

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 concern for those who have been hurt by their experiences of life.

Firstly, I must confess to being a little surprised (pleasantly) to learn that I had won 3rd place in the Ecclesiastical photography competition, Parish Pixels. I took the picture as a 'joke' to send to our treasurer, telling him it was cold in the rectory that morning. The generosity of Ecclesiastical Insurance is certainly no joke, with £3000 total in prize money. It will be put to good use.



November already; a time of remembrance and AGM's. We remember all the saints that have gone before us, all the souls we have loved and lost, and everyone affected by war and conflict; praying especially for our military on Remembrance Sunday. It's obviously all a bit different this year, as we won't be in church together to remember.

All Saints will be covered with a recorded service as usual. All Souls will be a Zoom service on Monday 2nd November at 11am. Everyone who requested the Zoom invite for this

service will receive it a day or two beforehand. I have to attend a Zoom clergy conference 3rd-5th November, so Revd Margaret will be leading worship for Remembrance, recorded as usual for YouTube, which will be the recording for Remembrance Sunday. This will be further confused, as the following Wednesday is Armistice Day, but we will have marked it the week prior.

To confirm, if you wish to mark Remembrance Sunday, that will be the 4th and 8th November in church and on YouTube for the 8th.

Amongst all these 'official' remembrance days, we remember too the recently departed from St. Cuthbert's; Christopher Davies, Susan Miller and Russell Philp. Our prayers are with their families at this time.

The AGM takes place on Sunday 22nd November, which will also be very different, having to take place using Zoom. You will find more details of this later in the magazine.

A reduced telephone ministry still continues but if you find you are not receiving a call and would like one, please get in touch. Sadly, there are no visits at this time from myself or Revd Margaret.

As the weather becomes wintery and COVID appears not to want to leave us, I hope this finds you safe and well, taking all the necessary precautions.

Love and blessings.

Nicki

News from the NSM

As life under Covid19 becomes more and more unpredictable, with cases rising again and increased restrictions on our movements and activities being employed, however unwillingly, by our beleaguered political representatives, so our faith becomes significantly more important as well as being significantly challenged. Consequently our return to worshipping together again, albeit in a limited and somewhat strange way, has formed an important part of my life and hopefully been helpful to those who've been able to attend. For those unable to attend, or too nervous to do so, the weekly service booklet and online recording of the service has definitely been valuable, according to all to whom I've spoken on the phone. We owe a warm debt of gratitude to Nicki and Iain for all their work in making the services and the recordings possible.

I must admit I felt somewhat daunted by all the instructions Nicki gave me after a service I attended in early September, concerning my new duties as a priest conducting worship. I had to rush home and type up a list of everything I was to do, the priest now doing all the opening up, setting up, clearing up and closing up the church: a sensible decision. However, the list, with its very brief notes, was incredibly long! Nonetheless, by the time I took my 5th service it had become routine. I've so much enjoyed being involved in worship again, seeing people (at least their eyes!) and being able to have brief chats before or after the service. Together with the pastoral phone calls I've been continuing to make, it feels as if we're still connecting as a church family and indeed finding new ways of doing so. I'm aware that Nicki in particular, but many others too are continuing to connect with members: the bush telegraph is working well, as I discovered during Nicki's time away on holiday. Until indoor visits were banned I'd continued indoor visits, my last one being to Chris Cameron the very morning the restriction was announced!

My leisure time has changed somewhat, with no more visits to family or friends being possible or to friends, who live further afield. Consequently our landline and my mobile have become increasingly busy. As anticipated, our book group has had to abandon outdoor meetings and exchange views by email, but my Capacitar meditation/movement class, which I only managed to attend once before lockdown, has now put a movement sequence on YouTube, so I've started doing this twice a week. I've switched my attempt to learn Norwegian from Duolingo to a Teach Yourself book with free audio online, so I'm now learning phrases such as 'How are you?' rather than absurd sentences such as 'The bear is riding a bicycle!' Time seems to pass quickly, with activities such as reading, doing exercises, playing the keyboard and taking short walks. However, my favourite walk is at Yellowcraigs beach, which we drive to every other week. I love the sea and enjoy oxygen filled walks with fabulous, widespread views and I come home with photos, video clips and pieces of sea glass. I'm attaching a couple of photos to share with you all.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming weeks, and I embrace them and all those unable to attend in a warm imaginary hug.

Stay safe.

Blessings, *Margaret*.

In more normal times, the period from the beginning of September until Christmas is a busy one for the choir. Firstly, there are anthems and choral evensong music to rehearse for Harvest Festival; then comes the preparation of suitable music for All Saints Tide and Remembrance Sunday; and finally we rehearse Advent and Christmas music, culminating in the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. This year, we certainly missed the choir's contributions at Harvest Festival, and the lack of choral music will give an even stranger feel to our services as we approach Christmas. It is very hard to imagine church services during this important festival without the singing of carols.

Throughout the period of the pandemic until St Cuthbert's re-opened at the beginning of September, church choir members kept in touch with each other and their activities through a weekly newsletter, for the production of which sincere thanks go to Caroline Seville and Archie Clark. With no sign as yet as to when even a limited amount of singing can re-start, the newsletter is going to be produced again on a monthly basis, and towards Christmas, our choir members will be asked to nominate a favourite carol and to explain what it means to them. With the abundance of recordings available to us on Youtube, at least we will be able to think about and listen to carols, even if we cannot sing them.

For all choirs across the land, these are very uncertain and worrying times. I very much hope that the future for them will start to look a little less bleak, and that singing will start to be heard again in churches, schools and concert halls.

Philip Rossiter

CHRISTOPHER DAVIES

RIP

Excerpts from Benedikt Davies' Eulogy for his father, Christopher Davies

Christopher was born on November 6 1939 in a vicarage in the village of Coven in the English Midlands, the eldest of 4 children. As a young child, he befriended some German prisoners of war who were stationed at a small camp near the village, and I have been told about Christmas 1947 where some of the prisoners were invited to join the family at the Vicarage for dinner. To show their appreciation, they brought home made wooden toys for the children and it looks like from a very early age Christopher developed a fascination and respect for different cultures. One of the prisoners was a musician who ended up playing the organ in church- introducing Christopher to German baroque composers and starting his love of Classical music.

Having done well in his 11+ exams, he had the chance to go to Wolverhampton Grammar school where clearly he once again excelled in his studies and gained an entry to Durham University to study modern languages, probably at least in part influenced by his experiences as a young child.

He was looking at a career as a teacher but eventually decided to enter the business world and got the opportunity to be a graduate management trainee with Chloride batteries, based in Manchester. It was here, while visiting the German speaking club, that he met a Swiss girl who at that time was working as an au pair with an English family. His German language skills being so good, she first thought he was a German national pretending to be English! In 1968 he married Elisabeth in her native Switzerland and marriage that lasted more than 50 years.

Being Christopher's style, I remember in places like Bali and Sri Lanka, my parents striking up conversations with locals and going to small backstreet restaurants, having tea with Buddhist monks in a temple, driving about in an ancient hire car. Looking back, I can now see how he wanted us to appreciate the reality of these places and allow us to learn about the diversity of the world in which we live.

After a busy and diverse career, it would be understandable if he had chosen to relax and put his feet up a bit, maybe play a bit of golf, go on a few holidays. For Christopher, retirement didn't really mean retirement but the chance to get involved in a whole new range of opportunities and the chance to become active in the local community, something that he hadn't really done in the past.

He became involved with the church, maybe due to him being the son of a clergyman, first with St. John's in Princes Street and later here at St. Cuthbert's. He was asked to edit "The Sign" the church magazine, to which he devoted many hours. He wrote and gathered wide range of contributions, also drawing in people not normally involved in something like that. He published additional supplements around important festivals like Easter and Christmas and also a very interesting collection of experiences of the war from many different members of the congregation.

He used his talents of networking, strategy, marketing and management that he had developed over his career, and used them to grow a diverse range of clubs serving a lot of the local community. He became Chairperson FIOP (Faith In Older People) a charity founded by one of his friends, looking at the faith needs of those who struggle to access this due to their mobility issues.

He became the Chairperson of Colinton Garden club, and during his time in this role the numbers of members significantly increased, making it relevant to a much wider audience. He also had the time to play more music and do more writing including a lot of poetry. He enjoyed his fishing, joined the Midlothian Angling Association and loved going on fly fishing trips locally and also to the Highlands. He became Honorary treasurer of that club and looked to increase its appeal to others and broaden the activities it was involved in.

He was always happy to take the responsibility of an office bearer, and took a dynamic and active role in finding ways of evolving these organisations to help support them to flourish and remain for the future. He joined the Probus club where he could listen to the experiences and ideas of others as well as share his own. His community work brought a lot of people together, this was recognised by him being awarded the BEM (British Empire medal) in 2013. I think he was proud of this achievement and it was a justified reward for the many hours he gave to his local community and groups.

When his grandchildren came along, which ended up being five, he shared his love of music and would listen to them play and sing, keenly offering advice and encouragement even when he was in his hospital bed. He enjoyed helping them to play chess, making labels for the jam they had made with Nana, detangling the Christmas tree lights, and even showing them the printing machinery for the church magazine.

Unfortunately, over a decade ago, he developed Parkinson's disease. For many years it didn't really stop him doing what he wanted to do. He kept abreast with the research in his usual interested manner. However as it progressed his walking and movements became more and more limited and he ended up having more frequent and longer stays in hospital over the last few years until his death a few weeks ago. Many nurses in the hospital told me what an interesting man he was with a lot of stories to tell and how they enjoyed caring for him.

To finish I would like to share with you a section of a speech Christopher gave to a number of businessmen in 2005. He listed the qualities he thought you needed to be a successful international businessman but I think it's a lot more than that, it really captures his philosophy on life, and gives us some food for thought what we can remember him for and learn from him:

Curiosity

Belief

Enthusiasm

Respect

Tolerate Ambiguity

Willingness to learn

Teamwork

Timing

Interest in other ways of doing things

Self confidence, not arrogance

The ability to connect with others of a different culture

Not to be always right Accept other customs, languages

Accept flexibility, various ways to achieve objectives

Other people also have good ideas

You can't achieve anything on your own in a strange country

When to act and when to bide your time for the moment

BEING FOREIGN/BEING FAMILY – 2

by Bishop Bob

In chapter 2 of the Letter to the Ephesians, the author addresses Gentiles who have become Christians, and reminds them that when they were pagans they were “separate from Christ, excluded from the community of Israel, strangers to God’s covenants and the promise that goes with them”, living in “a world without hope and without God”, (Ephesians 2.¹²) but now, having become Christians, they “are no longer aliens in a foreign land, but fellow-citizens of God’s people, members of God’s household” (v.19). These Christian Gentiles who had previously known nothing of God’s gracious dispensation for his picked people are now at home with God, belonging to his family.

Similarly the First Letter of Peter is addressed to “the scattered people of God now living as aliens in” five regions of Asia Minor, and later the writer says to these people whose homeland is heaven, “I appeal to you, as aliens living in a foreign land, to avoid bodily desires which make war on the soul” (1 Peter 2.¹¹).

Our theme is prominent, too, in the series of historical examples of faith-in-action in Hebrews 11. Abraham, not seeing but anticipating what God would bring about, “settled as an alien in the land which has been promised to him... For he was looking forward to a city with firm foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11.⁹). All the heroes of the faith he mentions died, he goes on, without having received what their faith anticipated, “and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens without fixed abode on earth. Those who speak in that way show plainly that they are longing for a better country, a heavenly one. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has a city ready for them” (v.13).

This was the theme taken up by St Augustine when in 410 C.E Alaric the Goth and his army took the city of Rome and spent three days looting and burning it. The people of the Roman Empire were shocked to the core. Some said it was the old gods avenging themselves on the Empire for going Christian. St Augustine set himself, in his vast work *The City of God*, to refute that argument and to interpret the times, to relate history to the will of God, to contrast being citizens of a human state which will inevitably pass away with belonging to the eternal city of God. There are Christians today who pretend

that we can opt out of fallen society and be a purely spiritual company of believers. St Augustine was never as simplistic as that. This earthly life that human beings share is God-given and good albeit shot through with evil. Human relationships will reach their full potential only when God is universally acknowledged as giver, redeemer and perfecter of human community. So this great Bishop in Roman North Africa ministered to the need of his shocked people by helping them to get their priorities right. They belonged to the Roman Empire; yet “O God’s own people, O Body of Christ, O high-born race of foreigners on earth... you do not belong here, you belong somewhere else”. That is to say, we belong critically to, and are sometimes persecuted by, human society as it now is; but, as St Paul has put it, “We are citizens of heaven” (Philippians 3.²⁰). We have dual citizenship. But our primary loyalty is to the Kingdom of God.

The practical consequence, it seems to me, is of great importance. Every human community, from the bowling club or a young people’s party to the city and the state and the United Nations, is an imperfect and marred embodiment of the true community God has for humankind. Far from writing them all off as rotten, it is precisely the Christians, aware of the defects and perversions in human societies, who have the highest hopes for them, because we recognize them as the gift of God, imbued with immense potential for deep, supportive fellowship and joyful companionship. With the author of Hebrews, our hope of the city which God has ready for us leads us to look appreciatively at human groupings as they really are, trusting God’s transfiguring power for what he can make out of them. Meantime we are to make the best of our dual citizenship of the earthly community and the heavenly, with its paradoxical experience of often feeling foreign in the land of our birth, yet often realizing, with great joy, that to God we are family.

Dear Friends at St Cuthberts,

A huge 'thank you' to everyone for all your prayers, cards and messages of goodwill since I fell. A special thank you to Margaret Dineley for her phone call when I was in hospital. You have all been so supportive and it has been much appreciated. It may be some time before I am in church again and see you all, but again, many thanks for all your kindness.

With love and blessings,

Muriel Allan

The Sign Magazine

This issue has been sent by email to those who receive their order of service this way.

If you would like a hard copy, please contact stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Please note - the deadline for information and articles for the December/January Issue will be

Sunday 15 November

Please send to

stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Thank you!

AGM

The AGM this year is going to be conducted by Zoom. It will take place on November 22 at 2pm. The function of the AGM is quite limited. It is only to:

- Elect the required number of vestry members
- elect the Lay Representative
- appoint an Independent Examiner
- receive the report and accounts of the Vestry and Lay Representative
- deal with any competent business.

We plan this year to circulate the usual booklet detailing the work of the church which will include the Rector's report and that of the Lay Representative two weeks before the meeting. The Accounts and my comments on the Accounts will be circulated hopefully at the same time or at least the week before the AGM. Questions on the accounts can then be sent in and will be answered at the meeting explaining who has submitted the question. We will also publish in the magazine the report and also detailing any questions asked.

If anyone has any other competent business can they let me know as soon as possible. You will be sent voting forms for the election of the Vestry, Lay Representative and People's Warden. We require these forms to be returned by the 22nd and the result will be declared at the meeting. You will be unable to return the voting forms by electronic means as that would breach confidentiality rules.

If you wish to attend the meeting by Zoom can you let Marie know (stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com) and she will arrange to send out the necessary invitation.

If anyone wishes to discuss the matter further please get in touch.

Martin Fairley

FOODBANK

**Please find below an update from Angela Thomson,
Holy Trinity Church Foodbank Manager, Wester Hailes.
Patricia and I will continue to collect money for the Foodbank each month and if
you would like to make a cash donation please just give to one of us. Thank you for
your continued support, Susan Clark.**



Foodbank is going well. I have adapted several times to comply with guidelines and although the church itself isn't yet open, the Foodbank has been open every week and we continue to feed many families and individuals.

We now have a new system in place with strict covid compliance that allows clients to come into the cafe and choose their own food- details for trace and protect, no entry without masks, hand sanitising at the door as well as social distancing. This allows us the contact with people that we so missed during the months of doorstep deliveries.

I have set the cafe up with tables at different stations and a one way system that allows people to choose their food as they walk round. This has been a great success and I think it gives dignity and self esteem to people to be able to choose what they want to eat. We have also had supplies of vegetables and fresh food and many donations of bread and cakes. This has proved very popular.

I hope to continue this system when the church opens and the cafe is used again. I am working out the practicalities of moving all the food back and forward from cupboard to cafe and back again. It's a huge amount of food but I think I have the solution.

Numbers are rising steadily and with a lack of volunteers who are younger, we have been blessed to have the support of the Balerno and Currie Rotary Club even though they too are in the vulnerable bracket.

I expect as furlough ends and people no longer have the grants to help them that we will be busier still. We are also looking to provide coats for kids at school and adults who come to the foodbank for the winter and believe the Rotary club will help to provide what we need to do that.

Blessings to you and all our friends and supporters at St Cuthbert's. We appreciate your ongoing support very much.

Angela.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2020 YEAR A

**Services are in Church
(and continue on-line on our YouTube channel)**

**Please remember to book your attendance
at one of the services in Church –
by email: stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com
or telephone 07305 911986**

1	November	Sunday	10.30am	Service in Church
2	November	Monday		All Souls Service on Zoom (not in church)
4	November	Wednesday	10.30am	Remembrance Service in Church
8	November	Sunday	10.30am	Remembrance Service in Church
11	November	Wednesday	10.30am	Service in Church
15	November	Sunday	10.30am	Service in Church
18	November	Wednesday	10.30am	Service in Church
22	November	Sunday	10.30am	Service in Church
			2.00pm	AGM by 'ZOOM'
25	November	Wednesday	10.30am	Service in Church
29	November	Sunday	10.30am	Service in Church
2	December	Wednesday	10.30am	Service in Church

Welcome!

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Year A

1 November – All Saints

Revelation 7.9-17

Matthew 5.1-12

8 November – Remembrance

Job 19.21-27

1 Corinthians 15.51-57

John 6.37-40

15 November, Pentecost 24

Wisdom 6.17-20

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Matthew 25.1-13

22 November – Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1.15-23

Matthew 25.31-46

29 November – Advent 1

Isaiah 64.1-9

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

6 December – Advent 2

Isaiah 40.1-11

Mark 1.1-8

Phase 3 Worship 'at-a-glance' for the SEC: August 2020

General Instructions



Numbers are limited based on distancing.



Keep 2m physical distancing at all times in church: follow signs and markers.



Welcomers wearing face coverings will greet and direct you.



You should wear face coverings at all times.



Your attendance details will be maintained for 21 days for "Test and Protect".



Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church buildings.

During the Service



Avoid physical contact with fellow worshippers. Greet with smiles and waves only.



A welcomer will guide you to your seat. Households may sit together.



Use the printed orders of service and take them home afterwards.



No: Congregational singing: Yes: Organ, recorded music or a soloist.



No collection plate will be passed: place offerings in the plate left out.



At the end of the service leave carefully as directed by a welcomer.

Safe Holy Communion



Remain in your seat to receive Communion



Only bread will be distributed: no common cup to be shared.



The priest will wear a face mask to distribute.



Receive Communion into an open hand.



Keep your own mask on until the priest has moved away, then eat the wafer.



Request a non-contact blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion.

If you have any symptoms of Coronavirus DO NOT come to church: Self isolate, book a test and follow the “Test and Protect” instructions

Services in Church:

As numbers are very limited, booking is required to attend.

How to book:

By Email: stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com

By Telephone: 07305 911986

When to book:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am – 1pm

If there is a place available at the service requested, you will receive confirmation by email, or telephone.

If you are not booked in, you will be unable to attend.

If you would like any further details, please contact stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to a service in church.



R and R (Rest and Return) is continuing to meet weekly on zoom during Wednesday evenings at 7.15 for 7.30-8.30. As always, anyone is free to join us just once, or more often, for a time of prayerful reflection and sharing.

During Advent we will be using a book titled, 'The Art of Advent' by Jane Williams which provides a painting to, "lead you into a deeply prayerful response to all that these paintings convey to the discerning eye". There is a painting with reflections for every day between Advent and Epiphany.

Our first session will be on Wednesday 25th November.

Dr John Sentamu describes it as a "brilliant foundation for small group discussions".

The book is available online from SPCK, £9.99 so if you would like to join us, order your copy soonest.



Christmas Hampers to refugees and asylum-seekers across the city.

Last Christmas as a church, we participated in this project, purchasing some hampers as part of our congregational Christmas giving, whilst some of us helped to deliver to families nearby and purchased additional hampers. This year, you are invited to be part of this initiative if you wish, on an individual basis. Over 120 refugee families will each receive a Christmas Hamper. In addition to some goodies, the hampers contain basic items that the families need and appreciate during this time. However, whilst the hampers are incredibly useful, what matters more than the content of the hamper is the heart behind them. Receiving a gift at Christmas makes others feel cared for and loved and that is a message we would like to pass on to the refugee community through these hampers. Whilst this year the public health restrictions will make it more difficult for volunteers to spend time with the families the hampers are delivered to, we hope to be creative and still enable meaningful exchanges and new friendships to be built.

*If you would like to contribute to the cost of a hamper
please contact Wendy Pearson
by 10th November at the latest.
Thank you.*

CONTINUED FROM THE ARCHIVIST: Christianity comes to Scotland
(This is part of a series of articles which tell us about the growth of
Christianity in Scotland) Christianity in Early Britain:

Chapter 4: Scotland in the 11th Century

The land of Scotland was divided between two cultures. The north was the home of the Scots and the Picts whose language and traditions differed from their southern neighbours. Here the old Celtic religious ideals and other local customs clung on. Kings were succeeded by brothers or even remote cousins. Thus, in 1040, on the death of Duncan the throne was claimed by the husband of a distant cousin called Macbeth.

Much of central and southern Scotland had been British. In the early 7th century the English of Northumbria occupied Edinburgh and the surrounding lands. Strathclyde, the last of the British kingdoms outside Wales collapsed under the pressure from Viking raids. New traditions reflecting those of the English and later Norman lands to the south spread into Scotland.

Malcolm Canmore became king in 1057 with the help of the English Earl of Northumbria, but it was not until the arrival of Margaret and her marriage to the widowed king that an 'English Party' developed in Scotland. Margaret was the granddaughter of Edmund Ironside, the last of the English kings before the land fell to the Danish king, Canute. She probably spent much of her life in Europe.

The death of Malcolm Canmore, closely followed by that of Margaret, led to the return of a group more sympathetic to the old Celtic ways. Eventually the sons of Margaret assumed power. The youngest of these, David I, spent much of his early life in England. His sister had married Henry I and David received grants of land from his brother-in-law.

Upon his return to Scotland as king, David became a major patron of the new monastic movement which was sweeping across Europe. Many Norman knights, tenants of David in England, came north at this period. The 12th century saw a massive expansion in Scotland and the king led by example.

Chapter 5: The Importance of the Clergy

The clergy (at least the higher clergy) were really the only members of Western Society able to read and write. Until well into the 15th century most written work was produced in Latin making it very difficult for all but the educated elite.

Medieval kings (and queens) required the services of the literate clerics to write charters and other correspondence. A work like the Domesday Book, produced in 1086, surveyed the land ownership over most of England. This could not have been accomplished without the support of the literate clergy.

In Scotland, The Declaration of Arbroath was produced by the monks of that abbey. Robert the Bruce was under Papal sanctions after he had killed John Comyn in the Church of the Greyfriars in Dumfries. The Declaration expresses the determination of the people of Scotland (or those who mattered) to support Bruce and oppose English incursions.

‘It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting but for freedom.’

One difficulty facing the Scottish Church was its lack of an archbishop. This led to claims by the Archbishop of York to interfere in Scottish clerical affairs. As you can imagine, this did not go down well with the Scottish Church and the king!

The clergy had another important advantage for medieval kings. They were not allowed to marry and thus had no legitimate heirs. Grants given to individual clergy, as a reward for their services, returned to the king on their deaths. It was important, therefore, that the senior clergy were selected by the king. In Scotland the medieval church, unlike its Protestant successor, supported the Scottish monarch.

This was not true in the rest of Europe where the local clergy, supported by the Pope, demanded their rights to select the local bishop. In the late 11th and early 12th centuries, the Papacy was at its high point. The German Emperor was forced to concede to papal demands. In England, Henry II tried to bring the clergy under royal courts. (Clerics were tried in Church Courts and frequently received more lenient sentences.) The resulting murder of Archbishop Becket, originally appointed by the king to carry out his reforms, forced Henry to give way.

The medieval world was a world of monopolies. It was very important to have written rights to secure these commercial advantages. All corn had to be ground in the lord’s mill. Thus the tenants of Holyrood Abbey had to take their corn to Canonmills. One of the biggest, and most resented monopolies, was held by the burgesses of Edinburgh. Only they could trade in Leith. All goods coming into the port had to be taken to Edinburgh before they could be sold.

John Peacock



Knitted Angels:

Please bring in
(or deliver to The Rectory Porch),
any knitted Angels by **15 November** please.

Find out what we have planned for the Angels in
the December issue of 'The Sign'!

Thank You!

Caroline Daye

Christian Aid

Asha is 6 years old.

She is Rohingya from Myanmar. In August 2017 the Myanmar army launched "clearance operations" against the Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine state. They burned Asha's home and killed her mother, father and three sisters.

She now lives in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, in a camp along with over 850,000 Rohingya refugees. Conditions are incredibly difficult and children like Asha are particularly vulnerable.

She regularly visits one of Christian Aid's child-friendly spaces in the refugee camp, allowing her to learn and play and receive emotional support.

Asha is not alone. She is just one of thousands of forgotten children. Your support could help save some of these children from living with the horror of the Rohingya crisis and enable them to feel safe again.

A gift to Christian Aid is not only about taking care of children's basic needs. By giving regularly, you can help them to recover from trauma, grief and build hope for the future.

How we are helping during the Coronavirus emergency

Currently, over 850,000 Rohingya refugees live in cramped camps in Cox's Bazar district, making them very vulnerable to coronavirus.

Working together with partners, we are informing people about the risks, offering hygiene and hand-washing sessions, ensuring that health facilities in camps have triage and isolation spaces in order to receive suspected cases, and providing training to health personnel and key frontline aid workers.

Our local partners on the ground have provided food, clean water, dignity kits and shelter. But more could be done.

If you would like to donate to the Forgotten Children Appeal, you can do so at www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/rohingya-crisis-appeal or get in touch with me.

Save children like Asha and help them build a future

Patricia

The Leprosy Mission

Dear Friends,

www.leprosymission.scot

Thank you for the Blue Tubs which have found their way to me recently. This has given me an idea. If you have a Blue Tub you would like to give me and you attend one of the services in the next few weeks, please bring your tub and hand it to one of the Welcomers. It will then be kept in a safe place until I can collect it. The Tub doesn't need to be full but **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON IT.** I will let you know when I have received it. If you would like me to return the tub to you I could deliver it. If you are not attending services but would like me to collect your tub please let me know and we can arrange a suitable time. At the beginning of December I will send the accumulated donations to TLMS. The work of TLMS is ongoing and money is always needed to support the hospitals and projects TLMS is involved in.

Thank you, Barbara Tatlock.



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Services as of 2 September 2020:

Wednesday:
10.30am Eucharist

Sunday:
10.30am Eucharist

**BOTH SERVICES WILL BE THE SAME.
THE WEDNESDAY SERVICE WILL BE RECORDED FOR
YOUTUBE.**

**PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT
GUIDELINES, AND AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED,
PLEASE BOOK YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF OUR
SERVICES –**

**email: stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com or
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