

THE SIGN

MARCH 2017

St Cuthbert's endeavours to be a community in which all are encouraged to participate in worshipping God and serving the wider community. It welcomes those who are doubters and sceptics as well as those who are committed in faith, and has a particular concern for those who have been hurt by their experiences of life.



**Our Interim Pastor
Fred Tomlinson**

SPRING CLEANING?

If you are thinking about spring cleaning please remember **Fresh Start**, the charity that furnishes accommodation for people coming into their first homes after being homeless. The collection is on **Saturday, March 25 from 2 to 4** in the hall and we are looking for bedding, curtains, towels, kitchen equipment, china and glassware, small electrical goods and anything that makes a house a home. If you have nothing to donate would you consider providing basic cleaning materials, soap, toiletries, even a mop and a bucket or a packet of dusters etc.

Thank you for your support.

Lesley Gourley, Hilary Pritchard

SARAH'S VIEW

'Be the change you seek'

I'm not going to go down the road of believing that the world is worse than it's ever been; that the evils of our present age represent something new and terrifying about human nature. But there do seem to be particular preoccupations of our western democracies that were not nearly so apparent or acceptable 10 years ago. I'm thinking of Donald Trump's efforts to keep people he doesn't want in America out of that country; our government's limited response to the refugee crisis of this age; the closing down of borders; the rise of nationalism in Germany, France, this country, and others. In my view these things represent a selfish narrowing down of interests; a belief that 'others' that I identify are not worthy of the same good life I desire for myself and my family.

There are three possible responses to this – if one views it as a problem, that is. One is to pour over the news, become really disheartened, and bemoan the state of things with anyone who will listen. A second is to switch off (literally and metaphorically), decide one can do nothing to change things, and hope it all goes away. The third possible response is reflected in the title of this piece – words attributed to Gandhi. Actually, they're not exactly what he said – but are a good summary. Gandhi's words were these: 'If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. ... We need not wait to see what others do.'" That last part of the quote I think is really pertinent. If we long for change, if we want to say something and do something in opposition to these current preoccupations, we need to be the change we seek – now. Not wait. Both as individuals and as a Church family there are many ways in which we can be the change. St Cuthbert's is supporting two particular projects over the next couple of months which we hope will contribute at least something. One is that we're hosting a Welcome Day for refugees on Saturday 8th April in conjunction with The Weekend Project (run by Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees). The second comprises two

fundraising initiatives we're undertaking in conjunction with the Parish Church and All Nations Fellowship in support of 'Our Neighbours,' a project supporting some of the poorest in Zimbabwe (a Passion Play and an Art Exhibition). Further details of all these events can be found in this Magazine, and willing volunteers are welcome to get in touch with me or the Church Wardens – thank you.

Sarah Shaw

Welcome Project for Refugees

The Weekend Project is an initiative run by Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees. Monthly events are being held to help refugees and migrants feel welcome here, and to give them something of Scottish culture. We are planning to host an event here at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 8th April - details to be confirmed, but the proposal is to have a short walk in Colinton then an afternoon tea or high tea, late afternoon/early evening.

Help would be very welcome! If you can help, please get in touch with:

Wendy Pearson or Sarah Shaw



ART FOR GOOD

Charity Art Exhibition
Thurs & Fri 9-10th March, 7-9.30pm
plus Fri 10 March, 10am - 5pm
St. Cuthbert's Church, Westgarth Avenue

- ★ LOCAL ARTISTS PAINTINGS FOR SALE ★
 - ★ SOME LOCAL CHILDREN'S ART ★
 - ★ REFRESHMENTS ★
- (PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY)

EVERYONE WELCOME

IN AID OF OUR NEIGHBOURS ZIMBABWE, A PARTNER OF BRITISH REGISTERED CHARITY
SALT-UK, (CHARITY NO 1163009)

A community art exhibition with coffee and cake during the day and cheese and wine in the evening. Neighbours in Colinton working together to help Our Neighbours Ministry in Zimbabwe who support the poorest of the poor.



SALT uk
Serving Africa-Led Transformation

'I KNEW A MAN' – A PASSION PLAY FOR EASTER 2017



'I Knew A Man' is based on the book of Isaiah and the 23rd Psalm. The performance is mainly choral, but includes elements of narration. The duration of the play is approximately one hour.

The narrative is spoken by the Roman Soldier who stood at the foot of the Cross holding the robe Jesus wore....he tells the story of each person, starting with Mary the Mother of Jesus and all the events that took place that day.

This play by Jeanne Sowinski is being rehearsed and performed by local churches together for Easter 2017.

If you would like to sing and take part in the production, an initial meeting for anyone interested (where the play will be explained and auditions for different parts will take place) will be on Sunday 26th February @ 2.30pm at St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church, Westgarth Avenue, Colinton, EH13 0BB.

Rehearsals will take place each Sunday during Lent (6 weeks) and will build up to the following performances during Holy Week:

Good Friday (14th April)

St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton @
2.00pm

Colinton Parish Church of Scotland @ 7.00pm

Easter Sunday (16th April)

All Nations Christian Fellowship, Oxfgangs
@ 11am

*There will be a retiring offering at all performances
in aid of Our Neighbours Zimbabwe, which is a partner of the
British-registered charity SALT UK (Charity No. 1163009).*

2017 Lent Study Group

All are welcome to this year's Lent Group which will meet for six weeks on a Wednesday afternoon, starting on **Wednesday 8th March at 3.00 pm at The Rectory.**

The book we will read together is this year's Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, 'Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace' (by Justin Welby).

The book is available from Cornerstone Bookshop, internet sources, or Sarah Shaw (07943 405 156) will source you a copy.

Introduction to Myers Briggs

There will be a further opportunity to participate in an introductory session on Myers Briggs, the personality types indicator, on Saturday 25th March from 2-4 pm in The Rectory. Lent is a time when Christians focus on our journey with God - knowing God better, and walking with him more closely. Knowing ourselves - and others - better can be a good place to start! Myers Briggs allows you to reflect on your own preferences and tendencies, and become more aware of how these can affect your feelings towards others who are different from you. Please contact Marion Goldsmith for more information.

Thoughts to Ponder : Social Media

I am somewhat surprised to have found myself thinking and now writing about social media. I am far from a technology buff but a number of recent happenings have led to my pondering on the topic. Bill and I have both been to meetings about social media and young people-Bill to one organised by Children First and I to a gathering in a pub organised by our daughter's church and introduced by a teenager adviser from N.S.P.C.C. Many of the following facts will not be new I feel sure -the average home with children boasts 10 + internet -enabled devices: social media -smart phones and the internet-is the norm for young people (children as young as 5 having a smart phone): up to 30% of young people's friends are on-line etc.

However, what followed was more worrying .We were given a sheet of paper with a number of icons and asked to identify them. As probably the oldest there I knew none! More worrying was the fact that most of the 30 to 50 year old parents , most with teenage children, did not know them either. Our speaker explained the various sites. They were linked to pornography ,grooming, sexual abuse and easy to access. She said that 90% of parents do not police what their youngsters are looking at on-line. She emphasised the increasing peer pressure from on-line photos , the increasing smart phone addiction, the increasing abuse and the increasing mental stress and illness. Discussion as to what parents can and should do followed and we were all given a helpful booklet - Share Aware. It was not an evening that led to happy pondering.

However, one of our prayer diaries is this week focussing on social media which has helped to balance my thoughts. The connectivity and benefits that the internet, used by almost half of the world's popular arts and culture all benefit. So much is good.

A recent remark 'the problem with the church today is the church buildings' set me thinking again. Certainly one of the liveliest churches we go to meets in a school hall with mostly under 50 year olds and families attending, followed by a football game. To return to social media, there are increasing initiatives to mobilise and inspire people on-line...the many 20 to 30 year olds who may be exploring a faith but have no intention of going to a church building on a Sunday. Just recently the Church of Scotland has announced its first digital minister ...with the remit to attract people who may never have set foot in a real world church but feel a God-shaped blank and are seeking spiritual fulfilment on-line. Our concept of what it means to be a church member may have to change. A challenge ... and an opportunity? Sarah Donaldson

FROM THE ARCHIVES

John Peacock our church archivist has been researching aspects of our church and has written a series of articles which will be in The Sign over the next few months.

Know your church 2

St Cuthbert who was born c 634 became a monk in the monastery of Old Melrose at a time when three different traditions brought challenges to the Church. Christianity first came to Britain during the Roman occupation. Hadrian's Wall proved no barrier to the early missionaries and by the end of the 5th century Christianity was well established in the Lothians as well as central and southern Scotland. St Mungo (also known as St Kentigern) and St Serf were two of the early missionaries who established churches. Bede, who wrote about the foundation of the English Church, had little time for the Britons and so they tend to be written out of our history.

The coming of the Angles (English) brought a powerful pagan tribe into our region. They captured Edinburgh a few years after St Cuthbert's birth. King Oswald invited monks from the Celtic Church (Iona was its chief monastery.) to set up a monastery on Lindisfarne to convert the Angles.

During the early years of the 7th century the Roman Church sent missionaries into the north seeking to convert the English. After the Synod held at Whitby, the Angles of Northumbria accepted the traditions of the Roman Church.

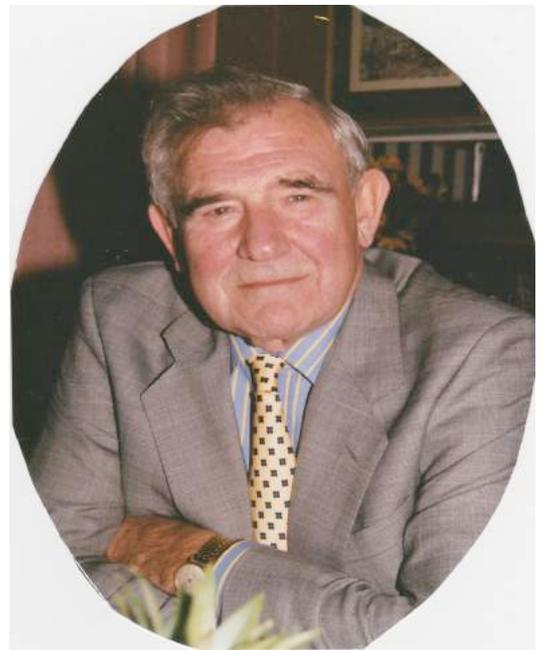
St Cuthbert became prior at Old Melrose before becoming Bishop of Lindisfarne. He retired to the isolated island of Inner Farne. However, at this time the island was far from being a lonely outpost as it was only a few miles from Bamburgh, the northern capital of Northumbria. Eoforwic (York) was the southern capital.

St Cuthbert became a popular saint long after the kingdom of Northumbria had disappeared. I was baptised in St Cuthbert's, Darlington. My College at Durham was St Cuthbert's Society and now I am a member of St Cuthbert's Colinton. His body was eventually laid to rest in Durham with the head of St Oswald. The small window in the chancel shows St Cuthbert with the head of St Oswald.

(St Oswald's Head: Look out of the next article from the archive.)

John Peacock

Stan Wilkinson (1927-2017)



Stan and Kath Wilkinson came to St. Cuthbert's in the autumn of 1967, upon return to their home city from London. Both were hugely active in St. Cuthbert's – Stan loved the challenge of fixing things (like the chandelier that was found, restored, and now hangs in the choir),

Kath the cheery welcome to new arrivals, with tea/ coffee, and helping with flowers. Both served on the Vestry. They both loved St. Cuthbert's. Sadly, Kath died in 1983, with Stan later remarrying and moving to Corstorphine, travelling back across town on Sundays to St. Cuthbert's.

In 1947, as a Post Office engineer, Stan was called up to the RAF, and served as part of the Berlin Airlift as an engineer, working on planes, fixing radios. The Airlift was the West's operation to save Berliners from starvation, caused by the post-war Soviet blockade of the city. At its peak 12,942 tons were flown in on 1,398 flights on a single day, or one every minute over a 24-hour period (and without the sophisticated Air Traffic Control systems we have today). The Berlin Airlift is still considered one of the biggest ever logistical undertakings in either war or peacetime. Once home again, Stan was a stalwart of the Berlin Airlift Association, giving talks and showing film, attending services at the National Arboretum, and the 50th anniversary festival held in Berlin. He continued life after 1949, with Post Office Telephones (now BT), and was involved in setting up communications for the North Sea oil industry in the 70s, as well as royal communications at Holyrood (we are probably not supposed to know about, or mention that!).

Always a family man, he was lucky to have been married twice, have 2 children, 2 step-children, and 9 grandchildren. A great life of 89 years, full of travel and adventures, strong family bonds, lifelong friends and interests, a killer handshake, and the world's worst collection of corny jokes.

Hilary Turnbull (Stan's daughter)

VESTRY REPORT – JANUARY

At the January Vestry meeting held 10.1.2017 the following issues were discussed:

Vestry agreed the annual review of stipends and salaries , and of hall rental charges, and the treasurer drew attention to a significant decline in income. He also outlined plans to invest in the SEC Unit Trust Scheme over the next year.

The Property Report was accepted . It was agreed to postpone work on the Choir Vestry roof until the glazed doors project had been completed and that it was not currently feasible to provide sound baffling panels in the hall.

The Rector's Warden reported that the draft job advertisement was with the Bishop and that it was hoped that it could be placed by January 20 The time scale for the advertisement and interviews was also outlined. Vestry was reminded of the need for confidentiality during the selection process and suggestions would be sought from both Vestry and members of the congregation about the interview format.

A copy of the full minutes may be found at the back of the church or from hpritchard@care4free.net

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2017 YEAR A

1st	Ash Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
		4.00pm	The St Raphael's Prayer Group
		6.30pm	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
2nd	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 5th		First Sunday of Lent	
		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evensong
8th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
		2.00pm	Service at Cairdean
		3.00pm	Service at Thorburn Manor
9th	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 12th – Second Sunday of Lent			
		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist Led by Shalom
14th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Vestry
15th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
16th	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service
17th	Friday	7.30pm	St Cuthbert's Lecture

Sunday 19th – Third Sunday of Lent			
		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
22nd	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 26th – Fourth Sunday of Lent			
		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
29th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
30th	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday

MARCH 2017 ROTA

5 March

8.30am	<i>Welcome Team</i>	Anne Smith
10.30am	<i>Welcome Team</i>	Gavin Wye *, Wendy Pearson Michael Pearson
	<i>MINISTRY OF WORD</i>	Joan Smith
	<i>Ministrants</i>	Martin Fairley, Hilary Pritchard
	<i>Reader</i>	Rosemary Yeoman
	<i>Intercession</i>	Margaret Temple
6pm	<i>Evening Service</i>	David Mackintosh

12 March

8.30am	<i>Welcome Team</i>	Jean Wood
10.30am	<i>Welcome Team</i>	Carol Tyler *, Bob Bent, Russell Philp
	<i>MINISTRY OF WORD</i>	Shalom
	<i>Ministrants</i>	Shalom
	<i>Reader</i>	Shalom
	<i>Intercession</i>	Shalom

19 March

8.30am	<i>Welcome Team</i>	Pauline McLaren
10.30am	<i>Welcome Team</i>	Hilary Pritchard *, Bob Pritchard, Linda Sneddon
	<i>MINISTRY OF WORD</i>	Martin Fairley
	<i>Ministrant</i>	Sarah Shaw
	<i>Reader</i>	Jan Shepherd
	<i>Intercession</i>	Bryan Dale

26 March8.30am *Welcome Team*

Veronica Jones

10.30am *Welcome Team*Margaret Holmes *, Robin,
Holmes, Chris Hughes*MINISTRY OF WORD* Mary McMahon*Ministrant*

Elspeth Miller

Reader

Sarah Donaldson

Intercession

Wendy Pearson

APRIL 2017 ROTA**2 April**8.30am *Welcome Team*

Anne Smith

10.30am *Welcome Team*Gavin Wye *, Wendy Pearson
Michael Pearson*MINISTRY OF WORD* Chris Davies*Ministrant*

Martin Fairley, Susan Clark,

Reader

Patricia Brignall

Intercession

Megan Emmerson

6pm

Evening Service

Roddy Clark

**READINGS FOR MARCH 2017
Year A****Wednesday 1st – Ash Wednesday**

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday 5th – **First Sunday of Lent**
First Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Second Reading Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday 12th – **Second Sunday of Lent**
First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel John 3:1-17

Sunday 19th – **Third Sunday of Lent**
First Reading Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Second Reading Romans 5:1-11
Gospel John 4:5-42

Sunday 26th – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel John 9:1-41

READINGS FOR APRIL 2017
Year A

Sunday 2nd – **Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)**
First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Second Reading Romans 8:6-11
Gospel John 11:1-45

FLOWER ARRANGERS' NEWS

Traditionally there are no flowers in church during Lent. This year Ash Wednesday is 1st March and Easter Sunday is 16 April. The church will be decorated on Saturday 15 April. If you would like to be involved, please let me know. You would be made very welcome.

Margaret Holmes 441 7394

margaret@holmesathome.co.uk

THE CHURCH GARDEN

By the time you read this you will have noticed great changes in the church garden outlook with the removal of the large Cyprus tree beside the hall and considerable surgery on some of our other trees especially those along the lane beside the Rustic Cottages.

As spring is almost upon us the garden volunteers will be restarting on Monday 13th. March at 10-00 am, and continuing on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month until the autumn.

These sessions last for 2 hours and refreshments are provided. If you feel you would benefit from some light outdoor activity in pleasant company feel free to join us.

Bryan Dale.

A BREW AND A BLETHER

**Please join us in
St Cuthbert's Church Hall,**

between 2-4 pm on Saturday 4 March

All are welcome

World Day of Prayer

This year the World Day of Prayer is on 3rd March. There will be a World Day of Prayer Service at 10.30am on Friday 3 March at St John's Colinton Mains. The Service has been prepared by the ladies of the Philippines this year and the theme is "Am I being unfair to you?" There will be refreshments after the service.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

SHALOM (In the presence of God)

We seek to provide a 'sacred space';

A space to reflect, pray;

A space to find peace, stillness and refreshment.

Shalom are leading the 10.30am Communion Service on Sunday 12th March and we look forward to sharing our chosen liturgy and readings with you.

Shalom Meets **on Saturday 25th March** in The lady Chapel at 10am. Jean Myers will offer Quiet Lenten Reflections. Coffee and Cake follows. All are welcome to join us. Wendy Pearson and Jean Myers

THE OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum meets on the First Sunday of each month

at 9.15am in the Church Hall Meeting Room.

PHOENIX GROUP

TALK by JEAN MYERS

Jean Myers will give a talk with slides on her recent very interesting cruise round Cape Horn and the southernmost part of South America and including the Falkland Islands at 2.30 pm on WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH in the Meeting Hall at Colinton Cottages Homes, Redford Road. There will be tea and biscuits with a donation of 50p per person.

All women in the congregation will be most welcome.

Julia Roberts has also kindly offered to give a talk to the group on the Alexander Technique. We hope that this will be in April.

Margaret Kieran

THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

TLMS NEWS

I have been collecting the blue boxes from you and hopefully I will be sending a sizeable amount on your behalf at the beginning of March. As you will know, there are many countries in the world where Leprosy is still a major problem. In ASK 2017 Prayer Diary there is an world map on pages 6 & 7 which illustrates where Leprosy is found today. It provides data about the new cases of Leprosy found annually and provides interesting reading.

Also in ASK 2017 are articles about people, both those who have been helped and those who give help at various hospitals and centres for rehabilitation - very interesting and informative.

Please help yourself to a copy - they are on the shelf by the Font - if you would like to read any of these articles.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Barbara Tatlock

WESTGARTH WALKERS

The dates are as undenoted. Please refer to Church Notice Board, The Sign and Pew Notes for up-to date information.

Dates for your diary:

Suggested dates:

12 March

14 May

9 July

10 September

12 November

10 December Christmas Lunch

As ever this group is open to everyone in the congregation, walkers (dogs welcome) no walkers, children. Please refer to Pew Notes, The Sign, Church notice boards for up to date information

June Bungay

Lauriston Castle Visit

Lauriston Castle wildly surpassed my expectations. With its tower keep and Jacobean style addition, it is truly one of Edinburgh's splendid treasures. It soars above eye level to culminate in a series of turrets, lengthy chimney stacks and a couple of steeply slanted roofs with other right angled similarly raked roofs.

Once one steps through the grand entrance, the view facing one is magnificent. A powerfully styled stone staircase aligned up to the hall, whilst on each side of its base, passages led to the other rooms. Adding immensely to the magnificence of this staircase are full length Rumanian red and blue wall hangings on either side. The area is full of light aided by the addition of a large window above the entrance. The first mention of a building was in 1544 when an English force under the Earl of Hertford destroyed it. He was dispatched here by Henry VIII during the "Rough Wooing" of Scotland. The original lower keep was built in 1590 by Sir Archibald Napier for his younger son. His other son was John Napier, who invented logarithms and whose tower house is the centrepiece of Napier University's campus at Holy Corner.

Lauriston was owned in turn by several colourful and interesting owners. Thomas Allan, mineralogist and banker, extended the house in 1827, adding the Jacobean style wing. He chose the Edinburgh born William Burns as architect, pioneer of the Scottish baronial style with many buildings to his name. The last of these, lived there from 1902-1926, Robert Reid and his wife. Her brother William Barton installed modern plumbing and electricity, he had his own rooms in the house, including bathroom fittings.

They were great art collectors, using a system of overseas agents and visiting auctions abroad to build a collection of art in all forms with which to fill the rooms. Involved in the cabinet making business through his firm Morison & Co in Tynecastle, with a shop on George Street, Mr Reid had a good eye for the best. There is much fine furniture of Scottish, Italian and French origin. Many of the tables and cabinets have highly patterned surfaces and graceful curves. Also filling the house are other art forms, porcelain (18th century Chinese, Delft ware) Japanese hung works, French clocks, oriental carpets and very powerful Flemish wall hangings in the dining room, portraying landscapes featuring birds and people in woods. The house is crammed with many objects, the couple loved indulging their whims in art. The objects which still excite me are the urns, bowls and vases

crafted of blue john. Looking dark at first, an urn was gloriously lit up when our guide shone a torch into it. Lauriston has an amazing number of them, 80 in all. Equal in thrills for me are the marble surfaces on much of the furniture, mainly brown, and, most eye catching, ornamental carved fireplaces.

Back to the inside architecture of the building: the oldest part, namely the tower keep, was completely changed from original 16th century to what is now seen, the outside walls are original. The tower shows design changes from the Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian periods. However the building inside predominantly has the look and influence of the Reids. I recall the walls inside, a vibrant orangey-red, the use of a patterned covering, and, in the dining room particularly, dark wooden panelling with identical wood carvings above the doors, all added by Reid.

Now to rooms which conveyed to me a particularly powerful and glorious feeling, the sitting room and next door drawing room, complex symmetrically patterned plasterwork, cornices and ceiling in the latter. On either side of the opening between them soaring grooved pillars in the classical style, conveying grandeur, rectangular and backed into the wall, neatly balanced by the same type of pillars at four corners of the drawing room. Between the rooms are doors, above which complicated and interesting plasterwork, put in by Reid.

There was the unexpected side to Lauriston Castle: a secret spiral stone staircase inside the wall of the older part, hidden behind a bookcase panel; reclaimed 17th century Dutch stained glass windows line the staircase down to the library, which was added in 1870, with a fascinating pine roof shaped like the inside of a rowing boat with a flat keel. The spiral staircase led up to a small room called the "Laird's lug" or "Prophet's room" Here the owner could retreat, or be hidden, while listening through a hole in the wall to people conversing in the room below.

Lauriston Castle, I so enjoyed you. I'll be back again! Back to reacquaint myself with such stunning items as the centrepiece in the hall – a table with many different colours of marble supported on gilded legs, and the highly ornate piano given as a gift to Mrs Reid in the drawing room.

Note on blue john: Blue john (Derbyshire spar) is a semi precious mineral formed of fluorite. It has bands which are purplish or yellowish in colour. In Britain it is found only in Blue John Cavern and Treak Cliff cavern, both at Castleton in Derbyshire. Mining of it continues on a small scale.

Roddy Clark

Vacancy Update

The closing date for applications is Friday 24 February. There has been some interest expressed. The wardens will be inviting several people to help in the important formal selection interviews which we hope will take place early in the week beginning 27 March. Please pray for all those who are willing to undertake this task, for the Vestry and for those who put themselves forward to be considered for the post of our Rector at this time.

Joan Smith, Jayne Churchill

THE SIGN Subscriptions

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Usual Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

A sung service, with sermon

Children & Young People during term-time

Mattins on occasion (see notices)

6.00pm Evensong

On the first Sunday of each month

Weekday Services

Wednesdays

10.30am Holy Communion *followed by coffee*

Thursdays

2.30pm The Thursday Service

A short Ecumenical service designed with elderly people in mind. Followed by tea.