

# THE SIGN

OCTOBER 2021



**ST. CUTHBERT'S  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLINTON**

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**St Cuthbert's  
Scottish Episcopal Church  
Westgarth Avenue  
Colinton  
EDINBURGH  
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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.



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**St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church Colinton**

[Front Page Photograph: Preparing for Harvest]

Dear Friends,

Things are certainly changing with speed now, as more and more people are back using the hall, services have no social distancing, and the choir is back in full swing. It is lovely to have the sung parts of the service back, even if we still have to wear masks. Better to be safe than sorry as numbers contracting covid continue to rise and new strains are found.



It was hoped that from October our Sunday service would be streamed live through our website. Sadly, there is going to be a slight delay, but we will notify you by email when we have a date and how to access it. In the meantime, you can access the Provincial services through the SEC website, where you can also download the relevant order of service. From October, we will no longer have services on YouTube.

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org>

You will see details of our services later in the magazine. When the technology is in place, it will only be the Sunday service that is streamed. Hard copies of our order of service will continue to be sent to the housebound who have no access to the internet. An electronic copy will be available on the website, and also sent by the usual weekly email.

We are rapidly approaching the AGM, so following this is information regarding the vestry and nominations needed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Love and blessings, **Nicki**

“The church has been left a legacy of £20,000 by Helen Sealey which the executors hope can be used for children and youth group and for making the church more open and accessible to all its users.”

## Is God calling you to serve on the Vestry?

This year we will have 3 vacancies on the vestry and a vacancy for People's Warden. Nomination forms can be requested from Marie, Church Administrator, and have to be completed and submitted by the AGM on November 21st. (A week in advance would be preferred please).

In an effort to clarify some misunderstanding about the Vestry and the record of minutes, please be aware that you can request a copy of the full minutes from Julia Roberts, ([julia.roberts01@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.roberts01@btinternet.com)) at any time, following their approval by Vestry. They are also available on the website and every effort is made for a shortened version to appear in The Sign the month after the vestry meeting has taken place. As Covid restrictions are lifted, a hard copy will again be available in a folder at the back of the church. Please do not take this folder away.

The Vestry has a set agenda for each meeting and the meetings take place every two months. Any topics arising between meetings are discussed using telephone or email and ratified in the following minutes. The last vestry meeting of this year is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the AGM taking place on November 21<sup>st</sup>, when the new Vestry members will be confirmed. The dates for 2022 will be issued in the December Sign.

### **Vestry Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. Finance
6. Safeguarding/Notifiable events
7. Property
8. Rector's Report
9. Date of next Meeting:
10. AOCB

You may request anything to be raised at Vestry by writing to the Secretary, Julia Roberts, and it will be discussed under correspondence.

Most Vestry members are nominated and elected by you, the church member. By doing this, you are giving your permission for those elected to make decisions on your behalf. Please take this role seriously.

While the role of the Vestry is to support the Rector in their ministry, the Vestry should also appreciate that it is not the role of the Rector to do everything. Anyone, either from within the Vestry or the general congregation can, with the approval of the Rector, take the initiative in projects, for example in social events, fundraising, charity work, awareness, outreach. This is your church, not only for worship but to use for other events and activities.

The following information is from the SEC website under Vestry Resources. If you do not use a computer and wish to have hard copies of any of the documents referred to, please contact Marie on [stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com).

## **Responsibilities of the Vestry**

### **Section 1: Introduction**

Vestries should be guided principally by:

the Code of Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church, particularly Canons 35 (OF THE STRUCTURE, FURNITURE AND MONUMENTS OF CHURCHES, AND THE DUE CARE THEREOF) & 60 (OF VESTRIES)

- the Digest of Resolutions of the General Synod
- the Constitution of the Charge
- the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Vestry Members are normally the “charity trustees” of the charity comprising the Charge and it is important that all individuals holding office in the Church are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. As such, vestry members must be eligible to serve as charity trustees and more detailed guidance on this is available from the [SEC website](#).

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator has also published its own “Guidance for Charity Trustees” which is available from the [OSCR website](#).

New Vestry members will need to sign the appropriate eligibility and Fit and Proper Person Declarations and should make themselves aware of the contents of the Charge Constitution. (Further information is available from [SEC website](#).)

Apart from any legal obligations arising under the matters referred to above, the Church expects Vestries to perform other functions which are included in the information listed below.

1. Normally, the Vestry is elected at the Annual Meeting of the Charge. This includes the election of the Lay Representative and the Alternate Lay Representative (also People’s Warden at St. Cuthbert’s). Other office bearers are normally appointed by the Vestry.
2. The Lay Representative, appointed under Canon 63, represents the congregation in the Diocesan Synod. The Alternate Lay Representative acts in the absence of the Lay Representative. Normally, they are elected at the Annual Meeting unless another meeting is called specifically for that purpose.
3. The list of office bearers requiring election or appointment by the Vestry should normally include the Secretary, Treasurer, Paying Officer, Gifts Secretary, Property Convener and Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Co-ordinator. One person may hold more

than one of these offices. Where the functions of the Paying Officer and/or Gifts Secretary are carried out by someone other than the Treasurer, they are functions delegated by the Treasurer.

4. Some of the responsibilities set out below may be, and often are, delegated to sub-committees or particular office bearers, but ultimate accountability remains with the Vestry. Powers of delegation may be limited and where there is any doubt, the advice of the Registrar of the Diocese should be sought.

## **Section 2: Responsibilities of the Vestry**

The following comprises a list of the main responsibilities which are likely to be expected of the Vestry but it should not be regarded as exhaustive.

1. Assisting and co-operating with the Clergy in matters relating to the spirituality of the congregation.
2. Ensuring that the terms of Resolution 7.6.1 of the Digest of Resolutions are implemented. The Resolution fixes the first two priorities of a Congregation to:
  - a) pay the standard stipend and allowances for its Clergy
  - b) contribute the required amount of Quota.
3. Ensuring that the good practice required by the Church in relation to the protection of children and vulnerable adults is adopted and implemented within the congregation. More information will shortly be available from the Scottish Episcopal Church website.
4. Ensuring that the Charge is aware of the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974. The full range of Health and Safety Executive (HSE) priced publications can be purchased via their website ([here](#))

The HSE has launched a website 'Health and Safety Made Simple' ([here](#)) The website is particularly helpful for small charities, many of which lack expertise on Health and Safety. The contents of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 can be obtained from the Office of Public Sector Information website ([here](#)).

5. Complying with the requirements of the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006. All organisations which offer for sale any type of food or drink must ensure that anyone handling that food, including volunteers, undergoes hygiene training.
6. Notifying the Diocesan and General Synod Office, of any changes in Office Bearers.
7. Preparing a fresh mandate for the Bank, showing any new authorised signatories. It is strongly recommended that there be more than one signatory, but the decision on how many, and who they should be in addition to the Treasurer, is for the Vestry.
8. Ensuring a proper handover of all books and records to a new office bearer.
9. Retaining for reference an up to date copy of the Code of Canons, the Digest of Resolutions of the General Synod, the Charge Constitution, correspondence with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to confirm recognition of charitable status detailing the Scottish Charity number and confirmation of Data Protection Act registration/notification, where appropriate.
10. The management of Church funds, including the raising and spending of money.
11. The approval of a **firm** budget for the next financial year and, if possible, the production of a **draft** budget for the following year.

12. The review at Vestry meetings, of the Treasurer's report and management accounts, and of any investment valuations. There should also be a periodic review of the level of giving.
13. The review at Vestry meetings of all other office bearers' reports, as necessary.
14. The approval or otherwise, of significant payments not specifically authorised in the budget, before such payment is made.
15. The timeous payment of stipend and all Clergy costs. In the case of linked Charges, these will be shared on a mutually agreed basis.
16. The approval of the Annual Accounts, and preparation of the Annual Trustees' Report for submission to the Annual Meeting comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).
17. The completion of the Annual Return and (if required) Supplementary Monitoring Return to OSCR.
18. The care, maintenance and security of the Church's property. (See Canons 35 and 60) and separate guidance for the Property Convener available from the [SEC website](#).
19. The preparation and approval for submission of all applications for grant-aid, including buildings and maintenance grants, as well as stipend support and travel grants.
20. Maintaining adequate insurance protection over all Church property, contents, fixtures and fittings, and employers and public liability.

21. Ensuring that, the requirements of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 as amended are implemented. The Fire Law guide on the general safety in places of entertainment and assembly (including Religious Worship Buildings) can be downloaded [here](#).
22. Ensuring that the *Scottish Episcopal Church Vacancy Procedures for Vestries* are followed when a vacancy arises. (A copy of these procedures and the Personnel Handbook for Stipendiary Clergy will be available from the Vestry Resources Section of the Website in due course.)
23. Ensuring compliance with the law generally in relation to Church activities.

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**A number of people have recently asked how to set up a standing order for donations – please contact [stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com) or telephone 07305 911986 for further details.**

**Thank you for your support.**



## Services at St. Cuthbert's

Beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>, our services return to:

Sunday 8.30am	Said Eucharist, no sermon
Sunday 10.30am	Sung Eucharist (First Sunday being a Family Service)
Wednesday 10.30am	Said Eucharist with hymns
First Thursday each month 2.30pm	An informal service for all

I'm afraid there is no 8.30am service on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, as I am away. There will be Sunday School at each service, apart from the Family Service and Youth Group will continue to meet at 6.30pm on the last Sunday of the month.

After Harvest, we hope to return to coffee after the services, where it used to happen. This is dependent on getting enough volunteers to run it, so please contact Audrey Naden if you can help.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Nicki

## **October News from the NSM**

This month sees another milestone in my 'late in life' priestly ministry! Having spent the last six months looking after the congregation of St. Fillan's, I'm now returning to my original Edinburgh ministry of assisting Nicki. It's lovely to be back with you, although I have 'popped up' from time to time over the last few months, enjoying services with you.

One of the great joys for me has been the restarting of the Thursday afternoon services, albeit just monthly. It's wonderful working as a team with Joan, Caroline Seville and Donald. September felt great, with 15 of us in attendance, as I led the service on the theme of creation. Hopefully we'll see more of you on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, when Joan will be leading us.

Although you'll see more of me at St. Cuthbert's, I'm not losing touch with St. Fillan's during their period of vacancy, as I'll be taking services there usually two Sundays a month. Like St. Cuthbert's, they've made me feel very welcome and I'm hoping that some of them will respond to the invitation to join us for the Thursday services and to R & R on Zoom.

Nature is still very much at the forefront of my mind as we enter autumn. As bee numbers die down, I'm undertaking massive pruning in the garden, as growth has been highly energetic this summer, more energetic than me!

I pray that the weather remains clement, so that we may all get some fresh air to help us battle the pandemic, which sadly shows no sign of going away. Take care.

***Blessings, Margaret.***

## Our Godly Play set up using the Diocesan Creation set.

“Wondering if God did it right”

—

The kids changed the order of the days around. They felt they needed the land and the trees first after light so that God could breathe!

Photo below - creating their world, which will be part of the display in the hall :)



## OUR GODLY PLAY

*Caroline*

## Music Notes:

The month of September has seen both the introduction of more singing again in our services at St Cuthbert's and a fuller choir to lead our services. We have seen the reintroduction of a sung Gloria, a short anthem during the administration of communion, and the addition of a post-communion hymn, resulting in a Sung Eucharist which is almost "back to normal". The liturgy for the season of Creationtide does not include the Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, but we will be singing these again from Harvest onwards.

The choir is delighted to be leading the singing again at our services. Singing whilst wearing a mask, however, is not a good experience, so at present we will be restricting our contributions to short and easy anthems, and will continue to omit verses from some of the hymns which we sing. For similar reasons, at present we are not going to reinstate Thursday evening rehearsals, and are meeting instead to rehearse at 9.30am every Sunday morning. As ever, we are eager to recruit new members, and so I would be pleased to hear from anyone who is able and willing to come to this pre-service rehearsal to swell our ranks. Soon, we will be preparing for an evening service which will take place on 7 November, to which families will be invited who have been bereaved during the COVID period. Shortly after that, we will be looking ahead to Advent and Christmas – hopefully, by then, we will have moved a further stage in the return to normality.



**Philip Rossiter**

# **Covid19 Restrictions for October**

(which can be amended at any time)

- Masks will continue to be worn.
- No social distancing, so you may sit anywhere.
- If you would prefer to continue to socially distance in church, please let us know when you book.
- Hymn books and reusable orders of services will be used.
- Communion will be received at the altar. Please be aware of those around you and only move forward when invited by the welcomer. Remember to keep your mask on to receive the wafer, eat it and put your mask back on to return to your seat. We continue to receive the wafer only.
- Booking is no longer required to attend. However we still have to keep a record of those attending for 21 days following, so please make sure the welcomer takes your name on arrival.

Hello,

I am so delighted to be coming to serve St Cuthbert's as Deacon from October. My time with you as a second year Ordinand from Autumn 2018 until the start of the COVID epidemic, March 2019, was such a positive experience. I cannot remember exactly when it was that I had the thought that coming to St Cuthbert's might be a very good idea; it may have been when I was prayed for by name in the prayers and felt very moved, singing with the choir on Christmas Eve, Nicki's patience in sorting me out with liturgical matters (no small task), or doing the children's talk with Thomas assisting and his excellent performance with a set of binoculars. Probably all of the above and more.....

Colinton is not an unfamiliar area to me. My family lived on Lanark Road just down from Gillespie crossroads and then in Bonaly during my teenage years. In fact, my Higher geography project involved a survey of people in Colinton Village asking what shops they felt were lacking. Coffee shops! I think that has since been rectified!

During my curacy I will be working full time at Edinburgh University where I oversee the care of animals and legal aspects of animals used in research. So mostly you will see me at weekends and occasional evenings. I am a vet by training, but it is nearly 30 years since I was in practice (a 'proper' vet as my children used to say) so I am not much use on the pet front!

For the last thirty plus years I have been a member of St Mungo's Balerno along with my husband Colin. Our girls, both now at university, grew up as part of the congregation. I was on the church staff team (part time) for many years and have been involved in leading the worship team as well as preaching and have very much enjoyed my time there. I am thankful to the many friends from St Mungo's who continue to pray for and support Colin and I - we have been very blessed by our time there. But time for change!

I am looking forward to (re)meeting you all and apologise in advance for my terrible memory for names. Thank you especially to Nicki and the Vestry for being willing to have me come on board as a curate - there is quite a lot of work involved for incumbents. I am very grateful.

It has been a long summer break which has been great, but I am ready to get started!

**Lesley Penny**



## “Pew News is YOUR News”

If you would like to share your ‘news’ with the congregation, to be printed in the pew notices, and appear on our Website, please just email:



[stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com)  
or telephone: 07305911986



*If you would like to help arrange flowers for the Harvest service or at any time during the year, please get in touch with Margaret Holmes.  
Thank you.*



# READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2021 Year B

## **29 September & 3 October – Pentecost 19**

Genesis                    2. 18-24  
Hebrews                 1. 1-4; 2. 5-12 (not for the family service)  
Mark                     10. 2-16

## **10 October – Harvest**

Deuteronomy          8. 7-18  
1 Timothy              2. 1-7  
Matthew                6. 25-33

## **17<sup>th</sup> October – Pentecost 21**

Isaiah                    53. 4-12  
Hebrews                5. 1-10  
Mark                     10. 35-45

## **24<sup>th</sup> October – Pentecost 22**

Jeremiah                31. 7-9  
Hebrews                7. 23-28  
Mark                     10. 46-52

## **31<sup>st</sup> October – All Saints**

Wisdom                 3. 1-9  
Revelation             21. 1-6a  
John                     11. 32-44



**(Readings are taken from the NRSV)**

## A New Thursday Service

Anyone who would like to share in a more informal, shorter, relaxed and engaging mid week service will be most welcome.

There will be an opportunity to enjoy the company of others and chat after the service. These services will be held on the **first Thursday** of each month.

### **Dates till Christmas:**

Thursday	October 7	2.30pm
Thursday	November 4	2.30pm
Thursday	December 2	2.30pm



## St. Raphael's Prayer Group



A small group meets each month to pray for those in need (sickness, bereavement, anxiety, carers etc.) If you would like to request prayer for someone, please contact Judith Mackintosh. Also remember to notify her when the name is to be removed. Thank you.

### **All Soul's – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30am**

We will remember all those we have loved and lost at this service. There will be a list at the back of the church for you to write the names of those you wish to be included.

### **Memorial Service - 7<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm**

We will be holding a memorial service for all our friends and family who have died during the pandemic and whose funerals were much reduced in number. If you lost someone during this time and would like them remembered at this service, please send their names to Nicki – [stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com)





***"In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
In quietness and in trust shall be your strength."  
Isaiah 30***

*"a special time of fellowship and spiritual nourishment"*

Our time together begins with social chat at 7.15pm and the session starts properly with a short time of stilling at 7.30pm.

R&R offers a gentle, welcoming, sacred space of stillness and quiet, in contrast to our busy lives. In the hour spent together, we read and reflect on a piece of scripture, share our thoughts and pray. All of this does offer an opportunity to grow into a deeper relationship with God and each other – the time passes amazingly fast!

If you feel drawn to explore or deepen your spiritual life, or just “Be”, please think of joining us. You will be most welcome and as each week stands alone, you can dip in and out as you wish.

The group is led by a team of three, all trained in Spiritual Conversation by The Epiphany Group Scotland. Take a look at the website, if you wish to find out more. [www.epiphanygroup.org.uk](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk) or contact Wendy Pearson,

wendypearson37@gmail.com



# Harvest Festival

10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Please bring donations of non-perishable foods, cleaning or hygiene products for the Trinity, Oxfams and St. Salvador's food banks. If you prefer to give a financial donation specifically for Trinity Food Bank, please pass it to Susan or Patricia.



The service will be followed by a soup and sweet lunch to celebrate our being together fully as a community following the pandemic and to welcome Revd Dr. Lesley Penny and her family, as Lesley begins her curacy with us.





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### Eco Congregation Scotland

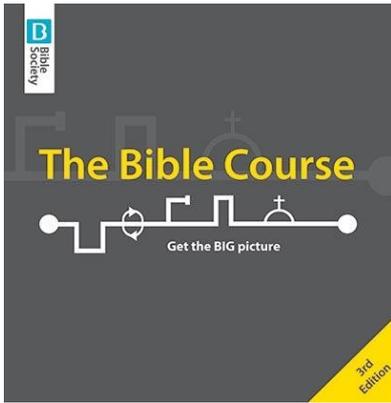
Fast Fashion - Inexpensive clothing produced quickly so that the latest trends are available almost instantly on the high street. Clothing that may not be of especially good quality and may end up being thrown away almost as quickly as it is purchased.

Low-cost fashion? Perhaps the price paid at the till is low but what about the cost to the planet? Fashion has been credited with producing about 10% of humanity's carbon footprint, employing poorly paid labour, drying up water sources (2000 gallons of water are needed to produce one pair of jeans), polluting rivers and releasing microplastics into the ocean as clothes are washed.

Second-hand clothing and swap shops are becoming a more common sight on our high streets. Textile recycling is available in many locations, yet a lot of clothing ends up in landfill.

“Clothes make a man.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Is fashion important to you?



Monday at 2pm  
for 8 weeks commencing  
11<sup>th</sup> October

## Key features

- *The Bible Course* helps you see how the books of the Bible are part of one big story
- Using a unique storyline, *The Bible Course* will show you how key events, books and characters fit together
- Video teaching, written guides, diagrams and readings will help you grow in confidence as you read the Bible for yourself

Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That's where *The Bible Course* comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a birds-eye view of the world's bestselling book.

Contact Nicki if you would like to join her on The Bible Course.

## **The Bible Course –Exploring the Big Story**

**For those of us brought up since earliest memory with Bible readings and sermons on those readings and attempts at different times to get to grips with the content it can come as a real surprise and delight suddenly to find renewed insight and inspiration and genuine enthusiasm to read more and understand more. This is what the Bible course did for me.**

**A group met on zoom over 8 weeks in the early summer following the Bible Society course. St Cuthbert's were joined by some members of the congregation at St Fillans and together we explored the Bible from the beginning to the end using video material and a handbook and of course a programme of weekly readings.**

**It was all very accessible, it was interesting throwing new light on old well known passages and themes, it placed everything in its historical context and above all it helped make sense of a long and complex book, or as we learned lots and lots of books with different purposes. It showed how the Old and New Testaments were so closely related and it encouraged us to think about not only what it meant when it was written, and who it was written for, but also what it might mean for us now.**

**I looked forward to each new week with anticipation, for the content of the "lesson" but also for the sharing in discussion. It worked very well through the medium of zoom. So – if you would like to explore the Bible and think more about what you read and hear I would thoroughly recommend this course.**

**Joan Smith**

## **From the Archivist**

### **The First Century before Christ**

The Zadukim, or Sadducees, appeared around 200 BC. They were formed from the upper classes of Jewish society – priests, aristocrats and the wealthy. They followed the Law as set out in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) but did not accept the modern interpretations. Temple sacrifice formed the centre of their worship. We know little about them as their writings did not survive the Jewish rebellions of the late first century and early second century AD.

The Pietists led the opposition to the introduction of Greek culture following the conquests of Alexander the Great. They probably provided the backbone of the army which enabled Judah Maccabee to take Jerusalem in 164 BC. It was from their ranks that the Perushim, or Pharisees, arose. The name means separated. They opposed the wars of expansion conducted by John Hrycanus and Alexander Janneus.

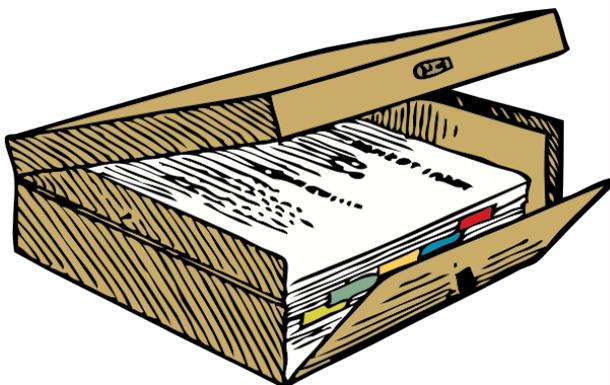
In 90 BC a civil war broke out between the Hasmonean king and the Pharisees. This cost many lives. The defeated Pharisees fled abroad where they continued their teachings. After the death of Alexander Janneus in 76 BC, his wife, Salome Alexandra, took control of the kingdom. She made peace with the Pharisees and brought them into the royal council.

At this time the royal council was known as the Synhedrion, or Sanhedrin. During the rule of the first Hasmonean kings it was dominated by the Sadducees. Under Salome Alexandra, the Sadduces were removed and a number were tried and executed by a court packed with Pharisees. One Jewish historian puts it aptly – ‘Pagans had no monopoly on the brutalizing effects of power.’ (Wanderings by Chaim Potok).

Salome Alexandra died in 67 BC and her two sons, Hyrcanus II and Aristobolus II, fought each other for control of the kingdom. This eventually allowed the Romans to interfere and Pompey and his Roman legions occupied Jerusalem in 63 BC. Much of the modern Turkey and Syria fell under Roman control. Hyrcanus II and his adviser, Antipater, were placed in charge.

When Mark Anthony took Jerusalem in 37 BC, he removed the last Hasmonean king (Antigonus Mattathias was executed) and replaced him with Antipater's son, Herod. He was an Idumean whose family may have been forced to convert to Judaism some 70 years previously.

The new king was a Roman puppet. The story of the Wise men, in Matthew's Gospel, pictures him as an unstable man, suspecting everyone of trying to remove him. During his reign, he executed three of his own sons and his favourite wife. After his death, around 4 BC, the Romans divided up his kingdom. Eventually a Roman governor was placed in control of Judea.



***"Thank you" to  
John Peacock,  
our Archivist,  
for this series of  
articles, accounting  
the history in the  
Old Testament after  
the death of Solomon.***



## New Playgroup at St. Cuthbert's

We have been given an opportunity to take over the playgroup that used to run on a Monday morning. This would be fantastic outreach to our community and young children.

Caroline Daye has agreed to take this on in her role as Children, Youth & Families worker **BUT** she will need additional help to do so.

Ideally, she would need 4 or 5 volunteers each week for welcoming people, making tea and coffee and just 'being' there for children and their adults.

If this is something you think you could help with, please contact Caroline on [youthstcuthberts@gmail.com](mailto:youthstcuthberts@gmail.com)



Let's not miss this opportunity to serve our young children and families within our community.

Thank you.

# FAMILY HALLOWE'EN LIGHT PARTY

GAMES CRAFTS

BRING A NON SCARY PUMPKIN FOR OUR PUMPKIN PARADE

COME IN FANCY DRESS (NO MASKS PLEASE!)

STORY AND TREATS BAKING

TEA/COFFEE AND HOMEBAKING FOR THE ADULTS!

OCTOBER 31, 2021, 1700-1800

AT

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH HALL,  
WESTGARTH AVENUE, COLINTON,

EH13 0BB

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CAROLINE DAYE  
YOUTHSTCUTHBERTS@GMAIL.COM

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**Can you help on the day or provide home baking?  
Please contact Caroline Daye if you can! Thank you!**



# CHRISTIAN AID

**St Andrew's and St George's Church, George Street**

## **A SALE OF PICTURES and SCOTTISH BOOKS**

**Thursday 14th October – Saturday 16th October**

**Thursday & Friday 10 am – 3 pm**

**Saturday 10 am – 12 noon**

Donations of any framed pictures (if you have any left!) and/or Scottish books will be gratefully received from Tuesday 5 October – Monday 11 October at 9 Thorburn Road, or I can collect from your house. Please phone or email me to arrange a time for drop-off or collection. [patriciabriggnall@gmail.com](mailto:patriciabriggnall@gmail.com)

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ST ANDREW'S AND ST GEORGE'S WEST CHURCH  
13 GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH

**SALE OF PICTURES & SCOTTISH BOOKS**

THURSDAY 14 to SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021  
10am - 3pm

**COFFEE MORNING**

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER  
10am - 12 noon

Enquiries to 07714 156 754

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## BANGLADESH – NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

You will probably remember that the Colinton Christian Aid Group has been involved for the past few years with a number of Community Partnerships. This is where we agree to raise a certain amount over 3 years (usually £5,000) for one particular project. The £5,000 is then match-funded usually 3:1, by the Scottish Government, Westminster Government or the EU. I am delighted to announce that we have just signed up to a new one, again £5,000 over 3 years match-funded 5:1 by the EU, thus raising in total £30,000.

The title of the project is a bit of a mouthful:

### ‘EMPOWERING LEFT-BEHIND MINORITY COMMUNITIES’,

and it may not sound terribly important in the face of the disasters of Covid, of famine, of war, which are at the forefront of so much that we hear and read.

### The Impact of Under-Representation:

Christian Aid will be working with the marginalised in 9 different areas of the 10 divisions of Bangladesh: Dhaka City, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet.

Communities who struggle to be represented at different levels of government or who experience marginalisation have fewer opportunities. They are not able to be heard when leaders are making decisions that affect them. The most marginalised in Bangladesh are the Dalits; the Plain Land Ethnic Minority; the transgender and Hijra communities. There is persistent discrimination against these communities in access to education, healthcare, housing, and employment. They also have very little legal support to help them claim their rights.



*Patricia Brignall*

**MAKE LEPROSY A THING OF THE PAST**

**Dear Friends,**

**Many thanks for the contributions I have received so far. I shall be sending a cheque for the total amount collected at the beginning of the month. Please contact me if you wish me to collect your Blue Tub/donation, or hand in at church to one of the Welcomers. With thanks, as always, for your support of the work of The Leprosy Mission.**



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**Please note - the deadline for information and articles for the November Issue will be**

**Sunday 10 October 2021**

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**Thank you!**



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*Beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>, our Services return to:*

### **Wednesday:**

10.30am Said Eucharist with Hymns

### **First Thursday of each month:**

2.30pm An informal service for all

### **Sunday:**

8.30am Said Eucharist, no sermon

10.30am Sung Eucharist

(Family Service on the First Sunday of each month)

**Booking to attend a service is no longer required, however we still have to keep a record of those attending for 21 days following, so please make sure the welcomer takes your name on arrival. Thank you.**

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