

ST CUTHBERT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH COLINTON

THE SIGN

APRIL 2018

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

March has certainly been a very busy month, which began with a battle with 'the beast from the East' as I fought the weather and the clock to get to Aberdeen for the consecration of a dear friend, Revd Anne Dyer. Bishop Anne is the first female bishop in the Scottish Episcopal Church and it was an honour to have been there.

Lent services and studies have continued through the month, with Morning Prayer, Mission Shaped Intro, reflective evening services and the new monthly prayer meeting, where we pray specifically for the life, work and witness of St. Cuthbert's. Many thanks to all those who have participated and those who volunteered to lead. Don't forget that monthly prayer for St. Cuthbert's continues, so please join us when you can on the last Wednesday of each month at 9.30am.

Sadly, through the winter, we have experienced a number of funerals at the church, of members and neighbours. I would like to thank the choir for making every effort to provide a choir for these funerals, as it certainly helps me lead the service. Sometimes mourners are unable to sing through their grief, or they do not know the hymns. Having the choir present takes the pressure off me to sing alone and is also a wonderful example of witnessing God's love to all.

It was with great joy we welcomed Oliver to be baptised on March 11th. It was lovely to see so many of his family and friends with us and we look forward to watching Oliver grow, as he continues to worship with us when he and his mum can. I am sure 'big cousin' Cora will enjoy showing him the ropes.

Keeping it in the family, you will read later about grandad, Donald Mackintosh, who, along with Mary Moffett, was awarded the St. Cuthbert Award from Bishop John when he was with us on March 18th for a Celebration of Lay Ministry. Although the snow kept some people away, it was a wonderful, Spirit filled service, where all in authorised Lay Ministry were recognised and commissioned.

Easter is approaching rapidly and after forty days in the wilderness, journeying to Golgotha with the knowledge that we will be celebrating the risen Christ on April 1st has been quite a roller coaster. Uncertainty, tiredness, loneliness, pain, doubt – all parts of Jesus' journey and also a part of mine – what about you? But the Good News is Christ is Risen (He is risen indeed. Alleluia!) and we live our lives with that certainty and that joy, so make sure you share it with your family, your friends and your neighbours.

One year, just before the Dawn Service at 5.30am, I had gone onto Facebook, excited about the day ahead and wrote, 'Chris is risen' and my brother-in-law replied, 'lucky Chris!' I'll make sure I get it right this year!

Wishing you and all those you love, Easter blessings.
Nicki

An introduction from Marie Neil, Church Administrator:

I am delighted to be joining you in April, in the position of Church Administrator.

I live locally with my family, having moved to Edinburgh 11 years ago when a change in my husband's job brought us here from Aberdeen. My own career, after attending University in Dundee, has taken me to a variety of positions, from council, education and corporate offices to 5-star hotels, experiencing a great change in administration and systems over the past 30 years.

I am familiar with St Cuthbert's Church Hall, as my youngest daughter dances there every week - she has even performed at two of the 'Brew and Blether' gatherings! I am, however, looking forward to learning more about the life of both St Cuthbert's Colinton, and of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and to providing administrative support to Nicki and other church team members in this new and exciting role.

I can't wait to get started and hope to meet many of you in due course.

Marie Neil

Have you heard about The Big Day, happening at St Mary's Cathedral on 28th April?



Everybody from any church across the Diocese is invited to come and join in a great celebration of our shared life and faith. The Big Day is an exciting opportunity for all people and congregations to get together. It's a chance to

learn from each other and rejoice in who we are as God's family and in the good news we are called to share.

With refreshments from 10am, the event starts at 10:30am and for a few hours the Cathedral will become a glorious all-age extravaganza of worship, prayer, workshops, lunch, Eucharist and a hub of resources, all finishing by 2.30pm.

- Be part of the creative all-age Eucharist featuring Fischy Music
- Browse round the stalls and experience something of the work and mission of different churches
- Spend some time in the presence of God in the multi-sensory prayer zone
- Join one of the workshops for training, ideas and stories on a wide variety of topics to inspire and equip us for living and sharing our faith
- Visit the exhibition hub to discover and talk with diverse charities and organisations offering support and resources for your discipleship and your church community
- Make the most of the all-age activities and stalls, such as Pray and Play
- Younger children are welcome and a crèche is available during the workshops

With a massive choice of workshops exploring things such as contemplative prayer, dementia-friendly churches, Godly play, Fischy Music, messy church, and mindfulness, there is sure to be something for everyone at this joyful occasion.

Discover the extraordinary variety of our churches through the stalls each congregation has been asked to create and run, showcasing one aspect of their life and mission.

Please join others from St. Cuthbert's celebrate life in Edinburgh Diocese. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, as numbers are needed for lunch. Any queries please speak with Cliff Dalley, People's Warden, or Nicki.

St. Cuthbert's Awards

Bishop John attended St Cuthbert's on Sunday 18 March to celebrate Lay Ministry here. As part of this he presented St.Cuthbert's Awards to Donald Mackintosh and Mary Moffett in recognition of their long service and the contribution they have made to our community.

Donald Mackintosh

Donald joined the choir as a boy at St Cuthbert's 70 years ago. He has continued to sing regularly and faithfully since then.

He is also a talented pianist and learned to play the organ. Until recently he was one of a team of organists on duty on Sundays and has played for the Thursday service since it began 20 years ago and continues to do this. He willingly plays the piano for special events and especially in recent years he has played at special afternoon teas and at the monthly Brew and Blether. For many years he has organised the entertainment and performed at the Burns Supper.

When St Cuthbert's made the decision not to have a Director of Music Donald took over the role of organising the choir, organists and music. Through the time of 4 Rectors he has liaised with the organists and planned the music, with an extensive knowledge of the church music library he ensured that every week there were anthems for the choir to sing. He has been closely involved with choosing hymns in the Hymn Group and preparing for special occasions, the festivals of the church, Nine Lessons and Carols and Advent Carols, Good Friday, Remembrance Sunday, Songs of Praise, Weddings and Funerals - and much else. He has taken his turn at choir practice and shared many social events with the choir.

Donald retired from his organising duties at the end of January on his 80th birthday. He continues to sing in the choir and play the organ and the piano for us.

Donald has given exceptional and faithful service for 70 years and is well deserving of thanks and recognition.

Mary Moffett

During the incumbency of Malcolm Goldsmith, the church became very aware of the growing need to provide additional support of the increasing numbers of the elderly both in the congregation and in the wider community. It was decided that St Cuthbert's should develop this work in a number of different ways and in particular to appoint someone to help with this work. We were truly fortunate to be able to bring Mary Moffett into this role. Mary already had an interest in Faith in Older People and she, with Malcolm, and then subsequent Rectors developed a special role at St Cuthbert's. The Wednesday Eucharist already was in place but Mary was key in the development of the Ecumenical Thursday Service, which was innovative and gives an opportunity not only for reflective worship but also the social contact of tea and chat. Mary has over the years conducted many of these services herself but also encouraged others to participate. Mary has since become involved with the monthly services in local care homes. She also participates in the St Raphael Prayer group.

One of her main roles is in pastoral visiting. In liaison with now 5 different Rectors Mary maintains a programme of visiting the elderly in their own homes and those in care. Her special gift is understanding the needs of the individuals and using that knowledge in her visits and in her ministry. She is part of the Pastoral Care group at St Cuthbert's which reviews and monitors care.

Mary has been our Support Worker for the Elderly for twenty years. She has made this role a particular feature of the work at St Cuthbert's and she has been a ground breaking and innovative worker with the older members of our community.

This is all done while Mary maintains her links with and contribution to the congregation of St Columba's.

For all that she has done to develop work with the elderly at St Cuthbert's and her ongoing concern for the faith of older people Mary is a deserving candidate for the St Cuthbert's Award and the recognition that will give to all that she has done.

From the Archivist 3

The Story of the Episcopal Church

The Seventeenth Century

In 1633 Charles I decided to create the Diocese of Edinburgh. Prior to that the Lothians had been part of the Diocese of St Andrew's. St Giles became a cathedral and the king ordered the partitions, which divided the building into three separate churches, to be removed. Without our modern sound systems it would have been extremely difficult for a preacher to project his voice over such distances in a long sermon.

Opposition to the king's changes (the introduction of a new Scottish prayer book) led to the famous 1637 Riot and the drawing up of the National Covenant which was signed at Greyfriars. Supporters of this Covenant are not to be confused with the later Covenanters. Since Charles had neither the soldiers nor the money to fight a war with the Scots the supporters of the National Covenant (Presbyterians) took control of Scotland. William Ogston, vicar of Colinton, was removed because he would not sign the Covenant.

After the failure of an 'Engagement' between a group of leading Presbyterians led by the Duke of Hamilton, a more extreme party took over. These were known as the Whigamores. They purged moderate Presbyterians from all official posts. However, their short reign ended when the English army under Cromwell won the battle of Dunbar in 1650. Scotland was now ruled by religious groups known in England as the Independent and in Scotland as the Sects. (Some of these sects were later to form the Baptist and Congregationalist Churches.) Both the Presbyterians and the Episcopalians preferred well-structured services and a proper form of church government. With the English army in charge and soldiers billeted in the city there was little either side could do.

1660 saw the Restoration of Charles II and the Episcopal Church was established as the national Church. Dissension was not tolerated. Secret meetings (called Conventicles) by followers of the Presbyterians were sought out. Anyone found worshipping would face arrest and imprisonment. The bishopric of Edinburgh was restored and St Giles once again became a cathedral.

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.

VESTRY REPORT

February 2018 Vestry

- Joan distributed a letter and form to be used for updating the membership booklet and requested feedback.
- Martin reminded Vestry that we should have regular fire alarm tests and that we need to arrange a fire drill for a congregation evacuation.
- Vestry confirmed that they had received and approved the accounts for the 3 months to December 2017.
- The Treasurer informed Vestry that he could register the Church as a chosen charity with Amazon so that Church members can buy from Amazon through a designated link and 0.5% will go to Church funds. Also, to celebrate 130 years in business, Ecclesiastical insurance will give £130 to St Cuthbert's when new customers take out insurance with them.
- The Treasurer presented the proposed stipends for 2018 and Hall rental rates from 1/9/2018, which the Vestry approved. The stipends have increased by 2% from 2017 to meet the new SEC minimum stipend rate.
- Vestry discussed the property report and approved a list of requests to be made to the property committee, which included asking David Willis to create a programme of work for the new church doors.
- As required, there is to be a tendering process for an Architect to carry out the Quinquennial Survey and Report (QSR) during autumn, 2018.
- Nicki commented on the success of the Vestry Training day.
- Vestry agreed to trial Vestry meetings at approx. 6-week intervals.
- Christine Barkley, a 3rd year student from Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) will be starting her time at St Cuthbert's in September.
- The Vestry gave their permission for Nicki to attend Army Cadet camp between 23rd July and 3rd August and a Leadership Conference in London, in May.
- The Rector has 3 weddings and 2 baptisms booked for later in the year.

The full minutes are available in the folder at the back of the Church.

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

Sing unto the Lord a new Song (Ps 96).

Being given the responsibility for the music at St Cuthbert's is quite a daunting task. You may wonder what I actually do?!! The simple answer is to choose music in the hope that it enhances, compliments and reflects the readings/ theme for that particular service and facilitates worship. As the Revd Richard Coles has said: "Music is absolutely fundamental to worship for me. It's a medium of connectivity; it connects the horizontal axis of who we are, to the vertical axis of how we relate to God. Music is the means that achieves that" The anthems, hymns and voluntaries should I hope deliver this goal. The psalmist encourages us to sing a new song to the Lord, 'For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised'. New hymns are chosen occasionally as they are pertinent to the readings that Sunday. There is nothing better than singing familiar hymns. The old favourites can, however, on occasion become too familiar. How often do we take a step back and consider what we are actually singing? Singing new hymns forces us to look and reflect on the 'unfamiliar' words and hopefully enable further reflection on the day's readings.

Pentecost / Whitsun is when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Sp[irit]. 'I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.'" What better way than to celebrate with a Songs of Praise? Please tell us your favourite modern hymn which we will then sing at our Pentecost Songs of Praise on Sunday 20 May at 6pm. If you could include a few words of why you have chosen the particular hymn that would be great. Could you please nominate your favourite modern hymn to Joan Smith by Sunday 6 May.

Julian Jefferson

FLOWER ARRANGERS' NEWS

APRIL FLOWERS

I am sure that you will agree that the church looked beautiful on Easter Sunday. Hopefully most of the displays will still be flourishing for the following two Sundays, 8 and 15 April.

After that the rota is almost empty. Please consider adding your name, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or on a date of specific significance to you.

22 April Volunteer required

29 April " "

6 May " "

**CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2018
YEAR B**

Sunday 1st – Easter Sunday

		7.00am	Dawn Service
		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
4 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
		4.00pm	The St Raphael's Prayer Group
5 th	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 8th – Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 15th – Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Easter

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
24 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Vestry
25 th	Wednesday	9.30am	Prayer for the life, work and witness of St. Cuthbert's
		10.30am	Holy Communion
26 th	Thursday	2.30pm	The Thursday Service

Sunday 29th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

		8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30 – 8.30pm	Youth Alpha in the Rectory

READINGS FOR APRIL 2018

Sunday 1st – Easter

First Reading Acts 10. 34-43
Gospel John 20. 1-18

Sunday 8th – Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 4.:32-35
Psalm 133
Second Reading 1 John 1.1-2.2
Gospel John 20:19-31

Sunday 15th - Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 3.12-19
Psalm 4
Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7
Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24
Gospel John 10:11-18

Sunday 29th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21
Gospel John 15:1-8

READINGS FOR MAY 2018

Sunday 6th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel John 15:9-17

St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church Colinton



9.30am
Last Wednesday
of the month
25 April

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

Brew & A Blether

Please join us in the hall for a cup of tea, a piece of cake, a natter, an opportunity to meet new people and to make new friends.

Everyone most welcome in the hall from 2 -4 pm on the first Saturday of each month.

Our next meeting is Saturday 7 April.

Diocesan Synod

Nicki McNelly, our Rector, Vivien Bremner, our Alternate Lay Representative, and Margaret Kieran, as a Lay Member of the General Synod, all attended the Edinburgh Diocesan Synod held in Edinburgh on Saturday 17 March. We were fortunate to have Bishop John with us at our 10 30 service the next day when he made reference to his address to the Synod.

Bishop's Address. Bishop John began by referring to R S Thomas's poem "The Bright Field" and said that we often fail to take notice of the present when God is revealed and that Lent was a gift, an invitation to spend time in the holiness of the present moment. Synods were also an opportunity to turn aside and to set our priorities as a Diocese and to consider what it means to be a follower of Christ. He then mentioned The Big Day on 28 April.

He went on to say that the question was how the pearl of great price could be sought in our time and that this is what our congregations are doing, working out for each baptised person what it means to be part of God's people and to love and serve the Lord. We are called to serve the neediest people. Bishop John then asked us all to support the important and valuable work of the charities in his Lent Appeal.

Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Kren Reid, the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society International Director of Fundraising, spoke and showed a short video about the Society's work in Malawi which focuses on palliative care. There was often not enough food for treatment to be effective, if indeed any treatment was available. Their main aim was to ensure that patients did not die in pain and hunger.

Kathryn Dawson of the Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre spoke of their work. The Centre offers free and confidential emotional and practical support, information and advocacy to women, all members of the trans community, non-binary people and young people aged 12-18 in Edinburgh, East and Midlothian who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives. They also work to change attitudes to gender based violence and to improve services for survivors. Their prevention project offers free sexual violence prevention education to 11-25 year olds in schools and other youth settings. They also run training courses for workers.

Reflections on the Readings on St Patrick's Day

Bishop John went on to reflect on the readings for the day. Others had laboured and we have entered into their labour and may reap the good harvest of others' work. As we harvest so we must plant. He ended by saying that God persists in choosing us, his power made perfect in our weakness. In spite of our brokenness, God's light shines.

Mission & Ministry

The Convenor of the Diocesan Mission & Ministry Committee (DMMC) Revd Ruth Green, introduced this section by saying what a wide area was covered by the DMMC including Continuing Ministerial Development, Mission and the St Hilda's Fund. The main focus of their work in 2017 was the work of the Bishop's Enabler of Mission, Revd Annie Naish.

Projects and Initiatives

Centre of Mission - Borders

Annie Naish spoke enthusiastically about the establishment of a new Centre of Mission in Borders created by a partnership amongst the Diocese, 3 individual charges (St Peter's in Galashiels, St John's in Selkirk and St Cuthbert's in Hawick) and the Church Army. The plan is to appoint both a priest and an evangelist to work with all 3 churches, enabling the congregations to reach out to their communities in new ways. Karen Ellis, the Lay Rep from St Peter's and also part of their shared leadership team, said there had been no negative feedback so far. Her church had been 3 years without a Rector and they had had no response to their advertising for a part-time Rector. They hope to engage with the wider community and meet people where they are. It was not about getting people into church. She and Annie asked us all to support the project with prayer.

Mixed Mode Training Placements

The Revd Richard Tiplady, who has recently been appointed as Director of Mixed Mode Training for the Scottish Episcopal Institute, spoke about this new training pathway, whereby students would have 3 full days of study per week but would also be on placements right throughout their course. Such students will be paid 50% of what is paid to curates and accommodation will be provided, the costs being split between the Diocese and the individual charges. Such students will take a new course on Evangelism. Richard said it could be thought of as an investment with payback. It is hoped that suitable students will be matched up with charges in June.

The St Hilda's Fund

It was explained that there were 3 streams to this Fund for Mission :- 1- Small Grants, 2-Funding for Curates and 3-Funding for Strategic Opportunities for Mission. In the latter category money from the Fund continues to fund the work with children and carers at St Margaret's Easter Road.

The Fund also helps to support a new partnership between St Barnabas, Moredun and the Bethany Christian Trust. The Revd David Dixon, the Rector there, spoke about this new initiative which is in its early stages. A worker from Bethany will be employed a couple of days per week to work with children from vulnerable families in various ways including in the after school club and a buddy club. They are asking people what they would like. In the long term

they would like a Drop In Centre and Cafe and a Bethany Worker to help stop families becoming homeless and deal with other such problems.

Youth & Children

Claire Benton-Evans, the Diocesan Children & Young People's Officer, was, as always, impressive and enthusiastic in speaking about her work. She had produced an excellent report with photos for the Synod on the participation of delegates and leaders from our Diocese in the Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond, the weekend celebration last April at St Mary's Cathedral of 20 years of the Provincial Youth Week, a Youth Sleepover in October at St Columba's by the Castle and the 18+ Youth Event/ Christmas Party co-hosted with St Peter's Luton Place. Play Church is making its way round the Diocese and she also produces an online newsletter Youth and Children News.

At the Synod, Claire promoted again her Ladder of Participation designed to show how much young people are allowed to participate in their church worship and community. We must give young people a platform to be heard.

Other Reports/ Talks

There were also other interesting talks and topics raised including Maureen O'Neill on the important work of Faith in Older People, Annie Naish on various aspects of her work, discussion of **the Big Day on 28 April** and the Dean's Report. Annie also did a question and answer session with Mary from P's and G's on what it meant for her to be a disciple at work in the civil service and Alan from Old St Paul's whom the Bishop mentioned in his sermon on Sunday. He had been an atheist and had been led to Old St Paul's by reading Richard Holloway's "Leaving Alexandria : A Memoir of Faith and Doubt". Most importantly, however, when he got there, he made clear to someone that he still had lots of doubt and was told that he had come to the right place. This had been very important to him.

Margaret Kieran

Christian Aid Week 13 –19 May

TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER THAN THE STORMS

Marcelin and his three teenage daughters lost everything when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti. A year on, they're still living in a 2x2m concrete block. There is nowhere else. They have endured unimaginable disasters, and each one has made them poorer and more vulnerable. However, they're not just survivors; they're fighters. But they're only so strong. They won't survive the next storm without our help.

You could help by giving. You could help even more by collecting, if you can.

Many of you will already have agreed to help with the Door-to-Door Collection. **BUT, as usual(!), we still need more volunteers.**

Please get in touch with me: Patricia Brignall

SHALOM (In the presence of God)

A few changes to Shalom programme for the next couple of months.

NO MEETING – 31st March or 28th April

A group will be going to Cumbrae

3rd May to Sunday 6th for a weekend

Retreat at the Cathedral of the Isles

This will be led by Amanda Wright.

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
We meet from 10am to 11am in the Lady Chapel
Contact Jean Myers for further details

THE OPEN FORUM

The next meeting of the Open Forum will be on Sunday 8th April.

It will be a Planning meeting to decide on our programme for the future.

Stewart

Wendy

PHOENIX GROUP

Dr John Gooding's talk in February entitled "Russia : 1917 and Now" was a great success. John is such a good speaker and so very knowledgeable on his subject. He made so many interesting, insightful and fascinating points. In particular, John drew attention to the links and similarities between what happened in 1917 and thereafter and the situation in recent years.

There was too much ground to cover in one talk and we are delighted that John has agreed to give another talk entitled "RUSSIA : 1917 and NOW - Part 2" in the Church itself after tea and coffee following the 10 30 Service on SUNDAY 22 APRIL. John will give a brief summary of his first talk for those who were not there.

We have no other events planned at the moment and would welcome suggestions for future gatherings and events, at which all women in the congregation are welcome. We are also happy to organise events, like John's talks which are open to all in the congregation.

Please make any suggestions to Jean Myers, Margaret Temple or myself. Margaret Kieran

THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

TLMS NEWS

I am delighted to tell all TLMS supporters that I have sent a cheque for £450 to the TLMS office on your behalf. This sum is made up of money collected from the Blue Tubs over recent months plus several donations.

I am sure this money will be put to good use in the various clinics and hospitals where those people diagnosed with Leprosy are given treatment and help to cope with the future.

So many thanks for your wonderful efforts and support of this worthy cause.

Barbara

Tatlock

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Rescheduled World Day of Prayer Service

THURSDAY 19 APRIL at 10.30am

St Mark's RC Church

All God's Creation is Very Good!

The theme for the Suriname worship service urges us to evaluate how our actions affect our planet - one of our Lord's greatest creations.

The environmental crisis is also a crisis of global justice. God's justice always meant loving and sacrificial self-giving. We, as Christians cannot be silent. We live with the hope and belief that people have the means, and increasingly, the will to focus on justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

To recycle is to give a new use to objects, thus reducing the consumption of resources that may degrade the planet. We may use the way we do WDP activities to educate and campaign for climate justice.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

All money received goes to Suriname

The Abbey Summer School, Edinburgh

31st May - 2nd June 2018

The Abbey Summer School offers Christian teaching and nourishment to all who like to think about their faith. This year the theme is 'For Glory and For Beauty: Creativity and the Church' and the theologians and speakers will include Iwan Russell-Jones, Sharon Jebb Smith, Phil Archer, Julie Taylor, and Graham Pritz-Bennett. The course is excellent and will give you a time for spiritual guidance, a time in Scripture, theology, and prayer, a time for laughter and for music, for worship and reflection, a time to be at rest, and for interaction and discussion.

For more information and how to enrol on the course, please go to: <https://www.abbeysummerschool.com/>

Laura Ogilvie Jones

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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.

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