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Front cover: Approaching St Cuthbert's.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

During the season of Advent, we had the privilege of welcoming in to our sanctuary, as part of the Sunday morning services, members of the various groups who operate out of St Cuthbert's.

To share your sacred spaces with others is exactly what the Church of Scotland is hoping parishes do at the local level as they engage with the new five marks of Mission, which have become the priority for the life and work of the Church .

In welcoming Archbishop Leo Cushley and the members of Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Broomhouse, we were not just celebrating ecumenical partnerships, but perhaps even more excitingly, we were welcoming them as volunteers of Steps to Hope. The good folk who took part in our service know our sacred sanctuary well through serving our homeless guests there most Sunday evenings.

Likewise, by welcoming the Ukrainian refugee 'spiders' who weave the camouflage nets in the clocktower to be part of the Christmas Eve service, our eyes were suddenly wide open as we saw a nativity created by their nets and the babe wrapped in swaddling netting.

Looking after the Homeless and the Refugees was part of the first Christmas story. But it is something that we do not retell just once a year, we must embrace and be thankful for the opportunities that we have to worship with others, to serve with others and just to be with them as the Christ child was with us.

Just as the Christ child grew into adulthood, so the challenge for us is to ensure that our relationships with those who share our church grow likewise, and that we all acknowledge that the celebrating of the image of God encourages us to do the Mission of God.

With all good wishes,

God bless ,

Peter



FROM THE TOWER ROOM

Welcome to the first edition of the magazine for the new year.

Pastoral Assistance, Dr Anne Robertson, explains what Pastoral Care involves, Martin Pearce offers some respite from the Winter Blues and tells us about the latest topic being discussed by the Bible Fellowship Group.

Our Feature Article returns with the story of St Cuthbert's Burial Ground's most famous residents, Thomas De Quincey, and delves into one of Edinburgh's most infamous institutions – that of the Debtors' Sanctuary.

There are several new initiatives mentioned throughout this magazine. Anne refers to a new Men's Group which has been formed (see page 5) while avid readers are asked to consider joining a new Reader's Group – see page 16.

Finally, despite the cold, wet and snowy weather we have been experiencing recently, we are reminded that spring is very much round the corner. There is no surer proof of that than the call for Welcome Guides for the Church guiding season which returns in April – see page 16 for information.

May I also draw your attention to the deadline for the next Magazine which has been brought forward to accommodate Holy Week and Easter Services. See page 18.

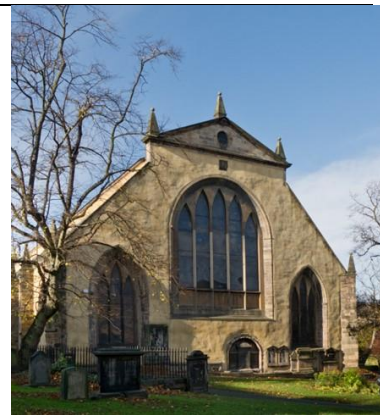
Stewart Cowe

REPORTS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S

St Cuthbert's and Greyfriars Working Group – January update



In April last year, 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.



The Working Group will be issuing a series of monthly newsletters to keep everyone informed about progress as we move forward towards the union of our two churches. The first edition is contained separately within the Church magazine and each edition of the magazine will contain future updates of the newsletter. This is a separate paper so that you can keep this apart from the magazine and track the progress as we journey together in the future. We hope that this will be beneficial to you and keep you up to date.

We hope to have another congregational away day in the Spring, which will include our outreach and ecumenical partners, so the next edition will have the details of this event in it.

If you have any questions, queries or suggestions, please do drop Christine McGuinness an email at Christine.stevenson@hotmail.com or call 07741 650 912 .

Christine McGuinness

Pastoral Care News

I would like to thank everyone who attended the community carol service and lunch. Thanks to our music director Graham Maclagan for providing the music and the wonderful George Heriot's school choir, which was much appreciated. My thanks also to everyone who helped prepare the room and serve the food, it was a sterling group effort.

As a result of the positive feedback, I envisage that a Spring/Summer lunch will be organised - the date yet to be finalised. It would be helpful for the notification of future congregational events if I had a list of email addresses from members who wish to have advance notice of events. These addresses would be kept private and only used to inform you of future events. Please email me at pastoral@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk if you would like to be included.

A monthly Men's Group under the guidance of Oscar Kelly webadmin@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk has been started. The first meeting, including lunch, was on the 18th January at 12 noon. All men are invited and if you are interested please contact Oscar. For everyone, the weekly Tuesday coffee morning continues to be a welcoming space for conversation, support and of course cake. Please attend if you can.

I welcome any suggestions for future congregational events and please do not hesitate to contact me on any matter. My thanks also for all the support and encouragement I have received from the congregation, it is much appreciated.

Finally, I am on holiday from the 2nd to 10th February.

Anne Robertson

What is Pastoral Care? A Dialogue and Conversation from a novice.

The aim of this article is to share my limited foray into the questions of what is, and how do we enact, pastoral care, with the hope of stimulating and sharing ideas. It is both a dialogue and a conversation. A dialogue; as the intention is to explore the meaning of pastoral care, through questions which may provide multiple answers or



none. Also, it is a conversation; as the roots of the word are ‘the manner in which we conduct ourselves in the world’ which for me reinforces the idea of pastoral care as action.

Some observations on the history of Pastoral Care

As I sat down to write my thoughts on the future of Pastoral Care, I was conscious that I occupy a role that has its own history and narrative within the life of St Cuthbert’s and the Church. That past provides me with a degree of comfort and strength. It is a past that includes my own and many of the current congregation’s ancestors. I cannot hope to emulate my ancestors in the 1830’s adoption of several foundlings from Edinburgh or the provision of church school uniforms, it would I suspect raise a few eyebrows. I am however, treading a well-worn path which has many sign posts.

It is beyond my grasp to produce an entire history of pastoral care but it is necessary for our understanding of where we are now to be acquainted with some key elements from the past. Thus, following the tradition of theological praxis which describes the process of reflection and our action in the light of the historicity of humanity (historicity meaning ‘as denoting the feature of our human situation by which we are located in specific concrete temporal and historical circumstances’).

From the early Christians protecting each other from persecution, monks administering healing to the crusaders, the start of hospices, to the care for widows and orphans (a key element which spans many periods of history), as teachers and guardians of moral life, a rather noticeable element in the Reformation, as evangelists for the souls of the flock, to advocates for peace and justice, each period of history interprets the command to love one another with different emphasis.

They all however have the same starting point as Gutierrez writes:

“Walking in the footsteps of Jesus is on the deepest level which everything else rests”

So where are we now in this post Covid digital world?

As I look around, there are so many words, so much change and disruption all clamouring for my attention. I am surrounded by multiple questions concerning the future of the church, its role and direction, creating a feeling of being overwhelmed and impotent.

In searching for guidance, I am faced with the much-used metaphor of pastoral care, as a shepherd cares for the flock, which doesn’t resonate with my own life experiences (my experiences of looking after sheep is another story) and the easiest action is to dismiss it as old fashioned, not relevant to my daily life.



It is then, I suppose, tempting to approach the question with the mindset that reflects the predominant current narratives of our age. I could start the process by the deconstruction and breaking apart the elements of pastoral care in the hope that by examining each part, I could assess its usefulness in today's society. I could apply reason, rationality and economics to chart our future path. Simultaneously, to justify my new position, I could berate our past ancestors for their ignorance and imperialism and judge from my more enlightened throne.

I am going to suggest that in doing so, I would be making two errors and that there may be alternative approaches.

The first error of taking apart pastoral care is best explained in the parable of *The Blind Men and the Elephant*. In this story, each blind man approached a different part of the elephant, the trunk, the tusks, the body etc and described it. I fear we are like the blind men grasping at the elephant, each describing from our own perspective our truth with no regard for each other's truth and unable to see the universal truth and the whole picture.

As the Buddha wrote,

*O how they cling and wrangle, some who claim
For preacher and monk the honoured name!
For, quarrelling, each to his view they cling.
Such folk see only one side of a thing.*

In that sense, we have forgotten the starting point of pastoral care that we are all God's people, echoing Desmond Tutu's premise that we are all interconnected and must love one another as God loves us. He utilises the framework of Ubuntu in that we are all interdependent "I am because you are" We are all a community in Christ.

The second error of dismissing the past is perhaps best explained using our own personal history in relation to God. Just as my relationship with God as a child differs from my relationship with God now (and I must admit that as I sat in the front pews as a child while the minister pointed at the sinners, I spent an excruciating length of time wondering why I was sinful and what sin I had committed). To berate the child me for having a simplistic view of God is to dismiss my growth and deny my fundamental wonder of the world and creation, which has never left me. In berating the past, we forget the starting point of the journey which is the life of Christ and his suffering on the cross.

Where now?

I suspect that some may read this and say that's all very interesting but I have not answered the question or given direction as to what is pastoral care and its role in the church. Perhaps because they are the wrong questions and the wrong approach to answers.

An alternative direction may be to follow the method of one of my favourite poets, Pablo Neruda. In one of his collections of poems. 'Questions', which he wrote six months before he died, he challenges the reader to explore the unknowable, to touch what we believe in, in our soul and heart. He asks us to use our imaginations, to go beyond what we know to enter the space between our heart and soul to lose rationality and control. As William O'Daly wrote:

"rather than by fleeing to the rational mind. These poems are the lyrical notations of the poet imagination; they reveal their truths only when we live with them and experience them as they are. When we do this, we reawaken the imagination to the quiet possibilities of wonder and awe. In this state, we ask our own unanswerable questions. And we might come to perceive, reflected within us, the nature of the world beyond mind and sight."

It is perhaps by opening our hearts to the wonder around us that we can realise we all know the answers that they have already been demonstrated through Christ's life.

Finally, here are some random questions from *The Book of Questions* by Pablo Neruda to practice on.

Is there anything in the world sadder than a train standing in the rain?

How do we thank clouds for their fleeting abundance?

And my favourite all time question.

How many churches are there in heaven?

Dr Anne Robertson

The Winter Blues

We are mid-way through the season of Epiphany when we remember the story of God's people that led to the birth of Jesus as a babe in the manger and the good news of a Saviour for all people, everywhere.

Saviour from what we must always remind ourselves:

Saved from sin we should answer

... many of us get the idea of sin but do not want to be reminded of our wrongdoings. The way some people handle sin is not to believe in God, then sin does not matter to many in the secular world. and yet Christians know it does. Just look at the state of the world, our country, our city -the outcomes of sin are everywhere to be seen; but, let us not depress ourselves, there is always hope through Jesus Christ for a better world.



Saved from death we should also answer – death is but a door but it has traditionally been a taboo subject in the UK. However, that is beginning to change as more people within and outwith the church think about assisted dying ... we have learned how to keep people alive but not how to look after people who suffer from dreadful illnesses, year after year, and are in constant pain and confusion.

Saved from Judgment Day is the third saving grace that Jesus offers ... even some Christians prefer not to think about such matters ... but everyone has a judgment day. We know God cannot have favourites, but let us not worry ourselves, Jesus died for our sins and he will be our advocate in heaven.

Epiphany is commonly associated with the visitation of the Magi (wise men), who were almost certainly Gentiles (non-Jews), in Matthew 2:1–12. In addition to the coming of the Magi, the calling of the first disciples, Jesus's baptism, and his first miracle of changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana are also commonly associated with Epiphany.

Christianity grew because Jesus and the First Century leaders of the emerging Christian Church spent time with people, and they talked to one another over meals and as neighbours. John the Baptist came on the scene with a disturbing message: **Turn away from your sins and be baptised**

Such a jarring message might be just what we and the world need but it does not go down well with the secular majority in the UK today.

However, some people are longing for a new direction in their lives. And in that longing, they may come to understand John the Baptist message as **one not of condemnation, but of salvation.**

John's pleading that we should **turn away from your sins and be baptised** reminds us that God's love is not a platitude, but is a **deep, abiding love** that extends to us, even when we our lives may be in a mess or we simply feel SAD, meaning suffering Seasonal Affective Disorder

Symptoms of SAD can include: low moods, loss of interest in normal everyday activities, irritability, feelings of worthlessness, feeling lethargic (and sleepy during the day), finding it hard to get up in the morning, difficulty concentrating and so on. All negative feelings.

Repentance is not primarily about our standards of moral worthiness, but rather about **God's desire to love and forgive us.**

And if we accept that love and forgiveness then we can have new life in this life and in the life of the world to come.

We live in a world where many people are sceptical or hedge their bets on how to live life. But remember, there is nothing false about Jesus Christ.

His crucifixion and resurrection as witnessed by so many people that collusion and deception can be ruled out - nor was Jesus a con man, magician, or liar because the Christian faith would have died out by now - he was who he said he was and is...the **Son of God** and our Saviour from all that is wrong in our lives and all that is wrong in the world.

No matter what we are up against in our daily lives or how much we suffer from the winter blues and feel SAD, it is a time to be uplifted by the Spirit of God at the start of another calendar year, believing that anything is possible through following Jesus Christ.

Update on Bible Fellowship Group

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

The real benefit of the group is the fellowship we share because God brings us together united in purpose and love to read scripture and to improve our understanding of God's Holy Word. Instinctively, we also share concern for one another and the people we know.

We finished last year by looking at the Second Coming of Christ and how we should prepare for the end of human history as we know it today. Not a subject discussed much these days! I wonder why?

We also spent some time reflecting on the minister's four Advent sermons. As a church family should we continue to do things for people or should we spend more time with people? We will leave that subject for the minister to report on but he certainly provoked us to think about serving God differently.

Until Easter (31st March), we are following the New International Version Study Guide called the Year of Opposition – the third year of the ministry of Jesus in his human form (Year 29). There are plenty of examples from Jesus' last year that can be readily applied to today, when we find the church marginalised by public opinion; but not on the occasion of the Queen's Funeral, the King's Coronation, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas services, thanksgiving funerals and when charitable acts of service are needed.

People still call on the "Church" to provide comfort and encouragement at certain times in life. As ever, we the "Church" must be ready to help them through their times of tribulations – being part of a fellowship group is one way of developing a resilient faith and being ready to be with people when needed.



All are welcome to this Fellowship Group, 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.

Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com (please note new email address)

Report on support for Ukraine in 2022 and 2023 and new support in 2024

Support in 2022 and 2023. For nearly two years, we at St Cuthbert's and along with our network of friends have provided money, warm clothing, blankets, first aid kits, medicines and crutches to Ukraine via Father Vasyl, the Parish Priest at St Margaret's Ukrainian Church in Leith, and via our friends at Granton Parish Church who arrange deliveries of such items to Ukraine.

We have hosted several craft sales and concerts as fundraising events at St Cuthbert's and several thousand pounds have been raised for the people of Ukraine.

We continue to provide the Tower Room in St Cuthbert's for making camouflage nets, which provide protection from surveillance drones that trigger artillery shelling on civilians as the Russia attempts to break the will of the Ukrainian civilian population. Over 150 camouflage nets have been made in three different churches in Edinburgh and sent to Ukraine during the last 18 months.

New Support in 2024. Our latest support of Ukraine is much closer to home where several members of St Cuthbert's are now helping to set up the Ukrainian Saturday School on a long-term basis by becoming General Trustees and Key Supporters. To date, 30 to 40 children, ages 5 to 17, attended during the autumn term. The demand for learning the Ukrainian language and customs is increasing. Essential subjects like the English language and mathematics are also being taught.

The Kirk Session has kindly given its approval to allow St Cuthbert's to be used as a backup location for the Ukrainian Saturday School should the classrooms at Heriot's become unavailable – which happened on 6th January 2024. We also provided the use of the Lindisfarne Room for the children's Christmas Party in December when other accommodation was unavailable.

An Appeal for support of the Ukrainian St Margaret's Saturday School. If you can help our local Ukrainian families to establish the Ukrainian Saturday school for the long term by funding something specific, that would be wonderful or just make a general donation.

- sponsor a child's education at £12 to £40 for one month,
- fund a month of craft materials at £40,
- fund a month's supply of ink cartridges and paper at £20,
- donate whatever you wish for general expenses.

Such donations will make a huge difference to the children who have already suffered so much in their young lives and give their parents encouragement for the future.

Further details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

Our Ukrainian friends thank us for our continuing support to the local Ukrainian community in Edinburgh/Lothian and to the people in Ukraine.



OUT AND ABOUT

Feature Article: Thomas De Quincey



This continues our series of occasional articles on the lives of some of the more famous residents of St Cuthbert's Burial Ground.

Thomas De Quincey was born in Manchester but spent much of his adult life in Scotland, primarily Edinburgh. His father was a successful merchant and it was he who first kindled Thomas's interest in literature. His schooling, like his life in general, was chaotic, to say the least. He first attended King Edward's School in Bath, but after three years studying there, his mother moved him to a much inferior school in Wiltshire, as she feared her son would become big-headed.

Further schooling in Manchester prepared him for university, but despite attending two different Oxford colleges and studying two different subjects, he failed to graduate. It was during his second spell at Oxford that he cultivated the habit of taking opium.

A walking tour of Wales marked the period between universities and wanderlust soon returned after university when he became acquainted with William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge and he spent the next few years in the Lake District. His first job, as Editor of the *Westmorland Gazette*, lasted just five months owing to his unreliability of meeting deadlines.

London then beckoned where he was encouraged to write about his experience as an opium user. Published initially in a series of articles in the *London Magazine* to critical acclaim, the series entitled the *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* was transferred to book form, and that established his name in the literary world.

He moved to Scotland, living mostly in Edinburgh but also in Polton (near Lasswade) and Glasgow and continued contributing to an assortment of magazines and periodicals without amassing any great fortune. Rather the opposite: he constantly ran up debts and was on a few occasions forced to seek protection from arrest by taking refuge in the 'debtors' sanctuary' in Holyrood Abbey. In De Quincey's time, under Scot's Law, people could not be arrested for debt in these places but there were downsides to this protection: those seeking sanctuary were only allowed outside the sanctuary on Sundays when it was forbidden to arrest debtors (this practice ended in 1880 when debtors were no longer sent to jail), while the cost of accommodation and food there was much higher than available in town. Visible still today is the letter 'S' on three street cobbles in the area, signifying the location of the sanctuary.

His money problems eased on the death of his mother who willed him an annual sum of £200 (almost £20,000 in today's money).

De Quincey claimed his painful neuralgia forced him to resort to using the apparent medicinal benefits of opium. He admitted to first administering it in 1804, perhaps just once a week, but by 1813, he was taking it daily. Sometimes the dose was "very high" and resulted in the sufferings recounted towards the end of his *Confessions* jottings.

Thomas became a more prolific writer towards the end of his life, with numerous essays, writings and articles published. His most celebrated writings besides *Confessions* (written in 1821) included *On the Knocking at the Gate in Macbeth* (1823), *Lake Reminiscences* (1834-40) and *The Logic of Political Economy* (1844).

He was well-respected as an author, not just in Britain but overseas. He was approached by an American



publishing house wishing to compile a collection of his work. When he failed to respond to the request, it went ahead independently and reprinted his work from their original magazine articles. In all, 22 volumes were issued. This prompted a corresponding British version; the first volume was published in 1853 and the 14th and final in January 1860, a month after his death. Further compilations have continued to be published over the years – the most recent, *New Essays by De Quincey*, was published in 1966.

From 1843 till late 1859, Thomas spent some of his time at Polton, taking advantage of the peace and solitude of the country. He died in December 1859 and is buried with his wife in St Cuthbert's Burial Ground.

Life and Work

The February edition contains:

A Missional Tool?: The Church and social media. Twenty years on from the launch of Facebook.

'Values Really matter'": BBC presenter Ed Stourton on faith and living with cancer.

Our Presbyteries: Focus on the new Presbytery of Perth.

Journey with Love: The Moderator reflects on Lent and Valentine' Day.

What's in a Name?: The relevance and riches of stewardship.

Jordan and Faith: A group of teenagers and youth leaders from Skye reflect on a trip to Jordan.



Regulars

The Very Rev Dr Martin Fair on ministry recruitment

The Rev Roddy Hamilton on worship.

Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer.

The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church

My Church: Fiona Spooner, Boys Brigade worker and member of Neilston Parish Church

View from the Pulpit: the Rev Justin Taylor

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.

Morningside Justice and Peace, Spring 2024 at The Eric Liddell Community

'The Tree of Peace has its roots in Justice.'

Please note the following talks being held at the Eric Liddell Community Centre, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DP on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30am. All are welcome. A charge of £3 is made to cover costs. Also by Zoom.

Date	Speaker	Topic
Jan 31 st	Satwat Rehman, Co-chair of Scotland's Just Transition Commission.	'The Just Transition Commission - what's that?'
Feb 7 th	Mike Wedderspoon, Director of Strategic Engagement and Delivery, Scottish National Investment Bank.	'The Scottish National Investment Bank - Investing with impact for social change.'
Feb 14 th	Dr. Ben Coulson, Lecturer in International Relations, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh	'Are Russia, China, Iran, North Korea the new Anti-Western Axis?'
Feb 21 st	Ruth Evans, Advisor, Community Ownership Support Service, Community Ownership Development Trust Association.	'Community Ownership - how does that work?'
Feb 28 th	Eurig Scandrett, Senior Lecturer in Public Sociology at Queen Margaret University and Chair, Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign.	'What next for the Palestinians?'
Mar 6 th	Lindsay Beevers, Professor of Environmental Engineering, University of Edinburgh.	'Flooding - causes, problems and solutions.'
Mar 13 th	Derek Mitchell - Chief Executive Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland.	'This endless cost of living crisis. What can we learn from Citizens Advice Scotland?'
Mar 20 th	tbc	

Morningside Justice and Peace exists to promote informed opinion on issues of social justice. Meetings are held every Wednesday during the autumn and spring months between 10.30am and 11.30am at The Eric Liddell Community, 15 Morningside Road in Edinburgh.

These meetings are open to all and consist of a short talk on a topic of local, national, or international concern followed by questions and discussion.

www.morningsidejandp.org

For further information: b.darcy20@gmail.com

GENERAL NOTICES

Congregational Roll

Deaths I am the resurrection and the life

4th December Colin Harrison

20th December Mrs Margaret McLeod

Proposed Reading Group

There is a proposal that we organise a Reading Group. Anyone interested please contact the Church office on 0131 229 1142 or office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

Church guiding

The 2024 season opens on Tuesday 2nd April and we hope to at least have as successful a season as last year. We are always ready to welcome new Guides and if you are able to help on 2 to 4 occasions per month please contact us. We are a small and friendly team helping visitors to appreciate the Church building and make them welcome during their visit.

For more info contact Lyn & Derek at deans_d@sky.com

Sunday 28th January

On Sunday 28th January – Candlemas and Communion – our choir will be singing a new piece commissioned for Choirs Against Cancer, a project that invites the whole choral singing community to join together during the festive period to support Macmillan Cancer Care.

Recordings of 10.30am Sunday Services

Details of Holy Week and Easter Services will be given in the next magazine which will be issued on 20th March.

Church Flowers

We are now back to arranging flowers in the Sanctuary every Sunday. 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 (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

The resumption of the Saturday coffee morning has been well supported by visitors and congregation and will continue on the dates below from 11am to 2pm

January 27th

February 17th

March 30th

We would appreciate a few more helpers and home baking donations are always very welcome and could be left with the Church Officer on the Friday before or delivered on the day from 10am

Please contact Derek for more info

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 that the deadline for the next magazine has been brought forward. This is due to the earlier than usual date of Easter (Easter Day is Sunday 31st March) and the wish to include information about Easter and Holy Week services plus information about the Congregational Annual Meeting in the edition.

The following are the deadlines for the upcoming editions. Material should be sent to the editor by:

April/May by Thursday 14th March

June/July by Wednesday 22nd May

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).



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

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