

THE SIGN

JUNE 2022



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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Westgarth Avenue
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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.

If you wish to receive Home Communion, please contact Revd Nicki McNelly – Tel: 0131 441 7580



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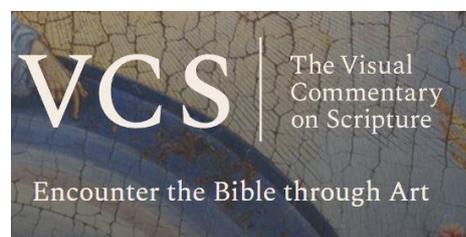
Front Page Photo – Sunday School Activity

'It takes a village to raise a child'

I have just returned from an overnight training event with my fellow SEC curates at Kinnoull Monastery in Perth. This is where all the Scottish Episcopal Institute training weekends take place in years 1 -3, apart from during COVID when our interactions were entirely virtual. Never let it be said that Zoom can replace meeting in person! It was wonderful to see people 'properly' and be together as a group again. It was also lovely to go back, not only because of the opportunity to catch up with fellow students but to be in a building that is so familiar and so welcoming. Each area looked the same and even smelt the same. I would have known I was at Kinnoull with my eyes shut, there is a beautiful smell in the entrance hall that we once obliterated by excessive use of incense during training in the fine art of swinging a thurible.



Our speaker for the two days was Dr Deborah Lewer, an art historian from the University of Glasgow. It would have to be said that my heart did not fill with joy at this prospect. I have never really seen myself as an 'arty' person and I went in expecting to endure rather than enjoy. I was wrong-it was brilliant! I learnt so much about the power of art particularly in helping us to appreciate the mystery of God as well as in helping us where words are not enough. It was inspiring! I must publicly repent of my initial reactions and recommend a website to you, The Visual Commentary on Scripture <https://thevcs.org/> . This website connects works of art with bible passages- well worth a look, it is an amazing resource.



This is not the first time in my training that I have been surprised to find myself enjoying something that did not initially seem appealing. That, I suppose, is a central part of the process of formation, as we find our preconceptions challenged or have our eyes opened to worship experiences that are outside of our experiences. This is particularly the case in the SEC where there are such wide-ranging styles of worship. Sometimes we had to let go of negative experiences to allow us to contemplate the possibility that things that we have avoided might, in the end, have much to commend them. This is not always easy but, in my experience, has been worth the effort and made easier through the support and encouragement of SEI students and staff.

There is no doubt that formation in ministry is a team effort as is the formation that the Christian faith offers to all believers. In the words of the song from High School Musical, a much-loved film when my children were young- *'We're all in this together....'* I am grateful for finding myself in a church where I feel the same sense of support and encouragement. We should never underestimate the value of this in a local church – it really makes a difference.

'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing'

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV

Wishing you all a lovely June, as gardens come into bloom, holidays are taken, and strawberries reappear in Scotmid.

God bless,

Lesley



Current Covid Regulations

Keep using Covid sense



gov.scot/coronavirus



When receiving Communion, the wafer will be dipped into the wine by the person leading the Eucharist, before passing it to you. If you would prefer to receive the wafer only, with no wine, please let the worship leader know when you come to the altar rail.

We continue to use hand gel when entering and leaving church and when coming to the altar.

We encourage you to continue to wear face coverings, unless you are exempt.

We no longer record who attends services.

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June News from the NSM

As I write this towards the end of the first half of May, I look out of the window and see the sunshine, watch the birds taking advantage of the various feeders we have put out in the garden, and feel myself being eagerly drawn into this season of spiritual joy, as we head towards Ascension Day and Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

But that's not **all** I am sensing. As a human being, and indeed, like most of us at St. Cuthbert's, a privileged human being, I am also being drawn into a season of ripeness, of birds raising young, of trees in full leaf, and of the pleasure of holidays. I returned a few days ago from a very enjoyable, exhilarating, refreshing and highly instructive, though physically somewhat demanding, week at the Aigas Field Centre in the Highlands, near Beauly. I am currently 'holding the fort' while Nicki and Ian spend a very special time in the USA to mark their respective 60th birthdays, and I am also looking forward to a cruise to Norway in early July, to experience the incredible sights and the warm hospitality of that beautiful country.

I am very grateful that our dear Lord has granted me the ability and opportunity to share in the wonders of his creation in this way, especially after the trauma of the pandemic, which has hit us all in different ways, and still continues, sadly, to affect people across the globe. But, as I bask in the warmth of recent pleasures and eagerly anticipate the pleasures to come, I am very aware of the need to use such selfish gratification to learn and act upon the lessons my experiences can show me about the negative impact we human beings can have on each other and on your wonderful creation. I will just give two examples by way of illustration.

Last week, Sir John Lister Kaye, founder and owner of the Aigas Field Centre, an active and world-renowned conservationist, told us of a horrific case the previous Bank Holiday, of canoeists in the nearby river gorge, banging their paddles and shouting out loudly in order to disturb the nesting osprey, an endangered and protected species, so that they could see them flying. Already such behaviour has seen peregrine falcons, again a protected species, and red kites, abandoning nests in the gorge. He asked us to contact various bodies (whom he has approached already) to back up the case so that protection can resume. So, I emailed them all, and most have responded, now aware of the depth of anxiety, an anxiety reflecting the loss of biodiversity across the world, a problem which, with climate change and increased pollution, is endangering our very existence on the planet.

I spoke last month about Ukraine, a beleaguered nation very much in our thoughts daily (Aigas were flying the Ukraine Flag!). As I spend money on my own pleasures, I am only too aware, that in the recent past, the people of Ukraine also had the opportunity to move about without fear and enjoy God's amazing creation, but now they struggle even to survive, and I feel it important to show my gratitude to God for my own good fortune by supporting aid organisations financially.

But now, finally, to round off my news and reflections, I will return to the season of spiritual joy I referred to at the beginning, and encourage you to join us on Thursday afternoon, 2nd June, when I will be leading a service looking at Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit as it inspired saints whose feast days occur around that time.

Love and blessings, Margaret.



**Our 10.30am Sunday Services
are live-streamed, and recorded
and are available to view on our
YouTube Channel anytime:**

**St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church Colinton
or via the Welcome Page of our Website:**

www.stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk

Thank you for collecting your used stamps and bringing them into church. Elspeth Miller has been kind enough to parcel them up for us and they have been sent away to the charity 'Canine Partners' which partners specially trained assistance dogs with people who have physical disabilities.

Please continue to save your used stamps.



June Music Notes

On Sunday 8 May, we held the first of a series of evening services, which took the form of a Songs of Praise. In all, we sang ten hymns, selected by the congregation, and the choir sang two short anthems. Each musical item was introduced by Nicki and Lesley, giving the reasons for selection, and a little background to the words and music. Thanks go to everyone who selected a hymn, to those who attended the service, and to the choir members who led the singing. Our next Sunday evening service will take the form of Evensong, and will take place on at 6pm on Sunday 12 June.

On Sunday mornings in June, the choir plans to sing the following anthems, if numbers permit:

- Sunday 5th - Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)
- Sunday 12th - Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)
- Sunday 19th - Ave verum corpus (Gounod)
- Sunday 26th - Lord, I trust thee (Handel)

As ever, the choir would welcome new members who can come to a pre-service rehearsal and sing at the 10am service. Our numbers are small, but the choir does a remarkable job in maintaining the tradition of singing an anthem at every service – there cannot be many churches nowadays that are able to do this. However, if this tradition is to continue beyond the foreseeable future, additional singers are urgently needed. I will be happy to hear from and speak to anyone who is willing and able to help, even on an occasional basis.

Philip Rossiter

BREW AND BINGO

On the wet afternoon of Saturday 30 April, we held the first of our fund-raising events in aid of church funds. From the sale of tickets for the Brew and Bingo, we were expecting 42 people to attend, which reduced on the day, for various reasons, to the mid-30s. Although most of those present had probably not played bingo before, all enjoyed the experience.

Thanks go to Georgia, our young caller, and to the committee members, who organised the event and served an excellent afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated by all. Special mention must be made of George Bungay, who encouraged local businesses to donate a good range of prizes – our thanks go to the Colinton businesses which so willingly supported the event, which raised £271 for church funds.

Other fund-raising events are planned for the future, details of which will be published in pew sheets, in future editions of *The Sign*, and announced in church.

Philip Rossiter

BREW & BINGO!



St Cuthbert's Youth

The Sunday School is currently working through the Lord's Prayer Unplugged. We are looking at one line in the Lord's Prayer each week and using different stories from the Bible to develop understanding of the words we say. We are using different images and objects to help us.

The playgroup is going really well and we are having a lot of fun with different activities. We have been doing some painting and Margaret made flower pots and gave all the children sunflowers seeds and compost. We have a lot of families coming and it is so nice to be fulfilling this need in our community. It would be lovely to have more members of the congregation to come and play and maybe share some of your interests with the children too.



It was wonderful to get together with the other youth and children's workers from the Diocese. It is a wonderful way to get together and discuss best practice and look at similar areas of work where we can support each other.

Caroline

Thursday Afternoon Service

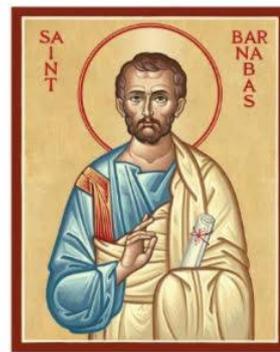
Thursday Afternoon Service

Thursday, 2nd June at 2.30pm

Please join us for this short informal service.

The theme will be:

Yes, it's Pentecost, but what about the Saints?



Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Future services:

Thursday, July 7th

Thursday, August 4th

Refreshments will be served after the service

Wednesday

10.30am

You are invited to join us
for a short service of Holy
Communion

Followed by refreshments



Dear St Cuthbert's friends,

I wanted to say how overwhelmed Dad, Wendy and I have been by all the kindness the church family have shown to us in the difficult three months before mum died and in the weeks following. We really appreciated all the visits, phone calls, letters, cards, emails, texts and hugs. We felt truly loved and supported and are so lucky to be a part of such a caring community. Some people have asked if they can see the recording of the funeral as they were unable to be there:

<https://youtu.be/fOoybF3mXgc>

With Love, Megan





JUNE 2022 ROTA

<p>June 5th Day of Pentecost Queen's Jubilee</p>	<p>Welcome: Bev & Rob Henderson, Wendy Pearson Reader & Intercessions: Youngsters</p>
<p>June 12th Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>Welcome: George & June Bungay Reader: Caroline Seville Intercessor: Sarah Donaldson</p>
<p>June 19th Pentecost 2</p>	<p>Welcome: Hilary & Bob Pritchard Reader: Hilary Pritchard Intercessor: Margaret Temple</p>
<p>June 26th Pentecost 3</p>	<p>Welcome: Christine Nimmo, Julia Roberts Reader: Julia Roberts Intercessor: Wendy Pearson</p>
<p>3rd July Pentecost 4</p>	<p>Welcome: Alice & Kay Dalley Reader & Intercessions: Youngsters</p>

READINGS FOR JUNE 2022

Year C

Readings are taken from the NRSV
(Good News Bible on the first Sunday of the month)

5th June – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-21
John 14. 8-17

12th June – Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31
Romans 5. 1-5
John 16. 12-15

19th June – Pentecost 2

Isaiah 65. 1-9
Galatians 3. 23-29
Luke 8. 26-39

26th June – Pentecost 3

1 Kings 19. 15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5. 1, 13-25
Luke 9. 51-62

3rd July – Pentecost 4

Isaiah 66. 10-14
Galatians 6. 7-16
Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20



Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

Join us for a picnic in the garden to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, following the 10.30am service for the Day of Pentecost, on June 5th.
(In hall if raining).

All are very welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Margaret Holmes and also let her know if you have any dietary requirements.

Donations will be received on the day.

Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing of Pets

St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church Garden
Westgarth Avenue

Sunday 3rd July at 3pm

Bring your families,
bring your pets and
celebrate the joy and
love we share



Welcoming New Scots to Colinton: Welcoming refugees and asylum seekers in Edinburgh

Would you like to help offer welcome and hospitality to New Scots who are settled in Edinburgh?

We are looking for volunteers to support an event on Saturday 25th June based at St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, and we are excited to be working in partnership with Colinton Parish Church, members of the local community and The Weekend Club.

Our guests are families from Syria, Iran, Sudan and other places, who are starting to make this city their home.

We will be offering an afternoon of crafts and activities, a stroll down to Spylaw Park (weather dependent), followed by a meal back at the church hall.

If you would like to find out more or be involved, please contact Wendy Pearson, wendypearson37@gmail.com or phone 07753468852



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SPONSORSHIP
CIRCLE**



WE ARE SEARCHING FOR A LANDLORD can you help?

A key part of the resettlement process is securing the family's accommodation before they arrive.

We are ideally looking for a space with 1-3 bedrooms in the Gorgie or Dalry area, but we are open to all potential options.

If you are or know a landlord with an empty flat or house, you could help welcome the family to Edinburgh by providing a roof over their heads.

We predict the space will be needed in August 2022, but this may change.

ERSC is a charity & community group organised to sponsor vulnerable families fleeing war & persecution & helping them resettle in Edinburgh.

The landlord will receive:

Minimum 2 year lease.

Guaranteed rental income for at least 2 years.

The chance to change the life of a vulnerable refugee family.

Please get in touch if you have a space that could work:
hello@refugeesponsorshipcircle.org

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For more info
& updates

**Please note –
the deadline for information and articles for
the double July/August 2022 issue is**

Sunday 12 June 2022

Please send to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Thank you!

Monday Mornings Need

YOU!

You are invited to become a volunteer at St Cuthbert's Playgroup on Monday mornings. What better way to start your week? You will come away feeling exercised from sitting and rising from chair seats ridiculously close to the ground; enthused by youthful energy and most of all having had fun.



Margaret Temple

ST. CUTHBERT'S PLAYGROUP



10AM MONDAY

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

HALL

WESTGARTH AVE

COLINTON

£2 PER FAMILY



BOOKING REQUIRED

Contact Caroline Daye for more
information or to book:

youthstcuthberts@gmail.com

or 07738811416

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC007578



Morning Prayer on Zoom

A small group meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 9am for a service of Morning Prayer.

After the reading, we have a short time of discussion about it and then continue in prayer.

If you would like to join us, please contact Nicki.



Social Walking Group

Last Wednesday of the month at 11.30am

Walking between 3 – 5 miles from church, ending at The Colinton Inn for a soup lunch. Please let Nicki know if you would like to join the walk by the Monday beforehand.

Future date: 29 June



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THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND



Dear Friends,

I hope all is well with everyone and you are continuing to put your small change in your Blue Tub!

I received an email from Mhairi Dawson [head of Volunteer Development] thanking us for our latest donations, which I sent at the beginning of April.

I have also received a letter from Mhairi with an invitation to the Supporter Conference 2022, which is being held on Saturday 4th June at the National Christian Outreach Centre in Perth.

The guest speaker will be MATHIAS DUCK, who is The Leprosy Mission's Global Advocacy Manager. He is committed to involving people affected by leprosy in the fight against leprosy and its stigma.

I hope to attend this event. If I do, I will tell you about it in the next magazine.

Many thanks for your continued support of TLMS, which is always appreciated.

Barbara Tatlock

leprosymission.scot

WHO'S WHO AT ST CUTHBERT'S

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Services:

Wednesday:

10.30am Said Eucharist

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)

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