

THE SIGN

JULY & AUGUST 2018

**St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church
Westgarth Avenue
Colinton
Edinburgh EH13 0BD**



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.

Dear Friends,

Firstly, I must thank you all for the great number of cards, flowers and telephone calls of condolence and support following the death of my mother. It wasn't in the plan when I brought her to Edinburgh to see if she would come and live here, but I was very privileged to have spent the last six weeks of her life alongside her, after being apart for so many years before that. Everyone she met obviously made a good impression, as she decided she would come to Edinburgh to live! Thank you.



Sadly, my mother's death was shortly followed by that of Revd Douglas Yeoman. Although death is some-times difficult for those left behind, I don't think Rosemary and the family will mind me saying that Douglas's death was a blessing. I've only known him this last year but recognise he was not the man you

all knew. He was lost and wanted to go home – and home he has gone. Rest in peace dear Douglas.

In the church, we have just begun our long period of 'Ordinary' Time, where the colour is green, usually associated with new life and growth. However, the word 'ordinary' here is not meaning 'common' or 'mundane'. The term comes from the word 'ordinal', which simply means counted times. (First Sunday after Pentecost etc.)

These counted Sundays began with Trinity Sunday and ends with Christ the King (the last Sunday before the beginning of Advent). It is a time where no particular aspect of the Mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness.

During this ordinary time, we are planning a full calendar of events, studies and social events. Keep your eye on the pew sheets, notice boards and The Sign to find out more.

So as the summer begins, I wish you all a happy, healthy summer and I hope the youngsters waiting for exam results manage to enjoy a summer break while they wait and I wish you good luck for your results.

Every blessing. Nicki



Revd Douglas Yeoman
13 April 1935 - 24 May 2018

Words from the Service of Thanksgiving on 9th June 2018, from daughter Barbara and wife Rosemary.

Barbara writes:

Douglas always thought of himself as "A Wee Laddie from Leith", but he was known by many names, Husband, Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad, Uncle, Great Uncle, Great Great Uncle....all these 'Greats' sum him up!

Douglas was born on 13th April 1935 to Alex and Mary at West Bowling Green Street, Leith, the youngest of 3 siblings, brother Alex and sister Sadie.

War broke out when he was 4 and his siblings were briefly evacuated to North Berwick but not him. He attended Bonnington Road primary (not knowing his future first wife, Jean was a couple of years ahead of him) and became Dux in his last year.

From the age of 10 he sang in St James' Leith. As a junior singer he was paid 2/6d, rising to 15/-. In his time there, during the sermon, the head chorister would produce a pan drop to suck, after satisfying his needs it was passed down the line, having been wiped on a not so clean hankie.

Douglas won a scholarship to The Royal High School. During his time there he learnt to play French Horn, how well we never found out! On his last day at high school his Geography teacher asked him if he had a job, his answer was No. He was told to get along to the Sun Insurance office and report to the manager.

The manager seemed more interested in him being in St James' choir and the Boys Brigade. Douglas later found out that the manager was on the vestry at the Cathedral.

At the age of 18, Douglas was called up for National Service, and was put in for the RAF instead of Army as someone at the employment office was coincidentally on the vestry at the Cathedral! He enjoyed his time in the RAF, especially the night training flights at Leuchars and still wore his watch with the dial on the inside of his wrist to the end.

Douglas was also involved in the Silver Bell Players and amateur dramatic society.

In Oct 1954, Douglas was best man at his brother Alex wedding to Molly. In Mills & Boon style, he asked the best maid, Jean to dance and the rest was history.....marrying her in July 1959 at St Thomas' Church of Scotland Leith –now a Sikh Temple.

Graeme arrived in May 1961 and shortly after the family moved to Earlston, in the Scottish Borders. Barbara arrived in May 1965. In Nov 1968 they moved back to Edinburgh.

Whilst Jean attended St Michaels, Slateford Road, Douglas, Graeme & Barbara attended St Martin's, Gorgie Road. Douglas got stuck in, joining the choir and helping out.

It was whilst at Galashiels he considered the Priesthood, but the time wasn't right. Once at St. Martins the opportunity to become a Non Stipendiary Priest arose. In 1978 Douglas was ordained priest and continued at St Martin's until 1996.

On Father's Day '92 he baptised Shane and on Mothering Sunday '96 he baptised Rachel.

At this time he made his own bread and wine with Barbara calling him a self-sufficient priest.

He was chaplain at Gogarburn then The Royal Edinburgh with the dementia patients, describing his time there as "just hanging out", Douglas also helped out by taking services at St Andrew's & St George's in George Street.

In February 1996 The Wee Laddie from Leith came to St Cuthbert's. Family was everything to Douglas and he was very proud of all his grand-children. Shane was the first grandchild arriving in May '92, with Jonathon in October 93, Rachel in January '96, Michael April '96 and Alice July '98.

Sadly Jean died in May 2005.

Douglas was preparing for the marriage of Helen & Andy in October '05 and dealt very closely with Helen's mum Rosemary.....leading him to ask her to marry him, and during the Sunday service on August 20th '06, and he became step-dad to Helen & David and Grandad to Kaitlyn, Harris and Kyla. In December 2013 his Great Granddaughter Rosie arrived, followed by Finlay in June '15 and Niamh in November '17. A happy Family event in June '15 saw Douglas manage to walk Barbara down the aisle to marry Andy and he was able to do the blessing - making it very special for them.

Rosemary writes:

Douglas was a very good friend of mine through the church long before we were married – he visited my mum at Ashley Grange nursing home and took her home communion several times.

He was the obvious choice for someone to take Helen and Andy's marriage service. Soon after this he visited me in Redford Avenue and proposed. I remember saying 'no' to start with! I had never

reconsidered a second marriage. It took me all of two days to realise it was a 'good idea'!

We married in St. Cuthbert's on 20th August 2006 during the Sunday morning service with a very full church.

We had several holidays abroad, always taking the car and Douglas had me driving abroad for the first time.

When Kaitlyn was born in October 2007 up in Elgin, Douglas said, 'we will go up for the day – she is your first grandchild!' Kaitlyn was 19 hours old – a wonderful few hours for me. Harris was born in January 2009 and I was able to go up north to help look after Kaitlyn and to see him of course. Kyla came along in August 2010 and they are all a great joy. Douglas could then say we both had eight grand-children in total.

Sadly two and a half years after we were married, Douglas had his first stroke and then a second one a few months later. He was able to stay at home for five and a half years after that, then had to go into Cairdean House Care Home where he stayed for just over four years. Very well looked after, thanks to the nurses and carers.

On our first 'date', Douglas took me out for the day. We were to go to Berwick-on-Tweed, far enough to go without meeting anyone we knew! On the way we stopped for a coffee. When we were ready to go, Douglas reached into his back pocket, looked rather shame-faced and asked me if had I had money with me. He had forgotten his wallet!

Thank you from Rosemary Yeoman

I would like to thank so many members of St. Cuthbert's congregation for their recent support after Douglas died. For all their lovely cards, letters and words of condolence. They have been such a comfort to me and to our families, I know I speak for Barbara and Graeme also. The Thanksgiving service for Douglas was very uplifting and I thank everyone for being there. Nicki played a very big part in that, so my grateful thanks go to her. Also to Philip and the choir, including several 'extras'. People remarked that the singing was so good. I was pleased that Mary was able to write her memories and it was a joy to have Sarah back with us to read on her behalf. My thanks go to everyone.

Rosemary Yeoman

Thank you from Wendy Pearson

As I write this note of thanks, I am about to begin my last week of radiotherapy treatment and after nearly 10 months of hospital visits and health problems I must say that both Michael and I are feeling a bit weary! However, although it has been a tough year, I have been overwhelmed by the love and support we have experienced, both individually and as a family. It has been good being back at St Cuthbert's' worshipping with everyone again, but it was wonderful to receive so many cards, emails, notes of love and encouragement over the months of absence. To be reminded that I was constantly in your prayers really did transform things, so thank you very much indeed. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this journey has been the discovery that God has for me, revealed themselves even more vividly in the times of darkness and struggle. One of the verses that I returned to again and again was **Isaiah 45:3, 'I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches hidden in secret places'**....those unexpected gifts arriving through my letterbox, those special conversations had, those silences shared, those intimate home communions, the laughter and tears, those emails and text messages from St Cuthbert's' family members, from neighbours, colleagues, friends and of course my wonderful family.

With much love and thanks, Wendy (and Michael who has been my constant companion and support along the way) Wendy Pearson

John Hampton



At 90, Canon John decided that it was time for him to retire from being a working retired priest. Around the same time was also his 65th anniversary of ordination and John celebrated, preached and cut cake on the day. We thank John for his many years of support and commitment to St. Cuthbert's and wish him every blessing as he steps down from his role as Associate Priest



**There will be tea and cake
There will be talk
There will be questions**

The truth is, we are all going to die but nobody wants to say anything. GraveTalk is a chance to talk about death, think about your funeral, ask questions, air your thoughts. For people of all faiths and doubts.

**St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church Hall
Westgarth Avenue, Colinton
Saturday, August 18th 2pm - 4pm**

All Welcome



Prayer

God 's invitation to relationship

A 4 week course to give you the
tools to deepen your prayer life

St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church

Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm
29th Aug, 5, 12, 19 Sept 2018

Facilitated by

Elaine Fyfe & Juliet MacKellaig
Spiritual Directors; Epiphany Group

To participate or for more information contact
Elaine on elainefyfe@blueyonder.co.uk or 07954407985

Praying with the Heart- God's Invitation to Relationship

This course will explore some ancient Christian ways of praying in the Ignatian and Benedictine traditions. This will give you the tools to both nourish and deepen your relationship with God and help you to live reflectively. Over four evenings (which build on each other) we will explore stilling, praying with scripture, praying with your imagination and also with art. We will consider how to recognise the influence of the Holy Spirit in your day to day life to enable you to hear God's call more clearly with your heart. There will be time to experience these ways of praying, discuss how it feels to use them and share what is comfortable, all in confidence.

This course will be free and informal with refreshments provided.

The facilitators are Juliet MacKellaig and Elaine Fyfe who are trained Spiritual Directors and members of the Epiphany Group (epiphanygroup.org.uk; an ecumenical training body in Scotland for Spiritual Directors in the Ignatian Tradition).

To participate, or seek further information, please contact Elaine and book your place by August 8th.



**Sunday, September 2nd
2.00pm – 3.00pm**

Fischy Music celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and we are lucky enough to have them come to us to launch *Play Church* at St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church, Westgarth Avenue.

Edinburgh churches have designed and created a child-sized altar to help children explore their faith in a fun and unique way.

A child is dressed in a minister's robes. Another is cradling a doll in a Christening gown. A toddler is exploring the cross on the altar with his fingers: this is the play church project, inspired by children's altarscapes in Sweden, is perhaps the first of its kind in the UK, and is now touring the Edinburgh Diocese.

Come and join the fun!

**St. Cuthbert's
Scottish Episcopal Church
Colinton
9.30am**



**Last Wednesday
of the month
25 JULY
29 AUGUST**

**Join us to pray for the life, work and
witness of our church**



REMEMBERING 1918 in 2018

This year in November we plan to remember the Armistice of 1918 which ended the Great War in special ways. We are now calling on our knitters to provide a great store of poppies to be used in a display in church.

If you would like to knit some poppies a pattern will be available and there is a box for them at the back of the church. Of course you may use your own pattern too.

It would be wonderful if we could have an abundance of red poppies and there is lots of time to get knitting before October when we would like them all in the box!



VESTRY REPORT

Due to change in the timings of Vestry meetings there is no summary of the Vestry minutes this month however the full minutes will be available as usual once they have been approved at the next meeting

Full minutes are available in the folder at the back of the Church. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact: julia.roberts01@btinternet.com

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The Story of the Episcopal Church

The New Town of Edinburgh

The New Town, begun in the 1760's, attracted many of the wealthier citizens of Edinburgh. A group of Episcopalians came together to found St George's Church in York Place. The building opened for worship in 1790 but the congregation did not agree to join the Scottish Episcopal Church until 1810. Much the same happened with St John's which was set up in Rose Street during the year 1792. They became members of the Scottish Episcopal Church in 1804. Not until 1818 were they able to open their present home at the West End of Prince's Street.

The New Town continued to grow and the Episcopal Chapel (Contemporaries designated Episcopal Churches as Chapels.) of St James was opened in Broughton Place. They remained here from 1821 to 1883 when they moved to Golden Acre.

The Episcopal Church in Edinburgh attracted many of the wealthier members of society. The Lord Provost would, at times of special need, request all the churches in the city to hold collections at the door. Here is a list of the highest givers for a collection held in February 1851.

St John's Episcopal Chapel	£150	1sh	0d
St Paul's Episcopal Chapel	£145	4sh	8d
St Andrew's Church	£84		
St Stephen's Church	£59	5sh	8d
St George's Church	£59	1sh	
St Thomas's Episcopal Chapel	£52		

It has to be noted that all these churches are based in the most affluent part of the city. Much of the Old Town had by this time degenerated into a slum. The once large tenement flats had been sub-divided leading to overcrowding. Lack of toilets and a proper water supply led to high mortality rates especially among the young. Poorer members of the Episcopal congregations lived here. Mary Pyper, a blind poet, eked out a living making shirts and eating very little.

John Peacock our Archivist has been researching the history of the Scottish Episcopal Church in Edinburgh. This will be in the Sign during the next few months.

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

David danced before the Lord with all his might; (2 Samuel 6. 14)

The Psalms which we sing at the morning Eucharist are often referred to as the Psalms of David. In Jewish rabbinical tradition 'David wrote the book of Psalms with the help of ten elders'.

The psalm appointed for the first Sunday in July is Psalm 30 which concludes with the following verses:

'You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.'

Although singing the psalm to Anglican chant is a well established tradition of the Anglican Communion it is sometimes intriguing to think how our ancestors sang praises to the Lord.

In place of the psalm on 1st July we will sing instead Hymn 275 from the hymn book. Which in its verses, in particular the last, paraphrases Psalm 30 rather well. Reflecting how Jesus put this song of praise into our hearts and that 'Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing'.

Julian Jefferson

FLOWER ARRANGERS' NEWS

There are lots of spaces on the rota over the next two months. If you would like to do an arrangement, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or on a day which holds special, happy memories for you, please just add your name to the rota. If you would be happy to water the arrangements occasionally that would be very much appreciated, just drop me a note

Margaret Holmes

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2018

YEAR B

Sunday 1 July – Pentecost 6

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evensong
4 July	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
		4.00pm	The St Raphael's Prayer Group
5 July	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 8 July – Pentecost 7

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
11 July	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
		2.00pm	Service at Cairdean
		3.00pm	Service at Thorburn Manor
12 July	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 15 July – Pentecost 8

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
18 July	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
19 July	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 22 July – Mary Magdalene

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
25 July	Wednesday	9.30am	Prayer for the life, work and Witness of St. Cuthbert's
		10.30am	Holy Communion
26 July	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 29 July – Pentecost 10

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist (No Youth Alpha in July)

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2018 YEAR B

1 August Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	The St Raphael's Prayer Group
2 August Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 5 August – Pentecost 11

	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
7 August Tuesday	7.00pm	Vestry Meeting
8 August Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Service at Cairdean
	3.00pm	Service at Thorburn Manor
9 August Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service
11 August Saturday	1.00pm	Vestry Developmental Day

Sunday 12 August – Pentecost 12

	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
15 August Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
16 August Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 19 August - Pentecost 13

	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
22 August Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
23 August Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 26 August – Pentecost 14

	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Youth Alpha
29 August Wednesday	9.30am	Prayer for the life, work and Witness of St. Cuthbert's
	10.30am	Holy Communion
30 August Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

READINGS FOR JULY 2018

Year B

1 July – Pentecost 6

Reading	2 Corinthians 8.7-15
Psalm	30
Gospel	Mark 5.21-43

8 July – Pentecost 7

First Reading	Ezekiel 2.1-5
Psalm	123
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12.2-10
Gospel	Mark 6.1-13

15 July – Pentecost 8

First Reading	Amos 7.7-15
Psalm	85 8-13
Second Reading	Ephesians 1.3-14
Gospel	Mark 6.14-29

22 July – Mary Magdalene

First Reading	Judith 9.1,11-14
Psalm	42.1-7
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5.14-17
Gospel	John 20.1-3,11-18

29 July – Pentecost 10

First Reading	2 Kings 4.42-44
Psalm	145.10-19
Second Reading	Ephesians 3.14-21
Gospel	John 6.1-21

READINGS FOR AUGUST 2018

Year B

5 August – Pentecost 11

First Reading	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15
Psalm	78.23-29
Second Reading	Ephesians 4.1-16
Gospel	John 6.24-35

12 August – Pentecost 12

First Reading	1 Kings 19.4-8
Psalm	34.1-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 4.25-5.2
Gospel	John 6.35,41-51

19 August – Pentecost 13

First Reading	Proverbs 9.1-6
Psalm	34.9-14
Second Reading	Ephesians 5.15-20
Gospel	John 6.51-58

26 August – Pentecost 14

First Reading	Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18
Psalm	34.15-22
Second Reading	Ephesians 6.10-20
Gospel	John 6.56-69

2 September – Pentecost 15

First Reading	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9
Psalm	15
Second Reading	James 1.17-27
Gospel	Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

Brew And A Blether



SATURDAY 7 JULY
2pm - 4pm

Please join us in the hall for a
Strawberry Tea, a blether, and an opportunity
to meet and make new friends.

Everyone welcome



Please join us in the hall from 2-4 pm

Saturday 4 August

for

A Brew and A Blether,

a game of scrabble, or just a natter.

Everyone is most welcome

The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh



Did you know that the Diocesan Office produces a fortnightly newsletter with lots of information about what is happening around the diocese? As well as reporting on events that have happened, it also advertises forthcoming lectures, events, retreats, concerts etc.

You can see it on-line:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/publications/the-communicant/>

There is one printed copy at the back of the church. If you would like information for an event copied, please see Marie in the office.

General Synod 2018

Our thanks go to Margaret Kieran who has once again produced a most comprehensive report on Synod. This is Margaret's last Synod and we are very grateful to her for all that she has done during her time as a Lay Member at Synod

I was elected as a Diocesan Lay Member of the General Synod at the Edinburgh Spring Diocesan Synod in 2011 and in June this year I attended my 8th and last General Synod at P's and G's in York Place. The Synod Eucharist was led by the new Primus of our church, the Most Rev Mark Strange, the Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness. I had been very impressed by Bishop Mark in previous years and was pleased that he was elected as Primus last year. The offering was to support the work of the Child Poverty Action Group and Bishop Mark spoke of the very real poverty in the Episcopal school near Inverness Cathedral.

Standing Committee - Budget - Increase in Quota

The Standing Committee is the Executive Committee of the General Synod and its Convenor, Robert Gordon, spoke at Synod and in his written report to Synod on the overall financial position of the General Synod, whose main source of funding is the SEC Unit Trust Pool (UTP), about 60% of income. Income from the UTP fell in 2009 but the combination of reduction in budgets to avoid deficits and further reductions in expenditure against those budgets (and some additional unbudgeted income) has resulted in substantial surpluses on the General Fund being generated in the period from 2010 to 2017. These surpluses helped to fund the £2 million lump sum payment required to the Pension Fund in 2009 without the need to sell investments thus helping to safeguard future investment income. The surpluses have also enabled further funds to be added to the investments which has generated more income. The Standing Committee regards these resources as a significant 'War Chest' available to meet the G S's ongoing activities or to meet some contingency.

Mindful of these surpluses and the surplus now budgeted for 2018, the Committee considered the possibility of not increasing Quota for 2019 but decided that, in view of increasing deficits budgeted from 2019 arising from the planned investment in the training of future stipendiary clergy, it would not be appropriate to reduce income by freezing the amount of Quota requested from dioceses. The Committee therefore recommended an increase of 3% in line with recent practice and that future budgets assume such an annual increase.

Current Budgetary Pressures and Uncertainties

Curate Funding It is anticipated that the number of spideniary curates in training will increase over the next few years, 7 new curates being anticipated to start both in 2018 and 2019. Whilst this is welcome and important addition to the vitality and potential missionary impact of the SEC and reflects the success of the renewed emphasis on formation and training, grant funding may require in some cases to be 75% of curate stipend and related costs (rather than the traditional 50%) so as to ensure the required number of training opportunities.

Funding of Full-Time Ordinands

The S C Report also announced that it had been possible to reintroduce the option for a small number of ordinands to train on a full time basis combining their studies at the Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) with a 3 year course at a Scottish University. Currently this is funded by the SEI Training Fund but it may require support from the General Fund in the future.

Mixed Mode Training

This is a new initiative whereby ordinands training through this route will combine their studies with a placement in a charge. Such ordinands will receive a grant of approx £12,700 a year, half of which will be funded from provincial resources with the Diocese /charge funding the balance and providing housing. The Director of Mixed Mode Training, the Revd Richard Tiplady spoke later in the Synod. This initiative has been partly funded by an anonymous donation of £50,000 to be paid over 3 years. It is assumed that 3 ordinands will commence training in 2018 and every 2 years thereafter.

Faith and Order Board

Communicants' Roll and Data Protection

The Board proposed a resolution to amend Canon 41 so that the obligation on a cleric to exhibit the Communicants' Roll will only apply where the cleric is satisfied that the laws relating to data protection have not been infringed (in other words where consent has been obtained). A first reading of this resolution was passed but the point was made that the whole Canon should be looked at in the light of this legislation.

Election of Bishops

It was also agreed that that Canon 4 "Of the Election of Bishops to Vacant Sees" be revised and amended as necessary.

Administration Board - Personnel Committee

The Adoption of new and very detailed H R Policies for Clergy on Leave, Maternity, Paternity, Adoption, Parental and Shared Parental Leave, Housing, Retirement and Clergy Expenses were proposed in 5 Motions, all of which were withdrawn for further consideration after a spirited debate on the Leave Policy only and on the general status and position of Clergy. Various points were made including that the Clergy were not employees but office holders, that the Policy undermined the reality of Ministry, that the Bishop was not a Manager, that the Policy may impose unnecessary burdens on Bishops, that there was not enough emphasis on the wellbeing of Clergy, that the Policy was very negative, restrictive and mean and that the Clergy had not been consulted. The point was made that such Policy was needed for protection as well but the overwhelming view was so very against the proposals that they were all withdrawn.

Buildings Committee - Amendment to Canon 35 - First Reading

The Convenor proposed an amendment to Canon 35 to include Church Curtilages within the scope of Canon 35 so as to require Canon 35 consent before changes be made to Curtilages. It was proposed that the definition of Minor Works not requiring consent be expanded so that such changes to Curtilages would not require consent. The first reading of these amendments were passed.

Information and Communication Board - First Reading of Amendment to Canon 52 , Section 23

The I & C Board had focussed this year in carrying out the conclusions from the review carried out in 2017 of the Church's key communication tools. Sadly that had meant the decision to cease production of the Inspires magazine but there is now a new web based publication pisky.scot, which also gives an opportunity for interactive communication. The I & C Board had also concluded that in an age of very swift media communications, websites and social media, the I & C Board should be itself be dissolved in favour of the Director of Communications working directly with the Standing Committee with the Director attending meetings of the College of Bishops and the Standing Committee to report on communications. Governance in relation to Communication would fall to the Standing Committee. The above amendment deleted the requirement for there being an I & C Board. Quite a few members of Synod spoke against the proposed change. It was thought by some that I & C Board still had a useful function as it helped share information amongst the Dioceses, saved everything being too centralised and that the I & C Board could look at the bigger picture. The First Reading of the Amendment was passed just by a simple majority in each of the 3 houses, Bishops, Clergy and Laity but a two thirds majority in each house will be required for a Second Reading.

Scottish Episcopal Institute Council

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Convenor, spoke as always with passion interspersed with humour of the need to be Realistic, Informed and Obedient. He introduced Revd Richard Tiplady, Director of Mixed Mode Training, who spoke with enthusiasm about this new training mode, for which placements were going to be crucial. It was, however, an investment by a charge with payback.

Church in Society Committee

Child Poverty - Give me 5 Campaign

The Convenor, Professor David Atkinson, introduced the Rt Revd William Nolan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Galloway who addressed the Synod on Child Poverty and the Give me 5 campaign which calls on the Scottish Government to pay a £5 per week top up to child benefit.

The Rev Sarah Murray from St Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, Inverness spoke, as the Primus Bishop Mark had done of child poverty in Inverness, where in the central area 31.2% of children are in poverty (as defined). The Cathedral has organised a Holiday Hunger Club and provides school uniforms, winter jackets and bags of hope with toiletries. They also provide breakfast boxes as this seems to have a higher take up rate than the breakfast club did.

The Motion to support the Give me 5 Campaign was passed.

Motion that the Paper from the Church in Society Committee be Received

The Report to the Synod on the Work of the Church in Society Committee 2017/2018 makes very interesting reading and, as the Convenor explained, it is a basis for discussion and they are looking for feedback on the topics covered which are **Climate Change Action and Fossil Fuel Investments, Dilemmas posed by Scientific and Technical Breakthroughs in Genome Editing, Joint Work with RSPB on Creation and the Natural World, Brexit, the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, Pilgrimage and Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees.** Professor Atkinson said that his Committee would

appreciate any comments on how they could be more effective in engendering discussion of difficult issues and representing the views of the church. In the brief discussion at Synod on this Report, it was recognised that many of these topics are not easy issues, some are political on which there are different views and that communication and discussion was important, as it had been in the course of the Cascade Conversations on Equal Marriage.

In conclusion, may I say what an enriching experience and privilege it has been to attend and be part of 8 General Synods and 15 Diocesan Synods .

Margaret Kieran

VERANDAH CAFÉ : OUTREACH .

For over forty years members of this congregation have volunteered to run the café in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital in Morningside every Thursday afternoon. It is not a demanding task: we buy cakes from our local supermarkets and arrive at 1.30 to set up for opening from 2.00 to 4.00pm and serve tea, coffee and soft drinks. Our customers are patients from the wards, ex-patients who come back in to collect their medication and meet old friends, visitors and staff.

Over time we get to know our “regulars” who appreciate having a pleasant area indoors and outdoors to sit and chat, and the wards also benefit from the £10,000 a year raised by the café which is open seven afternoons a week. This money is used for a wide range of activities from buying art materials to paying for patients to be taken out on visits to the cinema or for breakfast at a local café. At Christmas each ward is given an extra payment to provide treats for those in over the holiday period. At our AGM last month one of the hospital staff spoke movingly of his gratitude for the money , explaining that virtually no funds were available from the NHS for recreational activities despite the fact that such activities contribute greatly to patient recovery.

We are now in need of more volunteers. Many of the team have volunteered for years but some are now finding they have less energy. Others have family commitments, are dealing with illness or the demands of grandchildren. Ideally we need a list of about 14 volunteers. There is no fixed rota; you sign up at the back of the church as is convenient for you. Since two people are on each week a team of 14 would mean volunteering on average just every 6 or 7 weeks. And this is not just “women’s work” : men can volunteer as well !

If we are to continue this outreach work we need help. Please think if you could volunteer once every six weeks and talk to Hilary or Julia. We usually suggest that you come along with us, see what is involved and then decide whether this is for you. Hilary Pritchard, Julia Roberts

Christian Aid

A huge Thank You to all who collected during Christian Aid Week and to all who gave so generously. We raised just over **£7,500**, and that doesn't include the Gift Aid (which is still being worked out!). We were rather worried this year about our reception at the doors, but so far I haven't heard of anyone who faced any real rudeness. On the contrary, some collectors were amazed by the readiness, sometimes even eagerness, to give!

In the March issue I said that the Colinton Christian Aid Committee had embarked on a new partnership in Ghana with GEOP (Growing Economic Opportunities for Sustainable Development Project), which is focused on providing training for people with disabilities, opening up new opportunities to generate income and move towards self-sufficiency.

First Update

Mary was born with quite severe disabilities. Life has been very hard, as her condition means she is unable to farm or fish to earn a living. She has been reliant on her parents to support her and her two children. However, with training from GEOP she has started producing liquid soap and hair products on a small scale to sell at local markets.

A Brighter Future

Mary says, "Business is gradually picking up and I have so far made some profit from the business. My dream is to have the biggest soap-selling shop in the Ellebelle district and also to have agents in nearby districts who sell my products! I have high hopes that my business will grow and make me self-reliant so I can cater well for my parents and children."

Mary is growing more independent and now wants to help her neighbours. "I would want to extend a helping hand to other people with disabilities by training them in soap-making in order to improve their living conditions."

I would like to thank the supporters for their goodwill towards the project and I urge them to continue to pray for us."

The Colinton Christian Aid Committee has promised to raise £5,000 (or as near as we can) by the end of 2019 - only 2 years! To raise funds for this partnership we're hoping to have a Gin Tasting (a first for us!) in the autumn – more information in the next Sign. If any of you have any other ideas, please let us know.

Patricia, Margaret, Wendy, Jean

SHALOM (In the presence of God)

Our usual pattern is to start with a short welcome/stilling exercise then 20 minutes of shared silence or a reading and reflection and finishing with a prayer of thanks.

Everyone is welcome to suggest new ways of exploring, sharing and praying together. It's an enriching part of the life of the church and a way of encouraging one another to grow in our spiritual lives.

You are free to come and go in silence but we often end with coffee, cake and a chat!

We seek to provide a 'sacred space';
a space to reflect, to pray;
a space to find peace, stillness and refreshment.

Our meetings are usually on the last Saturday of each month.

28 July – led by Julie Golding

We meet from 10am to 11am in the Lady Chapel –

Contact Jean Myers for further details

THE OPEN FORUM

July 1 Origins of the Creeds Facilitator David Ferro

August 12 The Creeds in Today's World Facilitators Jean and
George Haskell

NB By general consensus it was agreed to move the meetings to the second Sunday in the month. All the meetings apart from the July one will therefore take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month

Wendy Stewart

PHOENIX GROUP

Our next gathering will be LUNCH at the Spylaw Tavern in Colinton on Wednesday 8 AUGUST at 12 30 pm. Please let Jean Myers, Margaret Temple or me know if you would like come along and also if you would like a lift.

We will require to pre-order by Sunday 5 August.

Margaret Kieran

THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

TLMS NEWS

I have sent a cheque for £160 to TLMS . This is the total I have collected from the Blue Tubs given in over the last few weeks.

Thank you very much for these contributions, which will be used to help people suffering from Leprosy wherever they are.

Please continue to fill your Blue Tubs over the summer and hand them in when they are full. All your loose change adds up; so please pop your coins, whatever their denomination, into the tubs as and when you have any.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Barbara Tatlock



*Come and join us for an afternoon of gentle exercise,
fresh air, company, chat and a cuppa.*

Linked Arm Walk

Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 2pm

The short walk begins at Colinton Cottage Homes on
Thorburn Road and goes round the block.

Thorburn Road to Redford Drive, to Westgarth Avenue, to Colinton Road
and back to Thorburn Road.

Refreshments to follow at the Cottage Homes Hall.

Bring a friend or come and make a new one.

Walk at your own pace. All welcome.

Please phone 0131 441 2232 for further details.

Moira Shirreff – Pastoral Care Worker – Colinton Parish Church



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Personal Information Forms

If you have not yet completed a form please get in touch with Joan Smith or the Church Administrator. It is important that we have up to date details about you and your preferences.

People's Warden

The Election of People's warden will be after the 1030 service on Sunday 15 July. A nomination sheet is available at the back of the church

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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

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.

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