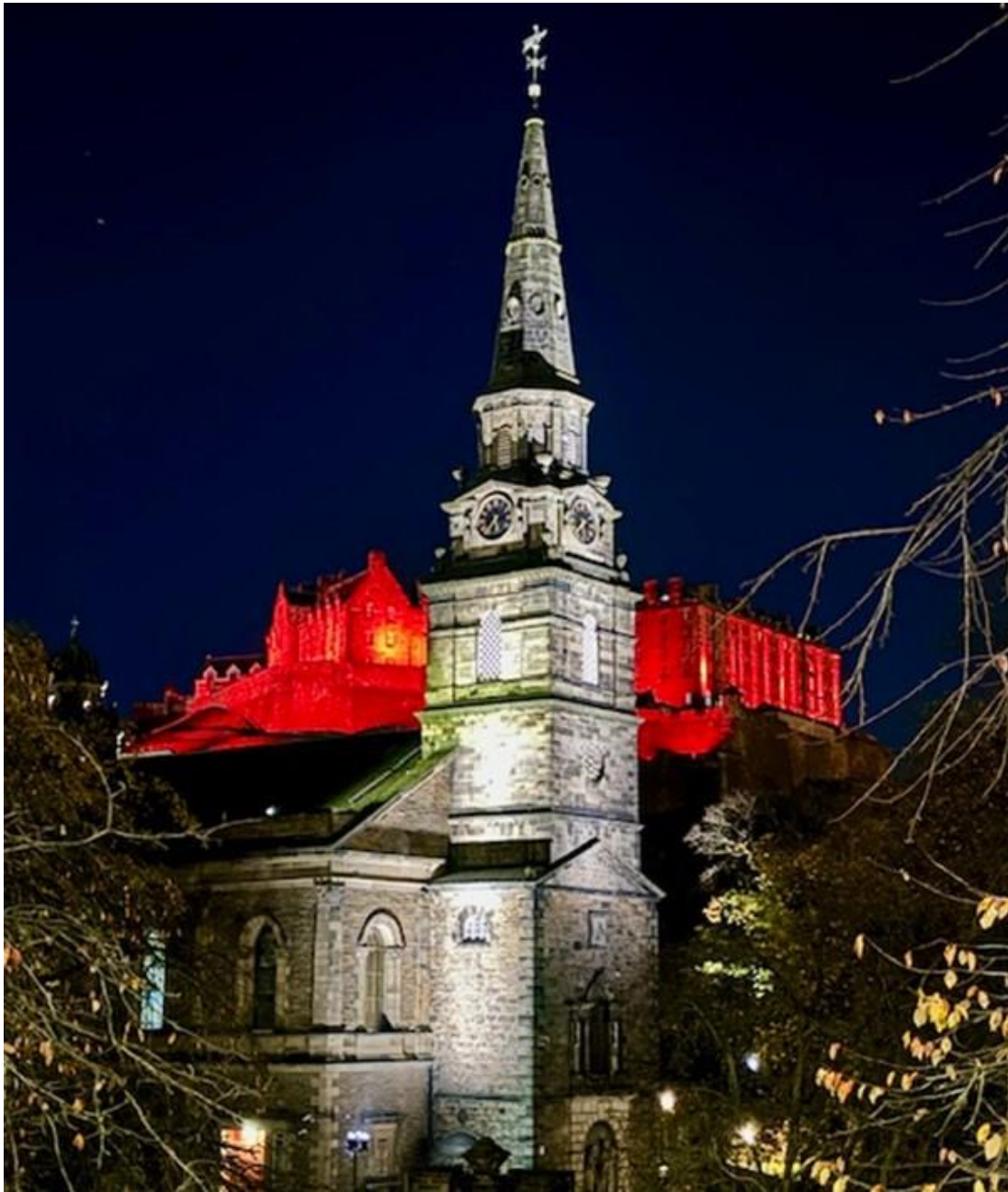


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Front cover: Lit up for Remembrance Day: Edinburgh Castle and St Cuthbert's.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I was greatly honoured to be invited to be the Chair of the Trustees of the Ukrainian Saturday School, which has recently been set up in a classroom block thanks to the kindness of George Heriot's School.

Meeting with Hanna, the Director of Education, at the school was a huge privilege. It is so inspiring what she and her small team of teachers are achieving with the wonderful pupils as they develop their command of the English language and celebrate the traditions of their own culture.

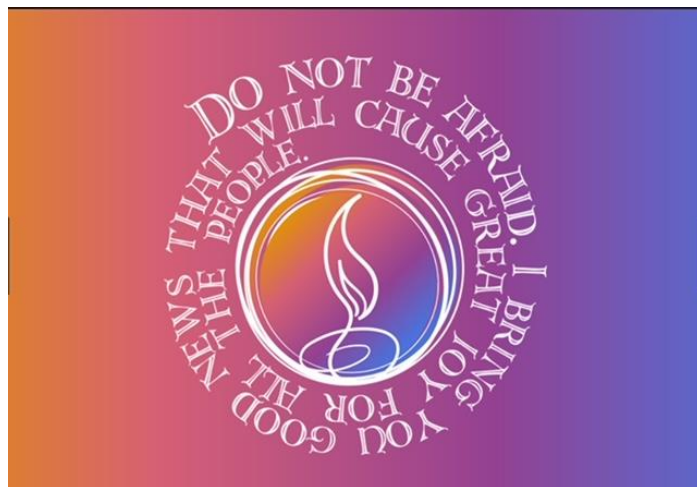
I am delighted that some of them will be joining us for Christmas Eve Morning Worship. It was also heartening that the Kirk Session at its last meeting unanimously agreed that, should the need ever arise, then the Ukrainian School could relocate to St Cuthbert's where we continue to make more 'room in the Inn' for those who need it as we welcome others to be part of the extended Church family.

The Church of Scotland's theme for this year's Advent is inspired by Luke 2:10: "**But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'**"

May we all be agents this Christmas Season, and into the New Year, of great joy for all the people in our parish as we seek to serve Him who is the Light of the World.

God Bless and Peace be with you,

Peter



FROM THE TOWER ROOM

Welcome to the Christmas and New Year edition of the magazine.

St Cuthbert's is home to many services and concerts in December and we include notification of every one on page 9.

We provide updates on the merger with Greyfriars Kirk and the Bible Fellowship Group while Martin Pearce prepares us for the Second Coming of Christ on pages 9 to 11.

Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Chaplain, University of St Andrews, delivered the Friends of St Cuthbert's sermon, taking as his subject "a rock in a weary land"; the phrase itself coming from an album by the Waterboys 20 years ago. Rev MacEwan neatly weaves the Castle Rock, rock music and the role St Cuthbert's has played over the centuries in the sermon which appears on pages 5 to 8.

Did anyone think they heard an even more melodic sound than usual from the bells on approach to St Cuthbert's on Sunday 12th November? The reason for this upbeat tintinnabulation must have been the bell ringers' victory at the Oasis Quiz night the previous Wednesday. You can read more about the ringers' victory and the quiz on page 11.

Stewart Cowe

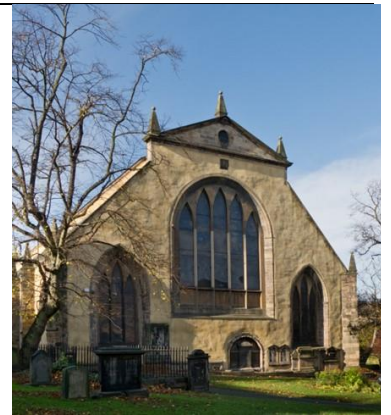
REPORTS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S

St Cuthbert's and Greyfriars Working Group – November update



In April, Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery agreed a Mission Plan that involves the union of various congregations across Edinburgh and West Lothian.

As a result, St Cuthbert's Parish Church will be uniting with Greyfriars Kirk.



On 4th November, 40 representatives from the two Kirk Sessions met for the first joint event. This provided an opportunity to get to know each other's churches, how the congregations have developed and their present context, and to start to think about the work that lies ahead as we progress toward union.

It was an encouraging, convivial event led by Place for Hope. Many similarities were discovered, e.g. enjoyment of musical liturgy, an inclusive welcome and reaching out to local communities, particularly those on the edge. Many concerns were shared too, including ensuring that the "best of both" churches contribute to the union, developing

a sustainable financial approach for activities and working through the coming changes with positivity, together.

The joint working group, with representatives of both congregations, will meet in early December, after considering all the output from this event, to formulate proposals for taking things forward. This will involve creating opportunities for wider congregations, both members of the churches and others who regularly attend, representatives of ecumenical, community and other partnerships, and the valued staff teams to get involved and have their say too.

More news will be shared as plans develop. But as ever, please do get in touch if you would like a chat about any of this. Whether you would like to share your own concerns, make suggestions about things to consider or just have a chat, Christine McGuinness (Stevenson) at christine.stevenson@hotmail.com will be very pleased to speak to you, so drop her an email.

Christine McGuinness

A Rock in a Weary Land: Society of Friends of St Cuthbert's Sermon 1st October

Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13

We are delighted to reproduce Rev Dr MacEwan's sermon he preached at the Friends of St Cuthbert's service on 1st October.

It's an honour to be invited to preach here, and especially on the day celebrating St Cuthbert and the Society of Friends of St Cuthbert's. I've known Peter from the time his daughter was a student in St Andrews, and Geoffrey Millar through connections in the East Neuk of Fife.

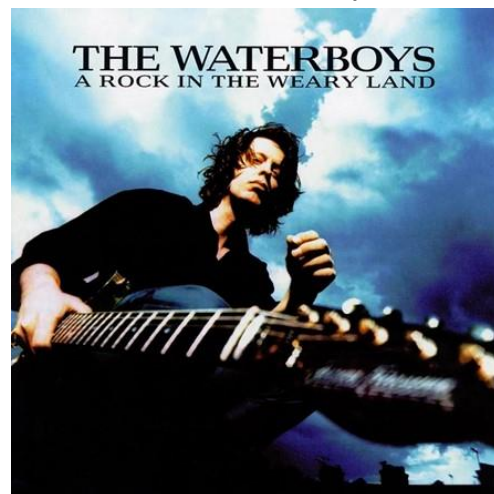
But I confess, when I lived in Edinburgh as a student of Divinity, I passed St Cuthbert's Church far more often than I came inside. Indeed, one summer in the mid-90s, I used to pass it roughly four times a day from an open-top bus, as I was a tour guide for Guide Friday buses. We'd pass St Cuthbert's before turning left on to Castle Terrace. At that point I'd typically talk of the watch tower in the corner of the graveyard, built in 1827 for guards to prevent the actions of resurrectionists. As you will know, the graves of St Cuthbert's were attractive to grave-robbers who would then sell the cadavers to teachers of anatomy. These grave-robbers, or resurrectionists, were active from the late 17th Century until the mid-19th Century when, finally, the donation of bodies was permitted by law. Indeed, as Chaplain to St Andrews University, I spend time in the Dissection Room with new students every year, as they encounter these donated bodies for the first time.



Today, however, I have joined you inside the church, and our focus today is on this splendid kirk as much as the kirkyard outside. St Cuthbert's has an extraordinary history. According to your website, it is believed that Cuthbert first founded a church on this site around 670 when journeying from Melrose, staying awhile in the sheltered hollow below the castle rock. It is striking that in the lectionary for today, in the Old Testament reading from Exodus, another rock has a prominent role.

The children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, making their 40-year way to the Promised Land. They camped at Rephidim in the Sinai Peninsula, but there seemed to be no water. Understandably, the people were desperate, fearful and angry, and turned on their leader Moses. He pleaded with God, who promised that if Moses struck a rock at the foot of Mount Horeb, water would come forth. And so it did. God provided necessary refreshment for life to continue.

As I read this story in preparation for today, a phrase came into my mind, A rock in a weary land. Where did it come from? I checked my rack of CDs, and there it was, an album by the Waterboys from 20 years ago, called A Rock in the Weary Land, with a song called My Love is My Rock in the Weary Land – over eight minutes of gospel-tinged rock (a different rock, I suppose), helped by the voices of the London Community Gospel Choir.



Further research revealed that the Waterboys' songwriter Mike Scott had borrowed the phrase from the Old Testament, from Isaiah 32:

*See, a king will reign in righteousness,
and princes will rule with justice.
Each will be like a hiding-place from the wind,
a covert from the tempest,
like streams of water in a dry place,
like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.*

The shade of a rock; life-giving water. Somehow, to Friends, members, worshippers and visitors today, it all seems to come together. Could it be helpful to see St Cuthbert's Church as a rock in a weary land? And if so, how?

Surely, first and foremost, in worship. Before everything else, the purpose of a church is to offer worship to God, adoration, praise, thanksgiving and confession, reflection and concern. From two or three people gathering in a student flat to this magnificent building, largely from 1894, the church exists for worship. At St Cuthbert's, as your Values state, you seek to worship God with reverence, dignity, diversity and within your strong musical tradition. And indeed, so you have done on this site, from early

Latin chant in medieval liturgy, perhaps in choral settings of the Mass before the Reformation, and then in Scots and English services of the word, with unaccompanied singing of metrical psalms, before the return of hymns, organ and choir, stained glass and colourful murals, and bells, a tower of ten bells which I know St Andrews' ringers have occasionally rung. And in every age, encountering God in prayer, preaching on the Word, and nourishment in the sacrament, exemplified in the frieze of the Last Supper in the apse.

To any who weary of their life, their problems and the issues we face in society, St Cuthbert's, like all churches, has offered streams of water in a dry place, refreshing the soul, giving time and space to reflect, to be renewed and reinvigorated for the journey to come. Countless thousands of people over many centuries have been refreshed here, as was Cuthbert, in the shade of a great rock.

And not only in person. Some will be taking part via the livestream. And the very first televised service in Scotland by the BBC was from St Cuthbert's on Sunday 16th March 1952. Who saw it? Well, the Arbroath Guide reported that 200 people crammed into the club-room of the British Sailors' Society in Arbroath to watch it. Halcyon days....

As well as worship, how else has St Cuthbert's been a rock in a weary land?

Surely in mission to the parish, which for a long time covered much of Edinburgh as it grew. In particular, this mission has focussed on God's concern for the vulnerable, in serving the poor, the hungry, those with little education, and few prospects.

- In 1583, the church issued begging permits, then badges a year later – these badges allowed people to beg freely across the parish.
- In 1596, the Kirk Session opened a school.
- In 1798, the church opened a charity workhouse, then, in 1837, a school for 200 poor children, with a sewing school.
- Today, with Steps to Hope, the church hosts Sunday Suppers and Monday Munchies for up to 100 people.

All this, for over 400 years and reflecting the cultures of each day, exemplifies St Cuthbert's Core Vision – to help the homeless and all with needs.

In other words, to be a rock in the weary land of so many people's lives – inspired by faith in God to help people with little money, struggling to manage their lives, to maintain a home, a job, to find nourishing food.

On this Society of Friends of St Cuthbert's Sunday, we've focussed so far on the worship and mission which happens here. But there is one further aspect of being a rock in a weary land I'd like to explore. When writing his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul says this:

Our ancestors ... drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. [1 Corinthians 10:4]

By New Testament times, there was a belief in Judaism that the rock which Moses struck then travelled with the people of Israel, through the wilderness, giving them water wherever they went, a portable spring. Paul, building on this Jewish wisdom tradition, then sees in this moveable well an image of Jesus Christ. For Paul, Christ too is a giver of life-giving water, a spiritual reality in our lives, accompanying his people wherever they go, by his Spirit.



And so this rock in a weary land is not fixed to the stones of this building – important, beautiful, and sensitive as it is. Rather, the rock goes where Christians go. As Christians live, spend time with family and friends, colleagues and all with whom we interact, we are in the presence of the risen Christ. And Christ can bless others through us, by our openness, hospitality and generosity.

Indeed, in our Epistle today, from Philippians, Paul encourages his readers to let the same mind be in them that was in Christ Jesus. He then goes on to characterise this mind as one of humility, in some of scripture's profoundest words. If Christians are to be a rock in the weary lands of 21st Century life, society and global challenges, not least climate change and injustice, we won't do this through power, through domination, through arrogance that we are right. We will offer water and shelter in humility, in broken voices, in our own vulnerability.

And so today, we acknowledge friendship for this church, its architecture, decoration, liturgical and musical tradition, its atmosphere of worship and heart for mission to all in need. But we also commit ourselves to friendship from St Cuthbert's, going into each day and each week, each person and community we encounter, each issue in society and world we face – humbly, with the mind of our Lord, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.

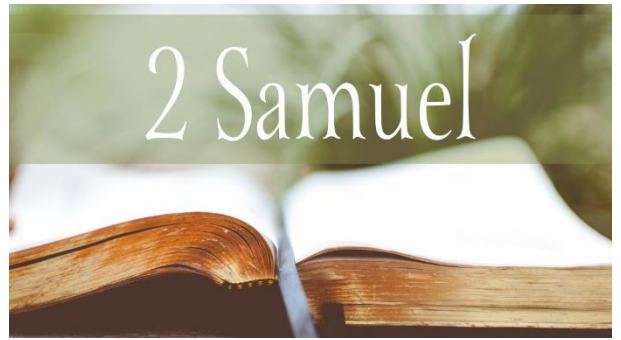
My first public speaking about St Cuthbert's was about the resurrectionists. My second, today, is really about the resurrection. The rock which follows us is the spirit of the risen Christ, alive today, giving that refreshing life-giving water, that comforting shelter, that inspiration to love.

The Waterboys were right: our love is a rock in a weary land. We thank God for St Cuthbert's, and for the friendship it inspires.

Revd Dr Donald MacEwan
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Update on Bible Fellowship Group

Perhaps the real benefit of the group is the fellowship we share because God brings us together united in purpose – to read scripture and to gain understanding of God’s Holy Word – and to share Christian love and concern for one another.



In recent weeks we have read through the first six chapters of the Second Book of Samuel - grim reading – murder after murder, slaughter after slaughter – as David eventually becomes King of all Israel and the Ark of God is restored to Jerusalem. Such readings and discussions gave us a good understanding of why there is so much hatred in the current Israel and Hamas Terrorists war and why there are so many innocent people slaughtered. Do not tell the media when they say such hatred goes back one hundred years – it goes back over 3000 years!

And to finish the church’s calendar year, we have looked at the Second Coming of Christ and how we should be prepared. Ironical isn’t it, when most people in the UK do not know Jesus, the Son of God, has already come once. We continue to read and pray on His Holy Word through Advent.

There is no need for anyone at St Cuthbert’s to be lonely and isolated when such a fellowship group exists – one does not need a computer – a phone is all you need – and you can you participate in the comfort of your own home.

All are welcome whether you come infrequently or most weeks. Dip in and out as your time allows. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

Martin Pearce Mob 07913 625 394.

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Be Prepared for the Second Coming of Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Introduction: Apparently, preaching and teaching about the Second Coming of Christ is rarely preached in many of our churches today. Maybe this is not so surprising since many people in the secular UK do not recognise the First Coming of Christ!

Nevertheless, for the faithful and those with open minds, here are some comments about the Second Coming of Christ based upon the first letter to the



Thessalonians written by Paul, who is widely acclaimed as the greatest Christian evangelist of all time.

The first letter to the Thessalonians is one of the earliest letters in the New Testament, probably written in the year AD 51. The significance of the date is that Paul has no Gospels to refer to – they were still to be written and circulated.

In Chapter 4, Paul responded to the concerns that Thessalonian believers who died prior to Christ's Second Coming would not be part of the resurrection.

Paul reassured them by, saying, **those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first; then we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will always be with the Lord.** (1 Thessalonians 4:16b-17).

Chapter 5 continues the discussion of Christ's Second Coming, but from the perspective of those who are alive at the time of Christ's Second Coming – that could be us!

Verses 1-3. There is no need to write you, friends, about the times and occasions when these things will happen. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come as a thief comes at night. 3 When people say, "Everything is quiet and safe," then suddenly destruction will hit them!

The Day of the Lord will be an end of time event, the end of human history as we know it today - that will bring judgment to the guilty and deliverance to the faithful.

The Day of the Lord will be like that. It will come at an unexpected time. Therefore, it is important to be prepared for His coming is what we are encouraged by Paul to believe and do.

Once the Lord has come, people's fates will already have been finalised.

Paul is saying there are **consequences** for ignoring the Lord God.

The day of the Lord will come quickly and unexpectedly—and that it will bring destruction to the unfaithful. However, **Paul emphasised that for these Thessalonian believers the Day of the Lord will be a day of salvation rather than judgment** (v. 9).

Paul told the Thessalonian believers and therefore us that we have nothing to fear, because we are not living in darkness. Likewise, **he said we should not be sleeping like the others; we should be awake and sober – meaning we should exercise self-control, sound judgment, discretion, and reliability.**

We must wear faith and love as a breastplate, and our hope of salvation as a helmet. As Christians, our defensive equipment are the Bible, prayer, and fellowship and that is how we grow in love, and peace, and have hope in this life and for the world to come.

Verses 9 & 10: 9 God did not choose us to suffer his anger, but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ: 10 who died for us in order that we might live together with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes.

In both Old and New Testaments, God's wrath or anger is understood as the response of a God to sin—this wrath may well be evident at the end of time.

Verse 10 gives us reassurance that whether we as Christians are dead or alive when Jesus comes for the second time, we will live with him in the heavenly home.

Verse 11 Believers need to engage in an ongoing process of building each other up—encouraging each other—sharing joys and sorrows—offering prayers of various kinds such as forgiveness and hope.

Paul acknowledges that these Thessalonian believers were already encouraging each other. He is not calling them to do something new, but to continue doing what they already do.

Question Arising: Are we ready for the Second Coming of Christ?

Food for thought I pray?

Martin Pearce

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Oasis Quiz Night

On Wednesday 8th November, we once again threw open the doors for our annual OASIS quiz in aid of Fresh Start.

Fourteen teams came along this year, and our winners were a group of newcomers from our friends the bellringers here at St Cuthbert's (pictured right). There was a good supply of soup and bread provided by the hospitality team at St Cuthbert's and the Red Cockerel Café (on the Terrace at St John's), and we raised £495 for the good work of Fresh Start.

A massive thanks to our minister Peter for hosting the evening, and we look forward to next year's quiz! Many thanks also to our regular scorekeepers, Alex and Scott, who always ensure the scoring goes smoothly.

We have a donation box for Fresh Start in the vestibule all year round for collection of linens,



small alliances and houseware, cleaning products and toiletries, and non-perishable foods (dried, tinned, jars).

Donations can also be made directly any time of the year through their website <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/>.

Many thanks,
Oscar

Continuing support for Ukraine

As a church family, we continue to give support to various Ukrainian initiatives. We can do little towards helping the people in Ukraine - such is the huge destruction and loss of life due to the war but we can continue to support the Ukrainian women and children living in Edinburgh.

Thank you for continuing to do so. Many of our Ukrainian guests are likely to live in Edinburgh for a long time to come.

Here is an update of the current support we provide from St Cuthbert's:

1. Donations of school exercise books, stationary, pens, pencils to the Ukrainian Saturday School held at George Heriot's School that we support – about 30 children, age 5 to 17 attend every week – numbers are expected to grow (see picture).
2. Support of the Ukrainian Saturday School by our minister, Peter Sutton, who has kindly agreed to be the Chair of the General Trustees – this will involve a lot of oversight and fund raising if we are to help put this school on a long-term footing.
3. The Kirk Session voted unanimously that if the Ukrainian School is unable to continue at George Heriot's, then we would make rooms at St Cuthbert's available for the school to continue.
4. Donations of crutches and walking sticks and first aid kits – still needed for Ukraine.
5. Provision of the Tower Room for the Camouflage Netting group. Nets are made and sent to Ukraine to protect people from Russian drones and artillery.



6. Fund raising in support of Ukraine. Our latest support was on 18th November when the Ukrainians organised a Craft Fair and some tasty refreshments (see picture).

Many thanks to all the St Cuthbert's stalwarts who helped prepare, support and cleared up after this recent event, which raised over £1200 for Ukraine. Over 400 people wandered through our beautiful sanctuary in support of the 27 stall sellers and refreshment tables.

Our Ukrainian friends thank us for our continuing support to the local Ukrainian community in Edinburgh.

Martin Pearce email
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Services in St Cuthbert's in the coming weeks (Sundays unless stated)

Dec 3 rd	First Sunday in Advent	10.30 am
Dec 6 th (Wednesday)	Soul Space (see information on p 19)	12.30 – 5 pm
Dec 10 th	Gift Service	10.30 am
Dec 14 th (Thursday)	Community Carol Service	12.30 pm
Dec 17 th	Third Sunday in Advent	10.30 am
Dec 17 th	Nine Lessons and Carols	7.00 pm
Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve	10.30 am
Dec 24 th	Carols for All	12.00 noon
Dec 24 th	Watchnight Service	11.30 pm
Dec 25 th (Monday)	Christmas Day	10.30 am
Dec 31 st	New Year's Eve	10.30 am

Please note that there is no Hogmanay watchnight service this year.

Other concerts taking place in St Cuthbert's

Dec 2 nd (Saturday)	NYCOS Junior and Intermediate Choir Concert	7.00 pm
Dec 3 rd	NYCOS Senior and Chamber Choir Concert	7.00 pm
Dec 9 th (Saturday)	Edinburgh Bach Choir concert	7.30 pm
Dec 10 th	Edinburgh City Singers Concert	7.30 pm
Dec 15 th (Friday)	Jubilo Concert	7.30 pm
Dec 18 th (Monday)	St Mary's Music School Concert	7.30 pm

Christmas Gift Service

The Christmas Gift service will be held on Sunday 10th December at 10.30am. Again, the gifts will be donated to the Hailesland Early Learning Centre at Wester Hailes.

We have been specifically asked for underwear/socks for boys and girls aged 1-3 years and hats, scarves and gloves for boys and girls aged 2-6 years. We have been asked NOT to wrap the gifts but to please put them in either a paper or plastic bag marked for boy or girl and age.

For anyone not able to attend the Gift Service, gifts can be brought to the Church between noon and 2pm on Friday 8th or Tuesday 12th December.

St Cuthbert's has been supporting this Centre for a number of years and your generosity has been much appreciated. I hope we can continue this support this year.

Thank you.

Jean Watt

OUT AND ABOUT

Life and Work

The December edition contains:

Reaching Out at Christmas: Churches and charities supporting local communities.

Letter from the Holy Land: The Rev Muriel Pearson reflects on the message of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

'Nothing is Impossible With God': the Moderator urges readers to listen for the spirit during Advent.

Time to Pause: The Rev Roddy Hamilton urges us to find space to consider every aspect of the Advent story anew.

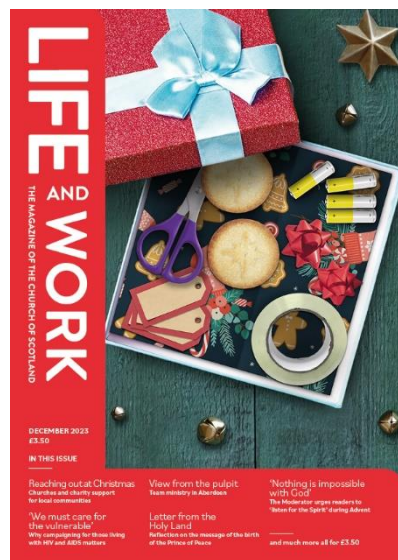
'We Must Care for the Vulnerable': Marking World AIDS Day on 1st December, a Bolivian campaigner living with HIV talks about her work

A Labyrinth Ministry: In his final column as Sanctuary First minister, the Very Rev Albert Bogle reflects on the power of journey

'Christian faith is rooted in the physical': The Rev Dr Richard Frazer links physical wellbeing to spiritual health

Sharing 'the fragrance of His love': A young Church member who moved to Scotland from Nigeria last year shares his story

The Art of Peacebuilding: Concluding her series of Bible studies, Ruth Harvey reflects on the place of 'voicewalkers'



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

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Congregational Roll

Deaths *I am the resurrection and the life*

13th November Ian Stewart

Remembrance Service

Peter conveys his thanks to all who participated in the poignant Remembrance Sunday Service, on 12th November. "Everyone played their part with great dignity and grace and it was very pleasing to see such a large congregation."

Representatives of McCrae's Battalion, Edinburgh Castle and Stewart's Melville College together with Geoffrey Millar on behalf of St Cuthbert's and The Friends took part in the wreath laying ceremony. During the two-minute silence, the muffled sound of St Cuthbert's bells struck at 11am.

We show below some pictures of those taking part.



Peter, Major Dickie Coppard of 6 Scots, William Hoy from McCrae's Battalion, Bridget Cameron (whose father featured in the sermon) and Geoffrey Millar, together with students and pupil pipe major from Stewart's Melville College.



Community Carol Service and Congregational Lunch - 14th December

The congregation is invited to a congregational lunch which will be held after the Community Carol Service on Thursday the 14th of December. The service starts at 12.30 and lunch will follow at 1.30. We are delighted to say that a choir from George Heriot's School will be singing at the carol service.

Please contact Dr Anne Robertson at pastoral@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk before 3rd December as numbers are required for catering purposes.

Look forward to welcoming you all.

Anne Robertson

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – 17th December at 7 pm

Please join us for this special service of carols and readings. This year we will be joined by members of the choirs of both St Cuthbert's and Greyfriars Kirk.

Readings will be given by representatives from St Cuthbert's, Greyfriars, Street Pastors, Steps to Hope and our Ukraine friends.

All are welcome.

Christmas Tree – in Memorium

From Tuesday 5th December, there will be a Christmas tree located in the vestibule on which you are invited to tie a small label with the name(s) of family/friends you wish to



remember at this special time in the Christian year. Please help yourself to a label(s) from the basket beside the tree.

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 (to be found on the table in the vestibule).

All information will be treated in confidence.

Tuesday Coffee Mornings

A reminder that St Cuthbert's have two coffee mornings on Tuesdays.

For those able to come to the Church, you can come for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you can't make it to the Church in person, why not join the others online between 10am and 11am (sadly, technology has not yet evolved to allow us to provide the coffee – you will have to brew your own!).

Please use the following meeting details:

Zoom meeting ID: 898 2204 8959

Passcode: CuthCoffee

Saturday Coffee Mornings

Following the restart of the last Saturday of the month Coffee Morning in July, there is one more taking place this year, on 30th December, between 11 am and 2 pm.

The dates for early 2024 are January 27th, February 24th and March 30th.

Please come along and sample the home baking and freshly produced Fair Trade sourced coffee.

If you can spare some time to help or supply home baking or act as Welcome Guides on the day, please contact Lyn and Derek Deans at deans_d@sky.com for further information.

Future Church Magazines



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:

February/March by Monday 22nd January

April/May by Thursday 21st March

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

The magazine encourages anyone to send in articles or pictures. When sending pictures by email, please ensure that you send them in the highest possible resolution (by choosing the 'large' or 'actual size' scale version).



From all at St Cuthbert's



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

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