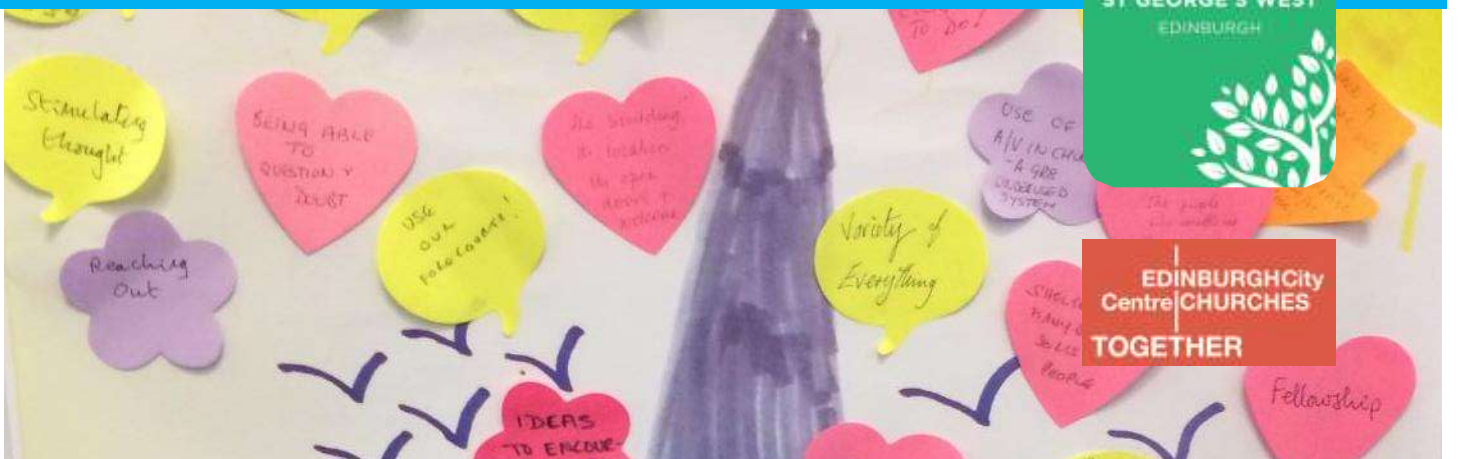




St Andrew's and St George's West Summer 2019 Magazine





Palm Sunday placards at the 9.45 service

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Love with its sleeves rolled up

A letter from Rosie



Greetings! I am delighted to be writing for the St Andrew's and St George's West Church magazine for the first time.

There have been a lot of 'firsts' for me these past few weeks. I was privileged to preside at Communion at the 9am service for the first time on 2 June. That same day that I got to blow out candles on the most wonderful Welcome Cake at the 9.45am service and greet people after the 11am service as the inducted minister in this place.

The service of induction, and reception afterwards, were a total joy. I had so many appreciative comments from those who were there as visitors that evening. I assured them that I could take none of the credit. So, thanks, again, to all who played a part.

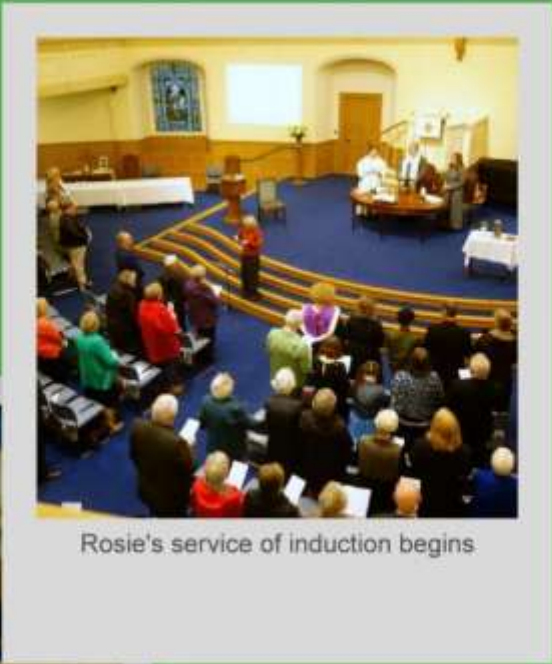
What a happy whirlwind it has been and continues to be! It really feels like the season of Pentecost.

I have been blessed by the kindness and welcome of so many people these past days. All of which has been affirmation of my calling to St Andrew's and St Georges' West. I want to be part of a community which welcomes strangers and provides extravagant care and radical hospitality. I want to be part of a community which understands that 'justice is love with its sleeves rolled up'...and gets it sleeves rolled up to response to the needs of a hurting world. All we do is in response to the God who first loved us and whose love for us is beyond measure.

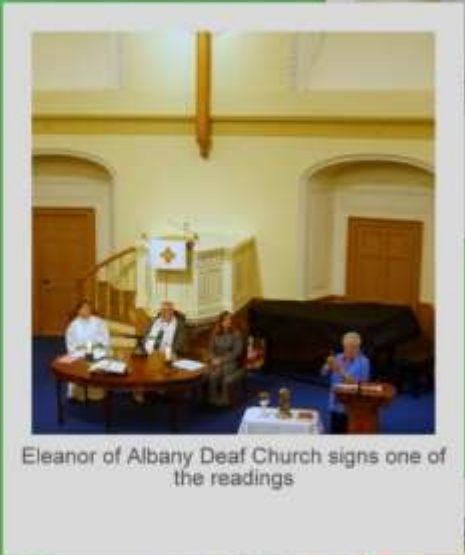
'So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.' 1 John 4:16



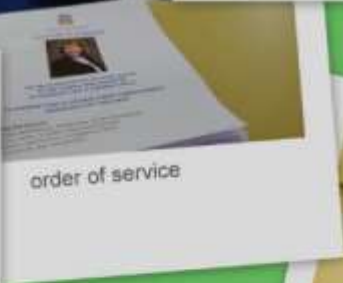
Presbytery gathers in the Undercroft



Rosie's service of induction begins



Eleanor of Albany Deaf Church signs one of the readings



order of service



Rev Rosie Addis preaches, BSL interpreted by Mary McDevitt



vows are made



Congratulations!



Ray Baxter passes the Communion Cup, one of the signs of shared ministry, to Rosie



Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan offers Rosie the right hand of friendship



Rev Dr Rosie Magee and Rev Moira McDonald lead the procession out of St Andrew's and St George's West



presbytery departs



now the serious business begins....



Mary-Ann Rennie of Dunfermline Abbey spills the beans...

As I become familiar with the workings of the community here, I am increasingly aware of all the work that people do behind the scenes – without fuss or fanfare.

Work which ensures that our building is a safe space, that our café is welcoming, and our services of worship are truly ‘the work of the people.’ I have had a window into the committee work that goes on here month by month. I once heard committees described as the means by which we ‘organise the love’. We are blessed to have so many dedicated people giving of their time to organise the love through writing agendas and minutes and paying attention to detail as well as the collective wisdom.

Beyond the ministry that takes place in the church building there is a network of care which weaves through the city. Whether through phone calls or visiting or providing transport, people look out for one another in so many ways. We are called to be ‘on the look-out’ for those in need whether close to hand or far away. That means we are also called to care for those whose names we do not yet know, for their names are known in the heart of God.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2

I have also discovered to my delight that St Andrew’s and St George’s West is a congregation that enjoys table fellowship in many forms. If the cakes available at the fellowship lunch on the 2nd June are anything to go by, I am going to have to ditch the number 42 bus and start walking to work! I like to think I get some exercise heading down to the Undercroft for my coffee. I know good quality coffee when I taste it and it helps propel me back *up* the stairs to my office.

Being in the church building feels like being at the centre of a lot of activity. This is truly a ‘7 days a week, not 1 day in 7’ church and that is just how it should be. Festival season is nearly upon us and



welcome!

the number of people through our doors will increase further. My prayer is that everyone who crosses the threshold feels welcome in this place, whether visiting for a service, a concert or a coffee. We know welcome when we feel it and I have certainly felt welcomed these past days. Thank you.

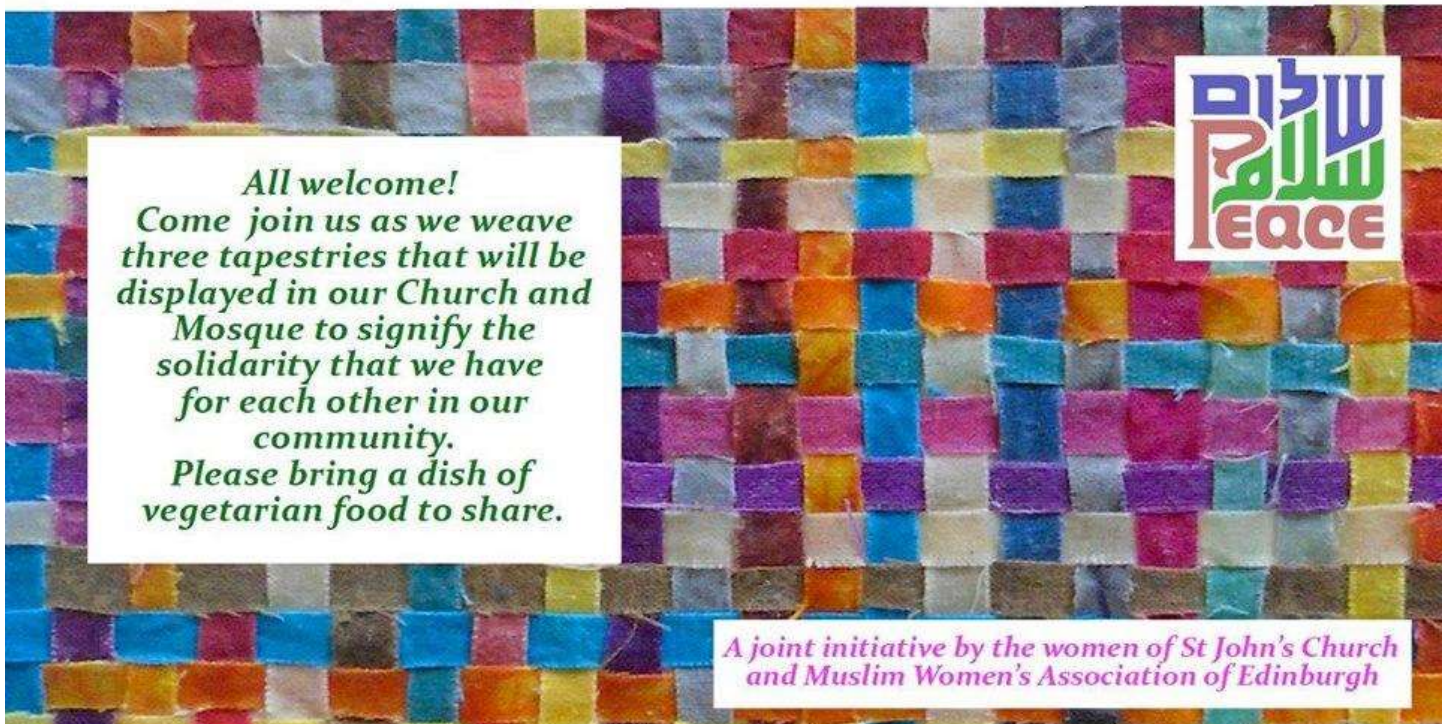
I look forward to putting more names to faces in the days ahead. I look forward to what God has in store for us in the months ahead. Whatever that may be, here's to keeping our sleeves rolled up!

Peace and joy,
Rosie

WEAVE FOR PEACE

Hate Hurts, Love Heals

Sunday 16th June
St John's Church
Princes St
1pm to 3pm



*All welcome!
Come join us as we weave
three tapestries that will be
displayed in our Church and
Mosque to signify the
solidarity that we have
for each other in our
community.
Please bring a dish of
vegetarian food to share.*

*A joint initiative by the women of St John's Church
and Muslim Women's Association of Edinburgh*

Contact mail@mwae.org.uk or
admin@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

June 2019

Sunday 9am, 9.45am, 11am services

Sun 2 June	12 noon Fellowship lunch for choir funds
Sun 9 June	Pentecost
Tue 11 Jun	7.30pm Amnesty Jazz with St Mary's Music School
Sun 15 June	1-3pm Interfaith Weave for Peace at St John's
Sun 23 June	11am Christian Aid cheque handover at 11am service 12 noon Stated Annual Meeting
Mon 24 Jun	12.15 Amnesty Undercroft Group meets
Tue 25 June	7.30pm Kirk Session Meeting
Sun 30 June	Quarterly Communion

July 2019

Sunday 9am, 9.45am and 11am services

Sat 6 July	3pm Palestinian Youth Orchestra Concert
Mon 29 July	12.15 Amnesty Undercroft Group meets

Aug 2019

Sunday 9am, 9.45am, 11am services

3-25 Aug	STAGW at Festival Time
Mon 26 Aug	12.15pm Amnesty Undercroft Group meets
Tue 27 Aug	7.30pm Kirk Session meeting
Sat 31 Aug	10am-12.30pm Messy Church

Sept 2019

Sunday 9am, 9.45am, 11am services

Fri 6 Sep	10am - 4pm Creative TOGETHER
Sat 7 Sep	On the Button Sale in aid of Marie Curie

Please come along to our **Stated Annual Meeting**, held this year on **Sunday 23 June at noon**. We review our 2018 accounts and achievements and look forward. Digital and hard copies of the 2018 accounts and 2019 budget are available from 16th June

News and notices

The Thompson Scholarship Fund Moira Dunworth for Mamie Martin Fund

The Thompson Scholarship fund, set up in 2018 in memory of Jack and Phyllis Thompson to fund girls' education in Northern Malawi, has reached nearly £7,000. From September 2019 the fund will support two girls for at least 4 years, one attending Embangweni School for the Deaf. The fund, administered by Mamie Martin Fund, is still open for donations, but it is **moving platforms** to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ThompsonScholarship>.

The Thompson Scholarship Fund



In loving memory of Jack and Phyllis Thompson, and in recognition of their consistent support for education in Malawi, The Thompson Scholarship Fund will support girls' education in Northern Malawi.

Walking Group

Mary Margaret Scott

Do you enjoy walking? Join the church walking group which meets on the first Friday of each month. The routes are decided by members of the group and we try and alternate a flat walk with one that has a hill or two. Walks tend to be 10-12 miles, but we try and chose a route that walkers can join or leave easily if that distance is too great. We also try and use public transport wherever possible to access the route. For more information, please contact the church office.



a problem shared... is a problem halved

Thank You!

Judy Chapman, Help Convener

The Spring/Summer edition of the Christian Aid Magazine states that, *"For over 70 years, we've spoken out fearlessly against the scandal of poverty, inequality and injustice worldwide. And we won't stop now"*.

To do this Christian Aid needs money, so thank you to all those who helped in any way at this year's Sale. I know that Mary Davidson sends out thank you letters to all who helped but as Help Convener I always feel the need to say thank you as well. I am very privileged to see at first hand the wonderful Christian Aid community that comes into being each year and hear from people how much they have enjoyed helping.

It is always unwise to name individuals because someone is sure to be missed out and I feel the same if jobs are mentioned. However I would like to give special thanks to all those who turned up to clear and clean the church once the Sale was over. You did a magnificent job of turning chaos into order.

As usual, Mary Davidson must be congratulated for her total dedication to the Sale. I don't think any of us can comprehend the time and effort she devotes to the cause not just this year but during the previous forty-five years.

To all of you thank you once again!

Please come to the 11am service on 23 June 2019 when Very Rev Dr John Chalmers will hand over the cheque to Sally Foster-Fulton of Christian Aid



Inherit the Earth

Jo Dallas, Christian Aid Scotland

We are delighted to bring our touring Christian Aid photography exhibition ***Inherit the Earth*** to the Undercroft Café at St Andrew's and St George's West until the

14th June. It comes hot on the heels of the Christian Aid Sale, which filled the Café space with colourful paintings and artworks.



Bolivia is the poorest country in South America and a place where Christian Aid has been working through partner organisations for 30 years. It is also a country which is feeling the impact of climate change, with severe flooding in 2014 and drought just two years later. Christian Aid's work supports remote indigenous communities to become more resilient by introducing solar technology, such as solar ovens, and by planting crops that are adaptable to sudden changes in weather.

The vibrant pictures and stories in ***Inherit the Earth*** will transport you to the Bolivian Amazon and our work there. The exhibition also seeks to celebrate the impact of leaving a gift to Christian Aid in your Will.

Legacy gifts fund some of our work in Bolivia and also allow us to commit to long-term development work in the countries around the world where we help those most in need and tackle the root causes of poverty.

Do take ten minutes to look around the exhibition and immerse yourself in the lush and tropical Amazon rainforest, the lungs of our planet.

Please email Jo Dallas [jdallas\[at\]christian-aid.org.uk](mailto:jdallas@christian-aid.org.uk) you have any questions about the exhibition or call 0141 2416139.

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In aid of **Amnesty International**
Standing up for human rights

Concert presented by St Mary's Music School in association
with the Undercroft Amnesty Group, Edinburgh.

Amnesty JAZZ

St Mary's Music School's
senior jazz ensembles
are directed by Andrew Robb
in an unmissable concert
featuring the music of
Fats Waller, Wayne Shorter,
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Tuesday 11th June, 7.30pm (finish 9.30pm)

St Andrew's and St George's West, 13 George Street, Edinburgh

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at jwm28kr@gmail.com, and on the door from 6.45pm

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present **Palmusic UK Ensemble**

Summer 2019 Scotland Tour

Palmusic scholars Lourdina Baboun (violin), Omar Saad (viola), Tibah Saad (cello) with guest pianist, Iyad Sughayer.



Playing Mozart and Mahler piano quartets, and Arabic folk music arranged by the ensemble.

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Saturday 6 July, 3pm
St Andrew's and St George's West Church,
13 George Street
EDINBURGH EH2 2PA

Sunday 7 July, 7.30pm
St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral,
1 High Street
DUNDEE DD1 1TD

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Raising funds for the charitable work of Palmusic UK, Friends of the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music in Palestine.
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Serving the City Centre

Andrew Gregg, Edinburgh City Centre Workplace Chaplain

I recently passed the second anniversary of my taking up the role of City Centre Chaplain, and I thought I should write a quick article by way of an update.

My role is split between on the ground chaplaincy and team leading the workplace chaplains across the city. In Edinburgh, Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland's team of 25 chaplains provide over 8,500 hours of pastoral visiting to workplaces each year and support 32,000 souls or 8% of those working in the city.

As team leader I have been recruiting and training new volunteer chaplains, keen to serve in the workplace, as well as providing supervision and support to the existing chaplaincy team.

As team leader I have been working with businesses across the city to provide workshops and training on mental health in the workplace,

depression, bereavement and wellbeing. I am finding an increasing demand from businesses across the city to advise on best practice to support staff.

On the chaplaincy front we have been running “Listening Posts” in shopping centres and at Waverley Station, providing a visible presence of chaplaincy and the church to commuters and shoppers alike. These listening posts offer people the opportunity to be heard, and their stories to be listened to with compassion and empathy. Many people took these opportunities to approach us with their concerns about mental health, family and workplace.

One young man was in deep depression, feeling worthless, alone and had been having suicidal thoughts - we were able to intervene to get him to professional help. Another visitor, this time a mother, opened a Video Skype conversation on her phone between us with her daughter who was struggling that morning and we chatted and listened, and cried together from the floor of a shopping centre.

The city centre retail landscape is challenging - with shops and restaurant chains closing nationally, these have had an effect on George Street, as some famous names have disappeared and shop units lie empty. These changes and the sense of uncertainty that accompanies them create an environment where the chaplain is welcomed. Having someone that will listen, care and support is increasingly valued by the individuals we meet.

All of this work is rooted in the vision and energy of the congregation at St Andrew’s and St George’s West to provide workplace chaplaincy in the city centre. I am grateful for your on-going support for this ministry in the city, and look forward to sharing more stories in the years to come.

If you would like to find out more about Workplace Chaplaincy, please feel free to contact me at
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General Assembly 2019

Michael Cunliffe

The Assembly endorsed three reports that will have profound implications for the future shape and direction of the Church.



The Special Commission reports

The first was the report of the Special Commission on Structural Reform. This establishes, with effect from 1 June 2019, a new body of 14 Assembly Trustees to replace the Council of Assembly. The Convener of the Trustees will be Very Rev John Chalmers, the Vice-Convener Norma Rolls (Palmerston Place) and the Administrative Trustee, James McNeill.

The report (as amended) also:

- Instructs the Trustees to establish a senior management team and appoint a Chief Officer
- Instructs the Trustees to begin reducing the administrative costs of the central organisation by 20-30%, if possible within one to two years

- Merges the Ministries Council with the Mission and Discipleship Council, and the Church and Society Council with the World Mission Council, with effect from 1 January 2020
- Instructs the Trustees to seek ways in which the Social Care Council and CrossReach can become a more self-sustaining and financially viable arm's-length organisation.

The second major report was the Radical Action Plan submitted by the Council of Assembly. This:

- Establishes a growth fund of £20-25m for the period 2020-26, funded from reserves
- Calls for a reduction in the number of Presbyteries in Scotland to around 12 (from the current 43) by 2024
- Calls for legislation at the 2020 Assembly to enable the establishment of networks, hubs and other additional forms of local church
- Calls for a review of the size and responsibilities of Kirk Sessions
- Promotes co-operation with other denominations in providing a territorial ministry
- Calls for initiatives to help the Church engage those aged 40 and under.

Thirdly, the report of the General Trustees launched a consultation paper on the future size and management of the church estate, aimed at securing “well-equipped spaces in the right places”. The Assembly instructed Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to engage with the consultation process on proposals which include:

- Setting minimum standards for church buildings in terms of access, flexibility, welcome, health and safety, toilet and kitchen facilities, affordable running costs and energy efficiency
- Strengthening the role of Presbyteries
- Unburdening congregations of some of the tasks of looking after buildings
- Encouraging the sharing of resources among congregations.

The Assembly voted through some proposals that were not contained in reports by councils and commissions. Three that provided lively discussion were:

- Capping the Ministry and Mission contributions that congregations are required to pay: from 2021, no congregation's contribution will be allowed to rise above the 2020 level (though it could reduce)
- Appointing a Special Commission to report by 2021 on the effectiveness of the presbyterian form of church government in promoting and supporting the mission of local congregations and developing leadership in the Church
- Asking for legislation that would phase out unrestricted tenure and provide that all appointments to vacant charges should be on reviewable tenure not exceeding 7 years.

Further lively debates were, predictably, on Israel/Palestine and on the Church's investments in oil and gas companies. A motion to require disinvestment from the latter was narrowly defeated.

The spiritual theme of the Assembly was: "Jesus said, follow me!". The Moderator, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair (of Palmerston Place) chose scripture readings, and delivered reflections, that concentrated on Jesus' disciples – particularly Peter – and what it meant to be a follower.

A notable feature of the Assembly was the representation among the Commissioners of several former ministers, assistant ministers and locum ministers associated with St Andrew's and St George's West: Andrew McLellan, Roderick Campbell, Peter Macdonald, Russell McLarty, Ian Gilmour, John Chalmers, James Aitken and Dorothy Anderson.

Three out of the 5 members of the Special Commission on Structural Reform (James McNeill, Sarah Davidson and Morag Ross) have roots in our congregation. We can take some satisfaction in knowing that we have played a significant part in helping to shape the future of the Church.

You can watch all the proceedings on the Church of Scotland's website https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/general_assembly/general_assembly_2019





Christ Church Episcopal, Savannah

A Transatlantic Exchange

Jocelyn Cunliffe

At Rosie's first 11.00am service we ended with Charles Wesley's great hymn *Love Divine all loves excelling*.

This year my husband Michael and I spent Easter in Savannah, Georgia. One of the things we learned was that John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and his brother Charles spent time there and that their journey across the Atlantic was pivotal for both the formation of Methodism and for the great tradition of hymn singing.

Georgia was the last of the thirteen English colonies to be established in what is now the United States of America. The colony was in part a philanthropic exercise organised by James Oglethorpe to give those who had fallen on hard times a new start. British working poor and 'societal misfits' were to make a living cultivating agricultural products.

John and Charles Wesley were sent out in 1735 by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Their ship ran into a storm and they feared for their lives, but the calm singing of Moravian missionaries

amazed them and opened their eyes to the spiritual power of hymns. On arrival, Charles served as Secretary to Governor Oglethorpe and John served as Rector of Christ Church Savannah, the first church in Georgia, from 1736-7.

We worshipped at Christ Church on Easter Day. Founded in 1733, the present church is the third structure on the site, a handsome building designed in 1833 by James Hamilton Couper.

According to the local historical society board, Wesley began the earliest form of Sunday school and published the first English hymnal in the colonies. Weekly meetings of the Christ Church congregation were held in Wesley's small wooden parish house.

John Wesley later wrote, *"The first rise of Methodism was in 1729 when four of us met together at Oxford. The second was at Savannah in 1736 when twenty or thirty persons met at my house."*



**John Wesley statue
(1969) in Savannah**

The parish house is long gone, but a statue of John Wesley reminds us of its significance. He is depicted as a young man wearing his Church of England vestments. According to Marshall Daugherty, the sculptor,

"The monument is as he looks up from his Bible toward his congregation, about to speak and stretching out his right hand in love, invitation and exhortation. In contrast, the hand holding the Bible is intense and powerful - the point of contact with the Almighty."

In CH4 there are two hymns authored by John Wesley and fourteen by Charles Wesley, including *Hark! the herald angels sing, Christ the Lord is risen today, Rejoice the Lord is King* and *Soldiers of Christ, arise* – and *Love Divine all loves excelling*.



Always there...often unseen

Pat McKerrow's Wildlife Diary

Over the years, I have written many times about my favourite photographic experiences and subjects. Indeed, I'm often asked which wild creatures I enjoy photographing most. It's actually a difficult question to answer as a few potential candidates could vie for that title. I also cannot deny the joy I find in whatever wildlife encounter I happen to be in at any given moment. That said, the pair of mute swans whose journey I have shared for over 3 years will always hold a significant place in my heart. Their story has had a huge impact on my life, opened up a raft of opportunities, and is one that I hope to continue to be part of for years to come. It's fair to say though, that our relationship is now such that I tend to chart their lives, rather than constantly add to my swan photographic portfolio.

So, returning to the question of my favourite subjects? Yes, I love photographing foxes, kingfishers, puffins, and more, but I openly declare otters to be my absolute favourites. Otters in the wild, swimming freely, feeding off-shore, scampering along beaches, preening/drying themselves on rocky coasts; even just committing that

to paper has brought a smile to my face! So much to love about them, including their elusiveness. I enjoy Kenneth Steven's description in 'The Small Giant':

*The otter.....
...I saw one once,
Off the teeth of Western Scotland
Playing games with the Atlantic –
Three feet of gymnastics, Taking on an ocean.*

It is always a thrill when I have the opportunity to revisit the beautiful Scottish island of Jura. So many hours I have spent there searching and scanning the waters and coasts, hoping for sight of that unmistakable form and unmistakable movement. I say 'hoping', as it can never be more than that; otters are undoubtedly always there, but often remain unseen.

I therefore consider myself blessed to have enjoyed the company of otters various times on Jura, as well as elsewhere across Scotland; even earlier this year in Edinburgh! Nevertheless, each potential new encounter never fails to excite me. Day one of my visit to Jura in April this year began well, spotting an otter fishing off-shore early on. My goal was to keep him/her in sight and remain able to follow-on at the merest hint of a move towards the shoreline. Despite my enthusiasm, as the hours passed, my eyes began to glaze, every 'white top' on the water seemed like a potential new sighting, and general weariness gradually permeated my body. The spirit never wanes, but the body certainly does!

Having been given the slip on this and several other occasions – and it always amazes me how these creatures can so easily disappear from view – imagine my excitement when suddenly, there he was, a dog otter, swimming alongside the wall behind which I had positioned myself. Moving forward, rolling over, then moving forward again, clearly enjoying the early evening sunshine. Instantly I was back in full otter tracking mode, employing all the tricks from my years of otter pursuit. This one kept me thoroughly entertained for almost an hour before he too simply vanished. Where had he gone? I peeked out from behind the rocks, checked the water's edge and further out to sea; nothing. Minutes later I sensed 'something' close-by... I looked down to my right and there he was, staring straight back at me, no more than 10 feet

away, bathed in shadow on the shore beneath. I had been outsmarted, caught in the act of stalking, and now captured firmly in his gaze – could I almost detect a smirk on his face? Undoubtedly a memory I will treasure for a very long time, despite lasting only moments before he slipped silently back into the water and away. Happily, otter spotting for the rest of the visit did not end there, but I hold this as another particularly special moment with and in God’s creation.

Already I have expressed my feelings of excitement in knowing that otters are always there on Jura, yet accepting that I may not see them; also, on the occasion in question, of this otter’s awareness of my existence. Forgive me if the similarity is tenuous, but it reminded me of God’s omnipresence and knowledge of each of us: “...you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise....you are familiar with all my ways” (Psalm 139).

I leave you with an extract from my poem ‘Remain’:

*...You know every thought in my mind
And each word in my mouth.
You, all seeing and all hearing God,
Guide my ways for your glory...
...Remain with me always.*

Every blessing, Pat McKerrow

Moments In Nature Photo Exhibition

Water of Leith Café Bistro until 23 June



A selection of Pat’s photographs showing Edinburgh’s wildlife are on display in the Water of Leith Café Bistro, 1 Howard Street, Edinburgh, EH3 5JP, until 23 June 2019. Café opening hours are 9.30am-5pm (Tues-Sat), 10am-4pm (Sun); closed Mondays.

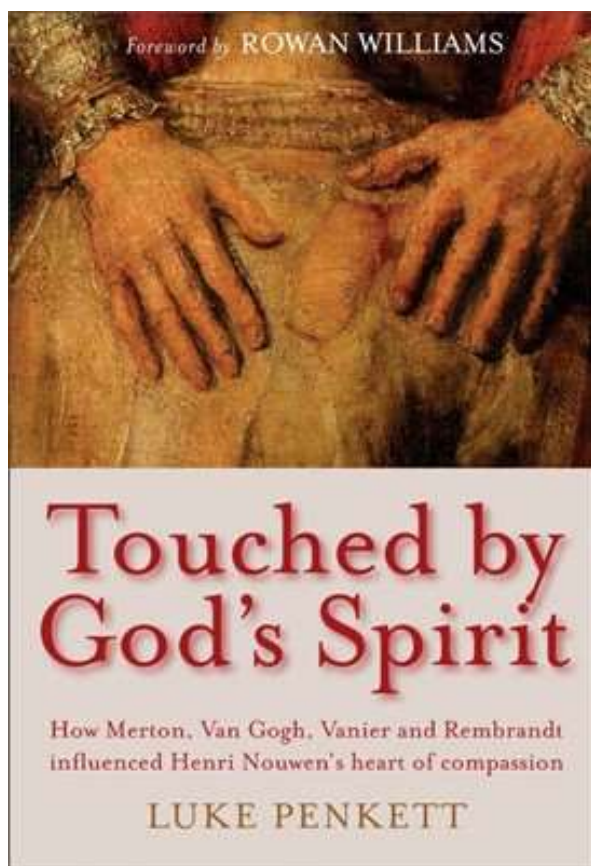
Pat also has two new style packs of blank greetings cards available, ‘Birds’ and ‘Flowers’. £10 for 8 cards

Cornerstone Bookshop Reviews

Amanda Bruce

Touched by God's Spirit by Luke Penkett £14.99

'Touched by God's Spirit' is a rich and enlightening exploration into the development of the importance of compassion in the life of Henri Nouwen.



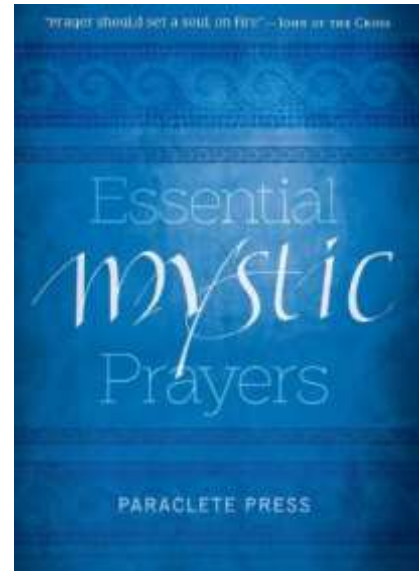
Arguably one of the greatest spiritual writers in the latter half of the twentieth, Nouwen's journey from the clearly defined liturgical life he experienced over six years in a Roman Catholic seminary, to the years he spent living in community with those of the L'arche Daybreak Community, was profoundly influenced by four key encounters; with Thomas Merton, monk and contemplative poet, with the Canadian theologian and philosopher, Jean Vanier, with the art of Van Gogh and, particularly, with Rembrandt's depiction of the Prodigal Son in his painting of the same name.

Here, Penkett reveals what each of these encounters opened up in and for Nouwen as, in his own words, he left what had been 'home' for him, with its neat structures and obvious paths, to experience an emptying of spirit, ready to be filled with a new way of living and loving as one of the little and least under the arc of God's all embracing and compassionate love for us all. What Penkett illustrates is the way in which the collective lives and work of Nouwen's mentors served as "a unifying presence and theological wellspring."

As these mentors offered Nouwen a means to move on in his inner life, so might the freshness of Penkett's insights offer us wells of nourishment and encouragement for our own journeys.

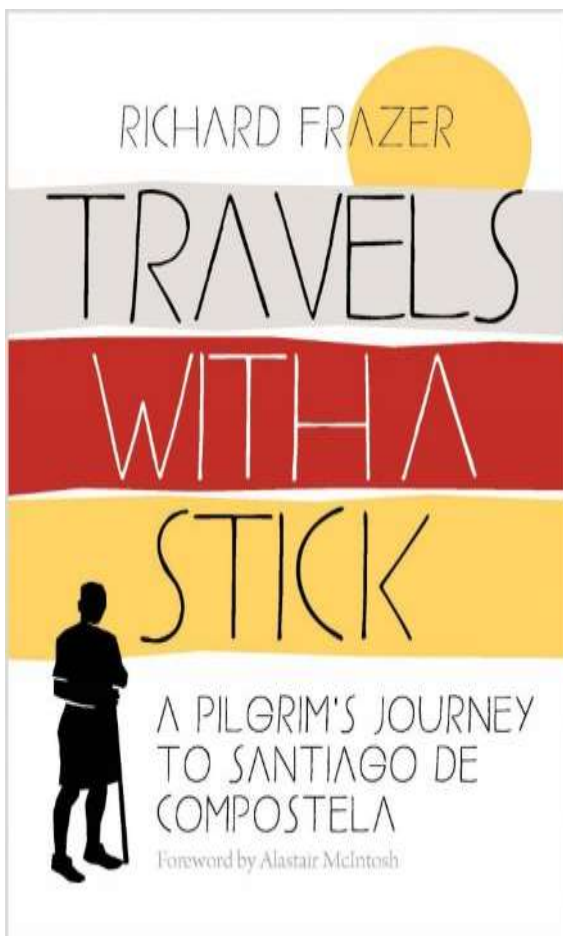
Essential Mystic Prayers Paraclete Press £8.99

This is a pocket-size compendium filled with wise and penetrating words from a selection of mystical writers through the ages. It is a collection for people wherever they are on their spiritual journey or perhaps on the wayside. From Clement of Alexandria to Thomas Merton, John of the Cross to Simone Weil, some of our deepest needs are expressed in a few well-chosen words, written by those whose articulation of our needs today may nourish our inner-selves while allowing us, also, to speak.



Travels with a Stick by Richard Frazer £12.99

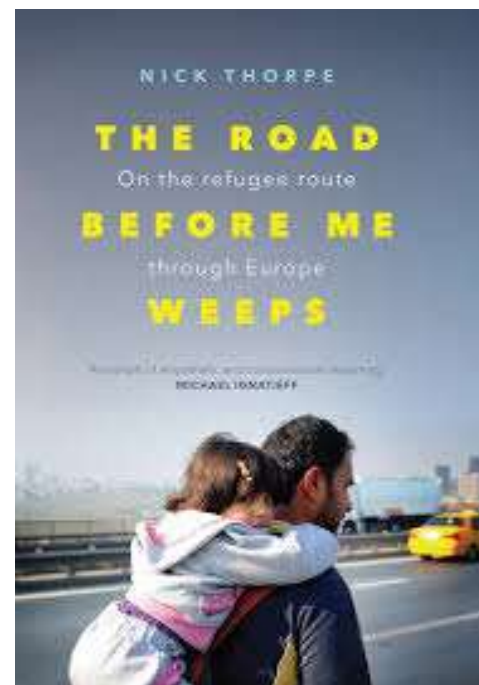
The Road Before Me Weeps by Nick Thorpe £18.99



The theme of pilgrimage has been prevalent of late with many books being published on the subject in recent months. Two in particular come to mind. The first of these we were delighted to launch in April. Written by the minister of Edinburgh's Greyfriars Kirk, **Travels with a Stick** - a pilgrim's journey to Santiago de Compostela' – charts Richard Frazer's journey from Le Puy-en-Velay in the South of France, seven hundred miles along the Camino to North-West Spain where, as he says, the destination is not an end but a new beginning. Indeed, his account continually cites, with each step on the long road, opportunity for encounter and being open to the

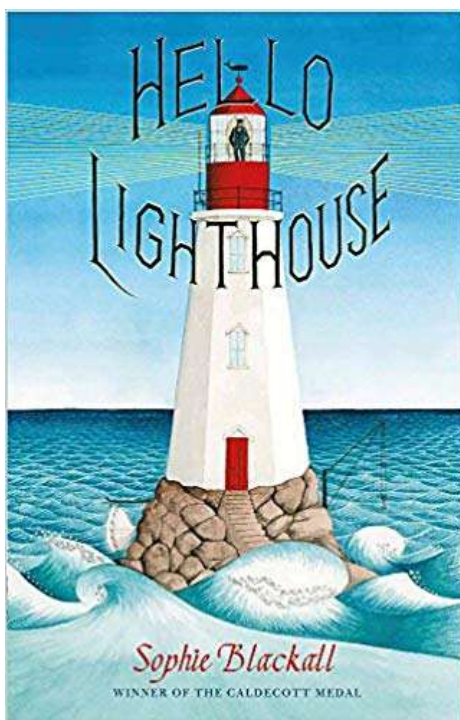
possibility of having our lives changed by those companions we meet on the way.

The second of the two books charts a set of very different journeys. Based for three decades in Budapest as Central European Correspondent for the BBC, Nick Thorpe witnessed huge surge of refugees and migrants make their way across land to Europe via the 'Balkan Route' between 2014-2018. Along with first-hand accounts from those making their own perilous journeys, Thorpe reports on the realities of what people were escaping from and of the many hazards faced by those on the road – of camp-life, detainment by police and the risk of attack. Some stories are followed to the point of arrival in Europe where both the communities who have welcomed the stranger and those countries whose response has not shown such hospitality are subject to Thorpe's analysis.



Both books are timely and ask us as readers to really question ourselves as to what is important and what task is it, however small, we might be called to tackle in our own world and in our own time.

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall £6.99



“On the highest rock of a tiny island, at the edge of the world, stands a lighthouse. From dawn to dusk the lighthouse beams... It is built to last forever, but change is on the horizon...” This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of a lighthouse keeper and the rhythm of his days as he devotes himself to the work of keeping the light burning and the sailors safe. The loneliness of life without family, the joy of reunification, the promise of on-going life, the reality of technology's advance and the value of work are all explored in what is a timeless tale of hope, change and the passing of time. Any reader will be carried on the wave!

Messy Church

A joint project together with our friends in Albany Deaf Church and St John's Episcopal Church.

A light lunch will also be available. Everyone welcome!

Contact admin@stagw.org.uk to register interest, or drop in on the day.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Event Diary for 2019

2 February 10–12.30pm

9 March 10–12.30pm

6 April 10–12.30pm

11 May 10–12.30pm *

1 June 10–12.30pm

31 August 10–12.30pm

28 September 10–12.30pm

26 October 10–12.30pm

30 November 10–12.30pm

*@ St John's Episcopal Church



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