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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As I write this short letter, I am enjoying a break back in Zermatt, again looking after St Peter's, The English Church in the resort.

Although I am on holiday, I like to think of the original meaning of the word, which was 'holy day'. For me combining a break with a spiritual outlook is the perfect combination of rest and recuperation.

Each day I walk around the foothills of the Matterhorn sometimes at over 3000 metres. This magnificent mountain is sometimes radiant and clear to the eye yet, on other occasions, it can be hidden behind cloud, whilst the various tracks that I journey on mean that I see the mountain from different perspectives and it never appears to be the same.

However, I always say to myself whatever the weather; 'How awesome is this place, this is none other than the house of God, this is the gateway to heaven.' These words of Jacob, as he awoke from his dream, were said at a time of great uncertainty in his own life. However, the dream helped him to see the future more clearly, because he was forced into seeing things from a different perspective - God's perspective!

As we move closer to a Union with our neighbouring parish we too are having to see things from a different perspective. First, and understandably so, I guess we try to see things from our own perspective. Next, perhaps rather more generously, we try to see it from the perspective of our neighbour.

Surely however, the challenge for both congregations is to try and see our future from the perspective of those we seek to serve. If we are able to see things from the viewpoint of those we often consider to be the outsider, then we will get a much clearer understanding of our own predicament as often it takes someone else to 'tell us as it is.'

I will soon be sending out a questionnaire, and I hope you will fill it in providing me with your perspective of where you see the future of St Cuthberts. Please be honest and frank but also be open-minded because I will ask you to return to your answers in due course and reconsider them.



I intend to deliver a series of sermons over the four Sundays of Advent in which I hope to share with you a different way of seeing things, and a different way of engaging with others. Advent would seem to be the most suitable time to do this as, not only is it a time of preparation for the future, but it is also a time of intervention where God decided that, through the incarnation, he wanted us to see Him in a very different way!

God bless,

Peter

FROM THE TOWER ROOM

Welcome to the autumn edition of the magazine.

Dr Anne Robertson has been appointed Pastoral Assistant and we wish her well in her new role.

The merger with Greyfriars Kirk will soon be upon us and Christine McGuinness gives us a flavour of the preparatory work that is going on as well as providing a list of the joint activities planned for the rest of the year. Details of the Working Group are given on page 5.

Martin Pearce explains what being a member of St Cuthbert's actually means and gives an update of the Bible Fellowship Group. Our Ukrainian section showcases the recent display of paintings by a soldier at the front line of battle and also asks for donations for a new venture for Ukrainian schoolchildren based in Edinburgh.

We also reveal why John Kirk has swapped carrying hot drinks, blankets and woolly hats for something more appropriate for an Edinburgh summer's day as the Street Pastors trial a new venture.

Finally, I would like to pay my own tribute to Mary Wilson whose death occurred in July. Mary was my immediate predecessor as magazine editor, a position she held for 13 years. Our paths crossed many times over the years in the Tower Room, Mary working on the magazine, myself delving into ancient reference books for a book I was writing. Mary was not the greatest exponent of technology, and neither am I, but together we managed to work our way through the Microsoft Word problem of the day. It was her diligence and dedication over these 13 years that ensured readers near and far remained connected to St Cuthbert's.

Stewart Cowe

Pastoral Assistant

Dr Anne Robertson has been appointed our Pastoral Assistant for a period of twelve months with effect from 1st October. Anne is an elder in St Cuthbert's, has a nursing background and a vast amount of experience.

We look forward to Anne working with us.

REPORTS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S

Mary Wilson

Mary Wilson was ordained to the eldership of St Cuthbert's in 1980. Over the years, Mary was involved in many aspects of our church life – member of the Flower Group, Parish and City Centre Task Group, choir, magazine editor and a very diligent district elder.

Sadly, in the past few years, Mary did not enjoy good health and after a few weeks in hospital, she moved to a care home where she died very peacefully a few days later.

We give thanks for Mary's life and her contribution to St Cuthbert's life
In His Service.

St Cuthbert's and Greyfriars Working Group – September



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.



St Cuthbert's have established a team and in June met with representatives from Greyfriars to form a joint working group, which will represent the congregations. At that first meeting, the group shared understanding of the Presbytery process and key points along the way to union, expected to take place in 2025. The group also shared some of the rich history and traditions of both churches, with many parallels and echoes in development and interest over the centuries.

If you would like to delve into Greyfriars history, you can find a timeline here: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/community/> and please do think about attending a service at Greyfriars Kirk.

Both churches are members of the HeartEdge movement, and the "Four Cs" of the HeartEdge framework (congregation, compassion, culture and commerce) provide an excellent starting point for the group to start thinking about the ways in which the two congregations can get to know each other and come together over the coming months. The group met in both August and September when we thought about the initial documents required by Presbytery and how the churches might shape a joint

understanding and vision for mission. There are now plans in place for a meeting each month to allow for continuity and progression across all areas, where we feel that we can begin to work together. We are very aware that there are many elements which are not yet ready for discussion, this process will take time but one of the most important things that can be done is for the congregations to get to know each other and to feel at home within each other's midst.

The working Group has now agreed that an event, each month, will take place - September to December inclusive - to allow for the congregations to meet and get to know a few faces. Two of these are worship related and the other two are social events.

- **24th September**, 10:30 am – at Greyfriars and St Cuthbert's. During each church's service on this Sunday, we welcomed elders from "the other church" to lead prayers and read scripture during the service and share elements of the same liturgy during worship.
- **26th October (Thursday)**, 7.00 pm – Community Ceilidh at Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance. This is open to everyone, including congregations and the local community. It is a relaxed occasion, dancing encouraged but not obligatory! A Greyfriars and St Cuthbert's table will allow folk to get to know each other over a glass of wine or cuppa at the start.
- **8th November (Wednesday)**, 7.00 pm – Oasis Quiz at St Cuthbert's. St Cuthbert's annual quiz is run for the local business community, as well as for congregations and anyone who wants to join in. As well as a social occasion, it raises funds each year for Fresh Start. Greyfriars are invited to form some quiz teams (max five per team) and join in too!
- **17th December**, 7.00 pm – Nine Lessons and Carols at St Cuthbert's. This traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Christmas service with carols and readings telling the Christmas story takes place each year. This year it will involve readers and singers from both congregations. There will be mince pies and refreshments afterwards.

We have also worked on a document, required by presbytery, setting forth our intentions regarding the Parish Grouping. This was presented to St Cuthbert's Kirk Session at the Session Meeting on 26th September for approval.

It is worth pointing out that the Working Group has no authority to make final decisions; all we can do is to bring proposals to each Kirk Session for consideration and approval. Therefore, we have put plans in place for an away day where our Kirk Session along with Greyfriars, can begin to frame out and carve the future of both congregations, including their outreach and mission. This will provide an opportunity for concerns to be addressed and it is hoped that after doing this we will have alleviated

any questions and fear and that the working group will have a mandate on which to move forward.

We are also required to work on a 'Basis of Union' document, again a requirement by Presbytery and Christine McGuinness is planning to commence a Parish Profile to start this off.

Updates are available on our church website and in the weekly intimations.

We know that there is much to be done but we trust that we are now at a good starting point and that we will be led with God's Grace.

Christine McGuinness

Update on Bible Fellowship Group

We have recommenced our Thursday night Bible Fellowship meetings after the summer break and we have started reading through the Second Book of Samuel.

We can still learn much from David who becomes King of Judah and Israel in this book. David was an imperfect King but he never stopped praying and listening to God, and frequently asked for his transgressions to be forgiven

Our study is not an in depth one because we do not allow enough time for a verse-by-verse commentary but we do learn together or recall some gems of information that we gleaned years ago.

The Group meets every Thursday evening on Zoom from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

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. None more so than very recently when one of our faithful members passed on to heaven quite suddenly and another was seriously ill. Our fellowship allows us to pray accordingly and prayer always lifts one's spirits and gives hope whatever the situation when you pray in a group.

Learning together and sharing experiences works well and if you have not tried such a group before, then please give this group a try. 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.

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.

Every blessing

Martin Pearce Mob 07913 625 394.

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

Paintings from the Frontline in Ukraine



During the Edinburgh Festival, from the 15th to 18th of August, St Cuthbert's hosted an exhibition of "Paintings from the Frontline" by Oleksa Koba. It was the first time that the paintings had been exhibited in Scotland, even though the ongoing war started over nine years ago.

This Exhibition was the first international presentation of Oleksa Koba's work. The 38 images presented in the exhibition were painted between combat missions in hastily arranged art studios in shelters. Painting for Oleksa were moments of respite and the saving of his soul from the darkness of everyday war. The paintings reflected Oleksa's philosophy.

Currently, Oleksa, is still serving as a soldier on the Ukrainian frontline actively participating in the fight against the Russian occupiers - Oleska risked his life several times on combat duty during August.

The exhibition in St Cuthbert's was organised by a group of Ukrainian volunteers – known as The Frontline Art Club. – who worked tirelessly to bring this exhibition to Edinburgh and St Cuthbert's.

The decorations for this event were made possible with the support of Dunfermline Art Club who generously donated the painting screens for the exhibition. The military nets used as decoration during the exhibition were made by Edinburgh Spiders – an organisation of volunteers weaving camouflage nets from recycled materials to send to save lives in Ukraine. Many of these nets were made in St Cuthbert's.

At the exhibition, the paintings were fixed to the camouflage netting. The exhibition was displayed in the Lindisfarne Room – a room dominated by a large-scale mural featuring the figure of Saint Cuthbert who established the first church in Edinburgh in the 7th Century

Through this exhibition, we endeavoured to raise funds to support the artist, while informing visitors about the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Over the four days, the event sold 15 of Oleksa's works, raising an incredible £1,235! We sincerely thank the Parish Church of St Cuthbert for supporting this exhibition and for the continuous support to the local Ukrainian community in Edinburgh.



Marjan Pokhylyy

Exhibition Organiser on behalf of Oleksa Koba e-mail pokhylyymar@gmail.com.

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What does being a member of St Cuthbert's mean?

I was asked a short time ago by a worshipper at St Cuthbert's what does becoming a member of St Cuthbert's mean?

I offered a short verbal answer: You become a member of the worldwide Christian Church, you become a member of the Church of Scotland, and you become a member of St Cuthbert's. Three memberships in one.

I thought I should explain further and hence here is a written answer to allow an individual to reflect upon in their own time and space. Hopefully, you too might have an answer readily available the next time you are put on the spot: What does becoming a member of St Cuthbert mean?

First, you are clear on what you believe; namely, you believe in one God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

Saved from what we should ask ourselves: from sin, death and judgment day is what Jesus teaches.

If you can state such a believe then by becoming a member of St Cuthbert's you become part of God's worldwide Christian family irrespective of your background, nationality, or customs. All people are invited into God's family and God left us a free choice to decide whether to make such a life-changing vow.

Jesus does not leave us to cope with life on our own. He gives us a helper called the Holy Spirit who is always with us and who gives us unexpected help from time to time, as well as a comforting presence when you turn to Him. No one needs to journey through life alone; the Spirit of God is always with you, when you turn to him in prayer.

How do we develop such a relationship with God through Jesus? Jesus says through daily prayer, reading our Bibles, and worshipping with others on the Lord's Day, namely Sundays.

Becoming a member of St Cuthbert's means we also become a member of the Church of Scotland and **we promise to be faithful in reading the Bible and in prayer, and to worship God on the Lord's Day** (Sunday!) to enable our faith to grow and for it to become resilient. No Christian lives in a protected bubble – we all experience tough challenges in life.

When Jesus says take up your cross and follow me ... it means we are to serve God by giving our time, talent, and resources sacrificially and hence a further promise we make in becoming a member of St Cuthbert's is **we promise to give a fitting proportion of our time, talents, and money for the Church's work in the world.**

There is no ambiguity in the Church of Scotland - we promise to be generous with our resources and it is always a joy to help others.

Becoming a member of St Cuthbert's brings additional responsibilities. God wants us to tell people about Jesus and so we also promise **depending upon the grace of God, that we would confess Christ before people, to serve him in our daily work, and to walk His ways all the days of our lives.**

People come to the Christian faith in all sorts of different ways and we are asked by Jesus to encourage them in the Christian faith ... by simply telling them about Jesus when divine opportunities to talk one to one occur.

Becoming a member of St Cuthbert's is liberating. **You are free from the worries of this world. You do not have to cope with the daily challenges on your own because the Holy Spirit will help you. Moreover, your faith gives you much hope for the heavenly home to come.**

Worship at St Cuthbert's is uplifting because of the joy of hearing beautifully played organ music, hearing the singing by a gifted choir, hearing the faithful reading of scripture, and preaching of God's Word, enjoying fellowship with faithful Christians, and experiencing the privilege of worshipping in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in the world.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit invite you to become a member of St Cuthbert's or any other Christian Church. Our doors are always open and you will receive a warm welcome.

Becoming a member of St Cuthbert's is inspiring and reassuring.

There is indeed a living God who loves you and welcomes you just as you are with open arms. You will experience His love, joy, forgiveness, and peace, leading to a new life as you journey through life together with new friends.

Martin Pearce email martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

Oasis Quiz Night

We invite you to enter a team of up to five in the 2023 Oasis Quiz held in aid of Fresh Start. Once again, we will be competing for the Ben Williams Cup, held for the second year by Turcan Connell.

The quiz will take place on Wednesday 8th November and doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. A soup supper and tea/coffee will be served by our hospitality team and you can bring along a bottle of wine if you would like.

Please RSVP to this invitation to webadmin@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk by 27th October so that our team knows how many to cater for.

We look forward to welcoming you once again to St Cuthbert's and raising a lot of funds for Fresh Start this year. Further information about the Quiz and Fresh Start will be sent out in a confirmation email to team who register.

OUT AND ABOUT

Society of Friends of St Cuthbert's: visit to the National Gallery of Scotland

There will be a guided visit to the National Gallery of Scotland at 10.30 am on Wednesday 6th December led by Rev Peter Sutton. The theme will be Advent. This can be followed by lunch at the Café at the Gallery.

Numbers are limited by the Gallery, so participants are asked to notify Geoffrey Millar by email by 1st December. Participants should gather at the Main Entrance off the Mound.

Geoffrey Millar

Edinburgh Street Pastors Daytime Festival Patrols

With the annual influx of large numbers of tourists and performers for the Festival and Fringe, Edinburgh Street Pastors decided, on an experimental basis, to carry out daytime patrols during the final week of this year's Festival. That meant a great deal of behind the scenes work for Andy and Gerard to organise and staff the patrols which would be in addition to the normal night time economy patrols.

The plan was to have two teams out each day as an early and late patrol so that the late morning, afternoon and early evenings were covered. Each team needs to have at least three members and needs a mix of genders. In order to have at least six Pastors each day, the Festival Patrols were made known countrywide so that Street Pastors from other towns and cities could join us for the new venture. This is an example of the uniformity of Street Pastor training working to advantage as we all receive the same training whether you are based in Edinburgh, Peterhead or London.

To publicise the Festival patrols, I asked our Minister if this might interest Sanctuary First for their Festival podcasts. Sanctuary First were indeed interested so Andy Amour from Street Pastors, myself and Peter came along to the Nor Loch Room, which had been transformed into a recording studio, to discuss the Festival patrols. I am much more used to choir rehearsals in that room so it was a different experience to be at a table with microphones and recording equipment. It turned out to be a beautiful day with the sun pouring in through the very fine stained-glass windows; almost the perfect setting. As a well-known technophobe, taking part in a podcast was a first for me! The session went very well and was a very worthwhile experience.

I personally was on two patrols, one evening and one morning shift. As well as Street Pastors from Edinburgh, I patrolled with folk from Stirling, Dunfermline and a couple from London. It was a novel experience being out on the streets, in Street Pastor uniform, in daylight hours.

We had adjusted what we took with us accordingly. Little call for hot drinks, blankets, woolly hats or flip flops during the daytime! We also expected to be asked for directions more often than we would at night and to different places than at night.



The streets were relatively quiet to start with but soon filled up and by the late afternoon and early evening were very busy indeed. Many people were concentrating on getting from show to show. But that said there were plenty of opportunities to chat with tourists, those handing out fliers for shows, city council employees, the police and of course some of our regulars that we meet on the streets at night.

Sad to say that homelessness doesn't go away during the Festival: indeed it gets worse. One gent that we knew well was out begging and was telling us that he had met Gail Porter and she had taken the time to chat with him which had delighted him.

Many people were curious as to who we were and why we were on the streets which led to some interesting conversations. Two that stuck in my mind were with two American couples, themselves Christians, who were very impressed with the concept of Street Pastors and with whom we shared a short prayer.

We met a group of Scouts from Cheshire, one of whom asked who we were and when we explained, they were very interested in what we were doing and our motivation for being out on the streets to; listen, help and care. Not too far from what the scouting movement is all about.

Overall I think that the experiment was very worthwhile and I hope that for next year we can refine and adjust the concept so that Festival daytime patrols become a regular feature. I found it to be a very different experience to be out during the day and, in some places, on very much busier streets.

It brought different challenges and many different people that we would not normally encounter during night time patrols. It also allowed me to work with folk from other teams and with our visitors and it was very interesting to hear their stories. Of course, there was less evidence of intoxication and the whole atmosphere was rather different to that we experience in the wee small hours when the night time economy is in full swing. Perhaps too, the daylight underlines the gulf between the glitz and glamour of the Festival and the poverty and despair that share the very same city streets.

Whilst I suspect that very few St Cuthbert's folk would ordinarily encounter Street Pastors out at night, perhaps next year you will see us out and about during the Festival. If you do, please say hello!

John Kirk

Appeal from Ukrainian Saturday School in Edinburgh

Local Ukrainian families have set up a Saturday School to bring over 30 school children together to be taught face to face by Ukrainian teachers – much of their weekday education continues on line and in local Scottish schools. George Heriot's School is providing classroom facilities.

We are invited to donate exercise books, pens, pencils, coloured paper, scissors, mugs, glasses and tumblers which can be left at the Church Office.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a financial contribution to help provide equipment like computers and printers, that would be wonderful.

Further details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com, mob 07913 625 394

Life and Work

The October edition contains:

Tax and Justice: On a milestone anniversary for income tax, we look at what the Church has to say on the relationship between faith, money and justice

A Living Language: How the Church of Scotland is keeping Gaelic alive in worship.

'Words need translation, love does not': A pioneering Scripture Union camp for Ukrainian families in Scotland

Making ends Meet: The work of Community Pantries in local churches

'As a witness, it's traumatic': Church volunteers working with refugees arriving in Italy

View from the Pulpit: The Rev Rosie Frew on the influence of pilgrimage and walking outdoors

Regulars

The Rev Roddy Hamilton on worship

The Rev Dr Martin Johnstone on leadership

The Very Rev Albert Bogle on digital church

Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer

Bible Study by Ruth Harvey

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

Visit www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe or speak to your church's Life and Work co-ordinator.

Art Exhibition

A solo art exhibition by Angela Brown was held in the Church during the middle two weeks of the Festival each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, (the dates being chosen to avoid clashing with scheduled Church fixtures).

The exhibition showcased a wide range of works, in different media including watercolour, etchings, prints and paintings (including of St Cuthbert's), as well as hand-made original cards, which proved especially popular with visitors.

The exhibition was a great success and visitors commented how much they enjoyed it. Angela has agreed to pay a percentage of sales to the Church as commission, and St Cuthbert's will be receiving £372.78.

In addition, Angela and St Cuthbert's own Anne Robertson (Elder) restored a number of display boards so these are now available in a usable condition for any future Church events.

Angela passes on her sincere thanks for all the help and support provided by all those in the Church who gave so freely of their advice, time and in some cases, muscles!

Angela is shortly to start a year's Masters degree in Fine Art Practice at Glasgow School of Art.

It is hoped to arrange another art event at Christmas and also during next year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Scottish Sinfonia

One of the most faithful users of the wonderful space of the sanctuary, not to mention taking advantage of its outstanding acoustics, is Scottish Sinfonia. St Cuthbert's has been home to the orchestra since 2011, home not just for their concerts but for rehearsals too.

Sinfonia play four concerts a year and in the 53 years since its founding, the orchestra has performed over 200 concerts.

Sinfonia was founded in 1970 by Neil Mantle, who is still conducting today. The musicians are a mixture of professional players, music teachers and amateurs, aged between 17 and 70. It has a core playing strength of 90 players augmented when required from a pool of 160.

Through its founder, Sinfonia is noted for championing the music of British composers – especially Elgar and Vaughan Williams – but its past repertoire shows that the only barrier to playing is that of good music.

Sinfonia give four concerts a year in St Cuthbert's sanctuary. The most recent, on Sunday 27th August was a Festival of Elgar, featuring the Concert Overture – In the South, Sea Pictures and Symphony number 1 in A_b major.

During the concert, founder and conductor, Neil Mantle, was presented with the Elgar Medal by the President of the Elgar Society in appreciation of his furthering the music of the composer. In 2010, Mr Mantle was awarded an MBE for his contribution to music.

The next concert takes place on Sunday 26th November and will feature Bruckner's Symphony number 6 in A major, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto number 2 (which was voted most popular piece of classical music in this year's Classic FM 'Hall of Fame') and the Tannhäuser overture by Wagner.

As an aside, Mr Mantle writes that the Rachmaninov piece is the only work to be dedicated to a psychiatrist, a Dr Nikolai Dahl, who had hypnotised the composer out of a complete creative block after the disastrous failure of his first symphony. Judging by the acclaim that the second piano concerto received, the psychiatrist fully deserves his place in history.

The January 2024 concert will feature works by Rossini (the William Tell overture), Dvorak (Symphony number 7) and Mendelssohn (the 'Scottish' Symphony).

Why not come along and support one of St Cuthbert's most faithful supporters.

Soul Space

Soul space, the monthly reflective worship entered its 11th season in September with the topic Home, Hospitality and Welcome. Refreshment for your soul and spirit in the heart of Edinburgh.

Soul space takes place on the first Wednesday of every month through to June (excluding January) between 12.30 pm and 5 pm, where you can 'come and go' and with reflection at 1 pm and 4.30 pm.

This season's programme continues:

2023	4 th October	A Booth in Nineveh
	1 st November	On Shed
	6 th December	Jesus the Homeless
2024	7 th February	Jesus in Capernaum
	6 th March	Going Home
	3 rd April	Hiraeth
	1 st May	Entertaining Strangers
	5 th June	Welcoming Refugees

GENERAL NOTICES

Congregational Roll

Deaths I am the resurrection and the life

22 nd August 2022	Jonathan Dempster
27 th July 2023	Mary Wilson
2 nd August	Ronald Kay
9 th August	Denise Planner
22 nd August	Barry Stewart
26 th August	Jean Revolta
30 th August	Samia Dunbar

Marriages

29 th July	Douglas Rooney and Daniel Liu
9 th September	Ellen Adam and Arthur Bruce

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday 8th October.

There will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to give a financial donation to WATER AID, the charity that works to provide clean water and toilets, important for improved health, to communities around the world. We have supported this charity for a number of years.

If any member wishes to bring non-perishable food, this will be given to a Food Bank. Thank you.

Belfry Sunday

Belfry Sunday will be held on 22nd October at 10.30 am.

All Souls Service

The annual All Souls Service will be held on Sunday 5th November at noon.

Invitations to this special service will be sent to all members who have been bereaved in the past year but an open invitation is extended to all.

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, the next ones are planned for 28th October, 25th November and 30th December. All from 11 am to 2 pm.

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

At the same time, the Church shop will be open. The shop is stocked with a lovely selection of gifts. Thank you to all who have helped at the earlier coffee mornings and to all who gave donations of food.

If you can spare some time to help or supply home baking, 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:

December/January by Tuesday 21st November

February/March by Monday 22nd January

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

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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