alwaleed Centre present

“The Dream of Shahrazad”

**Screening Room, 50 George Square
Thursday 30th June
18:30 - 21:30pm**



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