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Front cover: Edinburgh Castle was reputedly built in 1103, and has stood guard over Edinburgh for over 900 years although iron age people had built a hill fort on the rock many years before.

Announcement from Rev Dr Peter Sutton

For those who did not receive the Minister's announcement to the congregation in August.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT
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13th August 2024

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to share with that I have accepted a Call to be Associate Pastor (Education & Congregational Life) at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, Charleston, South Carolina in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery of the PC(USA).

Since being invited to preach at First (Scots) Kirkin' of the Tartans Service in 2019 I have twice been invited back, most recently after my graduation in May when I was awarded my doctorate in Pittsburgh.

It's been a great privilege to be the Minister of St Cuthbert's, indeed the last of the Mother Kirk of Edinburgh now that the Union with Greyfriars approaches.

There is still much to be done and I look forward to continuing to serve Christ in our Parish for the next 6 months before I relocate to the States.

Meanwhile holding you all in my prayers and thank you for your continued support.

Grace and peace,

Peter Sutton

Peter later wrote:

My last service will be on Sunday 23rd February 2025 when we will celebrate Holy Communion together. Historically this will be the last time the Sacrament will be celebrated by an inducted minister of The Parish Church of St Cuthbert.

This will fall just before Ash Wednesday (5th March) by which time the Interim Moderator will have assumed responsibility for Parish matters (28th February) and I am confident you will be well provided for during Lent and beyond.

God Bless,

Peter

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As I hike around the foothills of the Matterhorn, I often find myself having to make choices as to which direction to go in. Various factors are usually taken into account such as a time of appreciation, the weather and these days how are my rusty joints holding up!

As I am a solo hiker I often find myself awe struck by the beauty of the Alps and wishing to show my appreciation to God the creator by sharing my joy out loud with a prayer.

Being out in Zermatt during creation tide has allowed me to reflect on this, and as I have been using the collect for creation tide during the services I am leading in St Peter's church, it seems fitting to share it with you as a reminder that whatever choices we make, by rooting them in prayer, Christ becomes part of that decision.

God Bless and Gute Fahrt

Peter

FROM THE TOWER ROOM

Welcome to another edition of the Church Magazine.

By now, you will have read of the Minister's planned move to the United States. With a population of around 160,000, Charleston is clearly smaller than Edinburgh, but Peter will surely feel at home in the city whose nickname is "the Holy City" in view of the many spires that dot the skyline (it's remarkable what you learn when reading American fiction!).

Festival time may be over and Christmas celebrations may seem a little too far into the future, but we have found the perfect antidote for those festival goers – the Edinburgh 900 celebrations. The City of Edinburgh turns 900 this year and St Cuthbert's is hosting a major art exhibition in October, in conjunction with the Ukrainian St Margaret's Saturday School. For those who have not seen the newly configured sanctuary being used in its full glory, there is no better way than visiting (or helping at) this event. Please see page 11 for full details.

We major on the Steps To Hope charity in this edition. As well as Jeanette Barton's piece on the fifth anniversary of its partnership with St Cuthbert's, we include an article from the *Herald* newspaper which appeared in August. It places Steps in the wider context of social care and contrasts what it is doing against the inadequate action of the Scottish Government. It merely reinforces the value of St Cuthbert's partnership with Steps.

Martin Pearce updates us on the Bible Fellowship Group and poses an intriguing question – who do you think Jesus is? Martin kindly answers that for us on Page 12. As the nights start drawing in, we also share details of several important services taking place over the coming weeks.

Stewart Cowe

REPORTS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S

St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group is now into its fifth year

The St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group has now started its fifth year. Smaller in numbers than during the Covid years but still helpful to those who attend, such is the warmth of fellowship and willingness to listen to one another's news, hopes and fears.



This term we are following the Lectionary for our choice of readings and we refer to the Church of Scotland *Worship on Sundays* for background understanding.

The link is: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship>

Even though we have only met a couple of times since the summer break, it is evident that even regular worshippers have found an introduction to the Epistle and Gospel on Thursdays and then hearing them again on the subsequent Sundays enlightening.

If you are like me, I need to read or be told most things three times in order to gain a reasonable understanding, particularly if it is a complex part of scripture or an eye-opening statement. The first reading is to get a flavour of the text, the second reading is to get a reasonable understanding, and a third reading to gain confidence that I understand the meat of the reading ... but alas, I will never understand all scripture and I certainly will not recall all I have ever heard or read.

What I do know is that hearing friends in Christ explaining their understanding of scripture or discussing difficult verses helps to get a more rounded understanding of scripture. I thank God for their friendship and their willingness to help me to understand the wisdom and joy of scripture. I just pray that I help them from time to time with what the Lord Jesus has taught me over the years.

All are welcome to this fellowship group. Please give it a try. You are sure of a warm welcome.

Yours in the service of Christ,

Martin Pearce Mob 07913 625 394

Steps to Hope

St Cuthbert's Church has now partnered with our charity Steps to Hope for five years. Throughout this time, every Sunday and Monday evening, a hot cooked meal has been provided at St Cuthbert's Church for those who have found themselves in difficult situations.

The meals are welcomed and are most appreciated by our guests. Not only do they enjoy the delicious food which is provided for them, they enjoy the warmth of the Church where they feel accepted, valued and are treated with respect. The helpers come through social media and pupils from several schools assist with the preparation for the evenings and for a number of them this contributes towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The helpers along with a few St Cuthbert's Church representatives give of their time, welcoming, sharing, listening and caring.

It is the Church in action here at St Cuthbert's Church – our open door, sharing of lives, of food, sharing of our beautiful building in the name of love for others, many of whom live in poverty and isolation.

There is significant evidence that poverty and deprivation are the main structural problems contributing to problematic drug abuse and in Scotland, according to the recent Scottish Government Statistics, we have the highest incidence of drug abuse deaths in Europe.

Steps to Hope has now purchased, renovated and opened a 10-bedroom property on the outskirts of Edinburgh (see picture, below of Richie outside the new accommodation). By facilitating and supporting the weekly meals at the Church, Steps to Hope are able to engage with those, whom they can encourage, to join their recovery programme at their new accommodation - Hope House.



The purchase of this property was made possible by funds raised by Steps to Hope, e.g. coffee mornings, afternoon teas, social evenings etc, sponsorship events and grants. Their leader, Richie Roncerro, took on an extended sponsorship by rough sleeping for eight weeks, each week in a separate city over Christmas and New Year, with only a sleeping bag and the clothes he was wearing. This event raised £250,000



towards the accommodation and highlighted the difficulties of those who sleep rough. This mission and outreach, engaging alongside with those who have difficulties in the West End of Edinburgh, has been made a positive outreach; working together with people and with those in need and providing an opportunity to serve. St Cuthbert's Church and Steps to Hope should feel quietly proud of all that has been, and continues to be, achieved since we partnered.

The following was written by someone who was homeless:

*To be welcomed, recognised, respected, seen, heard,
Allowed space to grow, to flourish, to laugh, to speak, to give, to sing
To love
A human being like you
With you, with God
And God with us
A human being in here
A heart on the edge
The kingdom of God is here now*

Jeanette Barton

Perhaps just coincidentally, the *Herald* newspaper wrote an article about Steps to Hope in August. It is very complimentary about Steps To Hope and St Cuthbert's, unlike its view on the Scottish Government's approach. By kind permission of the *Herald*, we include the article here.

"As Edinburgh bustles with tourists dodging flyers for shows and clicking their cameras at Edinburgh Castle, just a few turns off of Princes Street, you'll find Richie at St Cuthbert's on Lothian Road.

Every Sunday and Monday night, Richie and the Steps To Hope Team provide warm food to those who need it most in Edinburgh, where drug related deaths have tripled since the early 2000s. Every Sunday and Monday night, they're at St Cuthbert's church on Lothian Road, hosting a soup kitchen to provide food and support to anyone who needs it, feeding around 200 people. [See photos on this page and next two.]

Food is cooked and served entirely by volunteers, and on top of this, these events provide a sense of community and support for those experiencing homelessness or addiction, with volunteers being made up of locals who have experience with addiction,



or none at all. A blether can form a community. These meetings do however have a strict rule: if anyone asks you, a volunteer with no personal experience with addiction, for advice, you need to go get someone who works at Steps To Hope to help, and remove yourself from the situation.

This might sound harsh to some people, but it's a fantastic way for former addicts to look out for each other, and guarantee that those needing help are given the correct advice from those who know first-hand what it's like to be in recovery. This action, led by those who have overcome it themselves, is the frontline of the battle that Scotland is losing.

Meet Richie Roncero. He's effectively doing what the Scottish Government isn't. He's integrated with the community of addicts, of real people, he's working on the issue of drug deaths by interacting with those at risk. That's because Richie is the community. A former addict himself, Richie struggled with cocaine and alcohol addiction, and following two stays in rehab and time spent in prison, he knows the system for rehab inside out. Who better to open up a residential recovery programme than someone whose lived it himself?

He founded Steps To Hope back in 2018, with the mission to help provide those struggling with drugs to see "life beyond addiction". Creating a loving community for those battling addictions, Steps To Hope regularly posts celebrations for those who have graduated their twelve-step recovery programme, whether that's passing their driver's test, or celebrating two years clean and sober. Steps To Hope has clearly fostered a much loved and valued community amongst those in recovery.

On top of incredible community work, after fourteen tireless months of fundraising, Steps To Hope have celebrated the opening their own residential recovery programme, Hope House, in West Lothian, formally starting on the 12th of August.



The ten-bedroom, HMO approved property, hosts those undertaking the twelve-step programme, with the aim for guests to recover and get clean, between ninety days to a year. With a daily schedule running between 8am to 9:30pm, including group work, one-to-one sessions, yoga, meditation, fitness, cooking classes, outings, and relaxation for those in their programme, guests' stays are free of charge. Painfully aware of the postcode lottery of drug addiction, and the disproportionate amount of drug deaths that occur in deprived communities, Richie aims to fight the scenario where anyone dies because they were born in the wrong area.

With drug deaths in Scotland on the rise for yet another year, the Scottish Government clearly isn't stepping up to the mark. With 1,172 people tragically lost to drug deaths in the past year, a 12% increase, deprived communities are being hit the hardest. When it comes to the cynical but firmly held belief that the government doesn't care about Scotland's struggling communities, Holyrood isn't helping themselves, they're digging themselves a never-ending hole.

The SNP announced that they wanted to take a more compassionate approach to drug addiction back in 2023, only five years after drug deaths were called a public health emergency in Scotland. Despite Scotland's drug problem being older than the Scottish Parliament itself, it wasn't until 2023 that the SNP came to the decision that they wanted to decriminalise drugs for personal use, and open drug treatment rooms to the public. With safe consumption rooms debated, and finally approved to open at Hunter Street Health Centre [Glasgow] in October this year, communities are taking action into their own hands, as they have had to do for decades.

Even those facing the heart-breaking nightmare of losing a loved one to drugs are putting their faith in Steps To Hope. As the number of drug related deaths rise year on year, grieving families have donated any collections from their loved one's funeral to Steps To Hope in the past, leaving the charity "truly humbled". In the very worst circumstances, no doubt the hardest time in a family's life, community action is a hugely appreciated thing. But the reality is, families shouldn't be in these tragic circumstances at all.

The Scottish Government claims it "will also continue to improve access to residential rehab", but according to Public Health Scotland, only 24% of those who can refer people to rehab in Scotland believe that rehab is easily accessible, and in 2023 found that only 19% of those with experience using drugs feel well informed about rehab. So communities are picking up the slack.



Of the report published on Tuesday, several government failures have been found. Whilst Health Secretary Neil Grey said that the Scottish Government is on track to 'drive the rollout of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) standards', the poor service of MAT is a major problem. Tuesday's report found that those experiencing addiction in Scotland are unhappy with the help available. From the stigma experienced accessing MAT, such as having to consume their methadone in public, to the majority of people wanting more contact with MAT services than they were receiving, on top of the limited choice of initial medication, and only half of those surveyed feeling in control of their treatment drug dose, the Scottish Government is clearly not listening to recovering addicts.

A safe consumption room is all well and good. By not criminalising addicts, and providing a safe, clean space for those suffering from addiction to consume drugs, a huge stigma may be lifted. But to properly treat drug addiction, to prevent needless deaths, to truly take this compassionate approach to drug mortality rates and addiction that they claim they want to take, the Scottish Government need to give former addicts a seat at the table. They need to take note of community action, from grassroots organisations that have been saving lives whilst the government has let people slip through the cracks, and the cracks in question, get bigger and bigger.

But safe spaces for addicts can exist, they do exist, just see St Cuthbert's on Lothian Road. Communities are coming together to support those who the government won't, and despite the £250 million spent on Scotland's National Mission on Drugs, communities that are actually in touch with addicts, who interact with the real people behind the statistics, are doing more effective work than the Scottish Government.

Hope House is funded by both local donations of furniture, and the charity itself. Individuals have raised money specifically for the project, whether that's shaving your head, or Richie's viral fundraiser to sleep rough for two months (see picture, right). He spent eight weeks across eight different cities, with nothing but a sleeping bag, spending both his 40th birthday and his nine-year anniversary of being sober, on a concrete slab. He raised £229,467, skyrocketing over his £200,000 target. If every member of the Scottish Government did the same, the First Minister, Deputy, nine cabinet secretaries and eighteen government ministers, they would raise £5,800,000. That could fund the pilot of the safe consumption room due to open this year in Glasgow, for two and a half years. If, of course, people rooted for MSPs as much as they did Richie."



Edinburgh: 900 years in the making

In 1124, King David I introduced a new system of local government into Scotland by creating royal burghs as part of his efforts to reform the nation's economic and political structures. The key difference between a burgh and a royal burgh was in the latter's ability to trade overseas while burghs could only trade within the country.

Edinburgh was one of his first royal burghs, along with Berwick (then part of Scotland), Dunfermline, Roxburgh and Stirling.

While there is no surviving founding Edinburgh charter, an 1127 Dunfermline Abbey royal charter refers to 'my burgh of Edinburgh'. In 1128, Canongate Burgh was created for Holyrood Abbey.

After the Reformation, Edinburgh spent considerable effort in subsequent years acquiring the former abbey's lands. It acquired Canongate then created a new burgh for South Leith in 1636. The burghs of Broughton, Calton and Portsburgh were also acquired and run by Edinburgh. This complex system of governance was abolished in 1856 when all burghs under the management of Edinburgh were merged into a single burgh.

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Edinburgh 900 Artworks Exhibition



900 Artworks Exhibition in support of Edinburgh 900 at
St Cuthbert's Parish Church

Saturday 19th October: Official Opening and entertainment by the Ukrainian Children
from 12 noon

Friday 25th October: Closing Ceremony and musical entertainment from 7pm

 The Exhibition is open everyday from Saturday
19th October until Friday 25th October.
All Welcome. Entrance Free.

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All are invited to this Edinburgh 900 artwork exhibition commemorating Edinburgh's 900th anniversary between 19th and 25th October in the Sanctuary when 900 exhibits will be on display. This artwork exhibition is organised by the Ukrainian St Margaret's Saturday School.

If you cannot make the Official Opening on 19th October at 12 noon when the Lord Provost will be present, then please support the Closing Ceremony on Friday 25th October at 7pm. Alternatively, come along on any of the other days.

Both the opening and closing events will include entertainment from the Ukrainian children, aged 5 to 18. The events will be very entertaining and the exhibition stunning. Organ and piano recitals will be performed each day at 1pm and 2pm by guest musicians.

How can you help support the exhibition?

Stewarding Monday 21st to Friday 25th October for a couple of hours between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Please help to host visitors for a couple of hours on a day or two.

Welcoming is also needed on Sunday 20th from 12 noon to 4.30pm so again, hosting visitors for a couple of hours would be much appreciated.

Volunteers are needed on Friday 18th October from 9.30am for the setting up day when 40 display boards and 20 tables will be set up to enable 900 exhibits to be hung, pinned or displayed on tables. The curator for the exhibition is Erin Mantle, our art intern, who is working hard in securing 900 exhibits for this exhibition. John Kirk will supervise the setting up of the display boards, and Oscar Kelly will mastermind the use of the staging as tables.

Volunteers are needed Saturday 26th October 9am to 12 noon - Clear up day.

Further details from Martin Pearce email: martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

Pastoral Assistant

Dr Anne Robertson's contract as our Pastoral Assistant expired on 30th September.

We are grateful to Anne for her work meeting up with members who were ill, house-bound or bereaved over the past year.

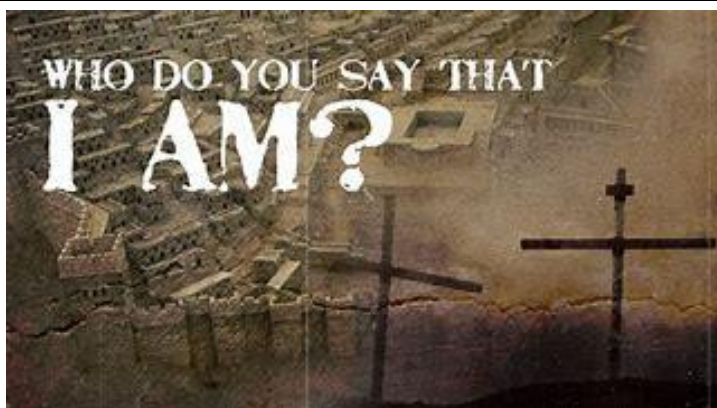
Anne and a team also presented to the Kirk Session an interesting report on Pastoral Care: The heart of inner-city mission.

Food for thought – Jesus asked “Who do you say I am?”

The question in Mark's Gospel chapter 8: verse 29 contains probably the most important question that the Bible records: “**Who do you say I am?**” said **Jesus**

What answers do we give?

A teacher, a prophet, a miracle worker, a good man and a good story teller?



Or do we say Jesus was a con man or magician and somehow has tricked people for over 2000 years into believing that he could do miracles such as feeding the 5000 and the 4000, and being seen by over 500 of his followers after he rose from the dead.?

CS Lewis, probably the greatest English-speaking philosopher of the 20th Century, said there are only three possible answers to this question posed by Jesus. They are:

Jesus was a liar, a con man or he was who he said he was.

Hence CS Lewis reluctantly accepted Jesus as the **Son of God and became a Christian.**

The question Jesus asks each of us is: Who do you say I am?

And only you can answer the question. It is not an answer that needs knowledge of the Bible or the ability to pray regularly or pass an exam or an interview. It is an answer that has to come from within your soul as your sense your soul through your heart.

If you can say that Jesus is the living Son of God who is your Lord and saviour from sin, death, and judgment day, **then** your whole world changes for ever.

You are no longer alone. Jesus is always with you and he will give you unexpected help when you ask Jesus to be in your life.

Jesus still changes people's lives. People associated with Steps to Hope, the Ukrainian Saturday School, Fresh Start, AA Groups, and some of us reading this article changed when we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

It is also true that some of us have to keep saying yes Jesus, you are my Lord and Saviour, as we encountered difficulties and experience ill health that wears us down and our faith weakens.

Jesus did not promise his followers a life of riches and good fortune but new life and a new relationship with the living God.

Jesus wants to be part of our lives, and it is because God has been an active part of the lives of men and women throughout history that the church has thrived.

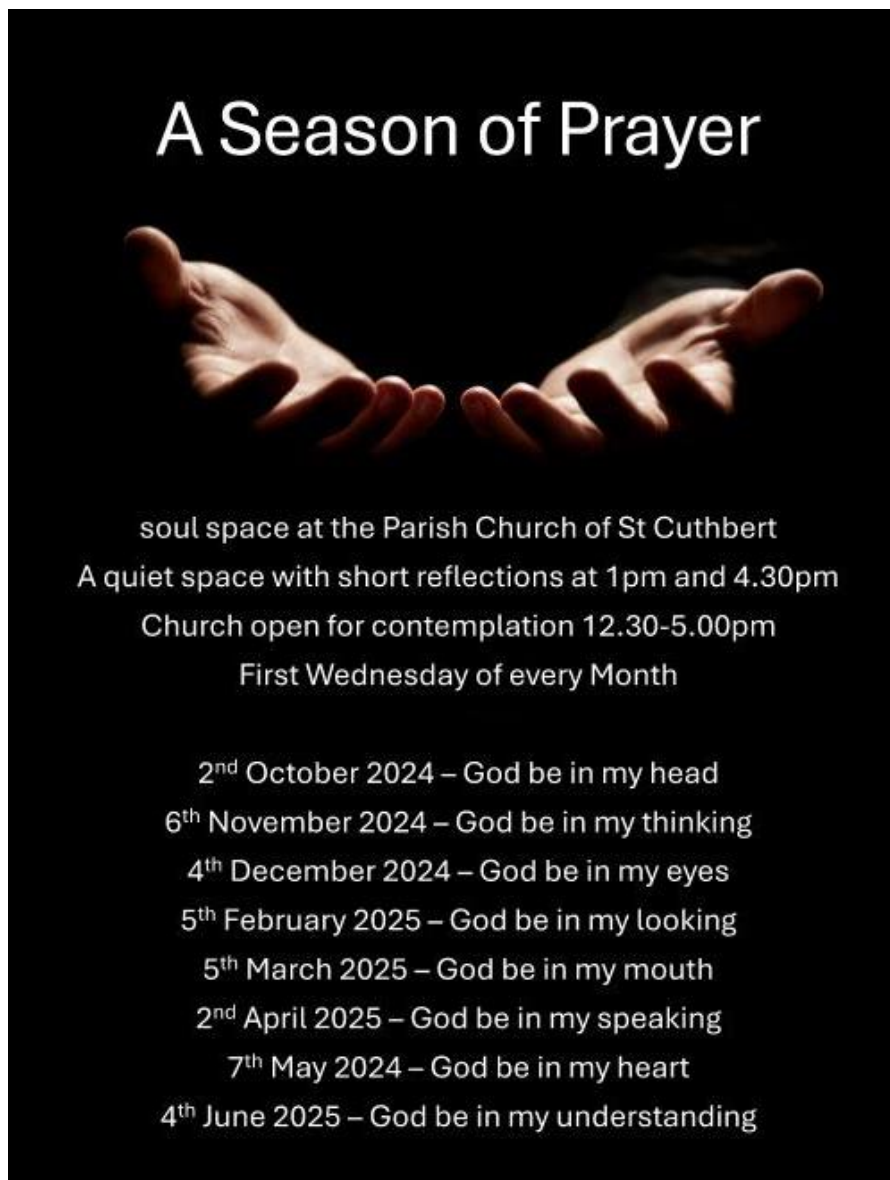
Today the Church in Scotland is restructuring its congregations and we need to let God be active in all our lives in order to encourage people to turn to the Christian Faith to live different lives with changed attitudes. Only the forces of good coming from faith in Almighty God can overcome the forces of evil that so dominate international and national news.

We can take heart from Psalm 116 8 **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. 9 I walk before the Lord. in the land of the living.**

Don't be surprised as you journey through life if Jesus ask you again: "Who do you say I am?"

Food for thought I pray,

Martin Pearce Email: martin.pearce2109@outlook.com



OUT AND ABOUT

Life and Work

The October edition contains

‘A multi-faceted and profound relationship’: Africa and the Church of Scotland

Bears and daisy chains: New Guild partner projects

Jane’s story: A life transformed by God

Bewilderingly varied: A new book on the gifts of ministry

Our Presbyteries: The Presbytery of South West Scotland

Regulars

The Moderator of the General Assembly on Harvest

Worship column by the Rev Roddy Hamilton

Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer

The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church

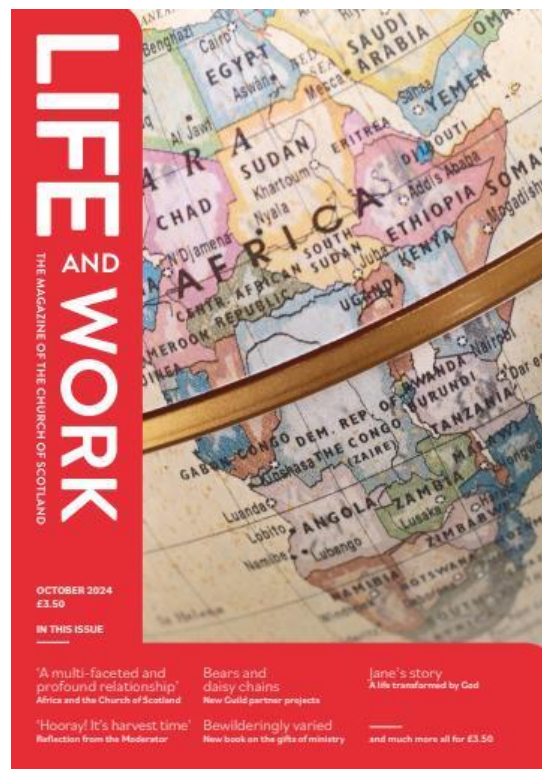
A new series of Bible studies by the Rev Richard Baxter

My Church: David Thompson of Christ Church, Bermuda

Youth: Corrie Douglas-Young of the Church of Scotland communications department

Plus: official update from the Assembly Trustees, readers' pictures, news, letters, reviews and puzzles – all for £3.50.

www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe or contact St Cuthbert's Life and Work co-ordinator.



St Cuthbert's in the Community

St Cuthbert's was a hive of activity over the weekend of 14th and 15th September.

As well as hosting the Steps to Hope dinner on the Sunday (and the next evening too), St Cuthbert's answered a plea for help from the Ukrainian St Margaret's Saturday School, when its normal venue, George Heriot's School, was unable to host (see picture, right).

Then of course, additionally, there was morning worship on the Sunday.



GENERAL NOTICES

Congregational Roll

Death "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

30th August Rev Ronald Blakey

New member

By Resolution of the Kirk Session Alasdair Bryson

Upcoming Church Services

Harvest Thanksgiving Service: The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday 6th October at 10.30am. The Kirk Session has agreed that we again support Water Aid. People are building brighter futures thanks to clean water. Water is life. There will be an opportunity to give by Gift Aid for those who wish. Any non-perishable food donated will be sent to Fresh Start.

In addition to the usual non-perishable food stuffs please could you consider this request for help from Hannah and the Spiders in our own Tower Room.

“Dear Members, In the darkest of times we are hoping to send a little bit of light to our defenders in Ukraine.” Please see the flier (right), we hope many of you will help us send as many boxes as possible.

Send some light to those who are fighting against darkness

How can you help?

Choose the appropriate box
Pack all the necessary items

Your boxes will go to the defenders who are protecting the homeland, and to military hospitals.

Location to bring send your box:

14 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh, EH7 3AB
Ukrainian Community Centre

DEADLINE 15 OCTOBER

What the defenders might need being far from home?

<u>Essential items</u>	<u>Health and personal care</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thick thermal socks• Underpants• Warm pull-on hats• Bedsocks• Gloves• Hand and foot warmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paracetamol• Throat sweets• Plasters/bandages• Toothbrushes + toothpaste• Shaving foam• Disposable Razors• Deodorant• Soap

Food items and extras

- Sticks chocolate biscuits
- Nuts/dried fruit
- Pot Noodles
- Tea/coffee

All Souls Service: The Annual All Souls service will be held on Sunday 3rd November at noon. Invitations to this special service will be sent to all those members who have been bereaved in the past year but an open invitation is extended to all.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November: There will be a retiring offering in aid of Poppy Scotland and an opportunity to give by Gift Aid. Poppy Scotland Appeal raised over £2.2 million last year. Any donation you give will help to support veterans facing homelessness, poverty, mobility issues, PTSD and low mental wellbeing.

Armistice Day Monday 11th November: The Memorial Chapel will be open from 10.45am to 11.15am for quiet reflection and meditation.

Congregational Lunch

Advance notice that we hope to have a lunch on Thursday 19th December following on after the Community Carol Service.

Further details will be announced later.

Church Flowers

Anyone who would like to donate flowers on an anniversary or other special occasion or give a financial donation to the Flower Fund is invited to contact the Flower

Committee via Church Office or place a donation in the offering bag clearly marked Flower Fund.

We would also like to welcome new members to the Committee and shall be very pleased to hear from any member interested. Help will be provided if required.

Communication

It would be helpful if members moving house would notify either their elder or the Church office of their new address.

Recordings of 10.30am Sunday Services

Recordings of the Church services are available on the Church website (stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk).

Telephone Prayer Circle

Requests for prayer in a crisis situation or in time of trouble should be sent by email to Irene Gill at prayercircle@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

Prayer is normally offered for one week. Names of those for whom prayer is required in the longer term should be entered in the Intercession Book (which can be found on the table in the vestibule).

All information will be treated in confidence.

Fresh Start

Fresh Start are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in the “Big White Box” in the vestibule.

If you are unable to deliver them, please contact Jim McLean and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about Fresh Start. Alternatively, email jamesangusmclean@gmail.com

Tuesday and Saturday Coffee Mornings

A reminder that St Cuthbert's have two dates for coffee mornings in the Church.

Every Tuesday, you can come for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Support continues to grow for the monthly Saturday coffee mornings and the upcoming ones are as follows:

28 th September	11am to 2pm	26 th October	11am to 2pm
30 th November	11am to 2pm	28 th December	11am to 2pm

Please hand in baking beforehand and any help on the day would be appreciated. Any enquiries, please text or phone Lyn or Derek.

Lyn & Derek Deans Contact: 07704 131 276:

Future Church Magazines



Are you receiving the magazine the way you would prefer? Are you receiving a printed copy when one sent by email would suffice? Do we have the correct postal address (or email address) for you? If not, please get in touch so that we can sort it out and provide you with the magazine the way you want it.

Please contact the Magazine Editor either by email (to magazine@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk), by post to Magazine Editor (at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, 5 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP) or leave notification in the Magazine Editor pigeon hole in the Church Office.

Thank you for those who have already done so, but if at any time in the future, you would prefer to receive the magazine in a different format, please do get in touch.

Thank you for sending in articles for the magazine. Please keep sending them in.

If you wish to contribute items to the Church Magazine, please note the following deadlines for the upcoming editions. Material should be sent to the editor by:

December/January by Tuesday 19th November

February/March by Monday 20th January

either by e-mail to: magazine@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk or please leave in the 'Magazine Editor' pigeon-hole in the Church Office.



STANDARD WORSHIP AT ST CUTHBERT'S

SUNDAY

9.30 am **Holy Communion**, Memorial Chapel, on the first Sunday of the month

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Communion is included in the service on the last Sunday of each month

We celebrate a more formal Holy Communion service on a quarterly basis: on the last Sunday of January, June and October and on Easter Day

On the second Sunday of each month, Holy Communion is celebrated after the morning service in the Anam Chara Chapel

FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH

12.15 pm Post Coffee Morning Worship, Memorial Chapel

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH (not January, July and August)

12.30 pm-5 pm **soul space** *Come and go!*
Reflection at 1 pm and 4.30 pm,
Soul Space takes place in the Church and is
also available online



THE VISION OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT

To be living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the heart of our city as God's people in the West End of Edinburgh; sharing God's love, offering a home to friends and strangers alike, and providing a hub to discern the Vision of God.

St Cuthbert's is a congregation of the Church of Scotland. We also belong to the ecumenical parish grouping Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together. We are also part of the HeartEdge network of churches initiated by St Martin-in-the-Fields, London

St Cuthbert's is an 'eco-congregation'



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