

THE SIGN

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ST. CUTHBERT'S
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLINTON

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**St Cuthbert's
Scottish Episcopal Church
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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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[Front Page Photograph: November – a time for remembrance]

Dear Friends,

Autumn has certainly arrived as we see changes in the colours of the leaves and the temperature dropping. But isn't it wonderful to watch the beauty of God's creation around us in all these changes? If only it was as easy to see the beauty in all change, as this is something most of us find difficult.



As we come out of many restrictions, there are lots of changes happening in church and I am sorry if any of these are confusing you or causing anxiety. It is really important that we continue to care for each other and take all the precautions we can as we enter the season of colds and flu, to add to the worry of the pandemic.

Do you remember at the start of the pandemic how kind everyone was? 19 months down the line, it isn't so easy as we may be fed up, tired, missing family or friends, or have even lost family and friends. This is why it is even more important that we try harder to live as Christians, sharing love with all around us, continuing to help those in need and respect the wishes of those who find the easing of



restrictions very difficult. We are not all in the same boat, but we are all in the same storm. Support each other and be kind.

Despite all of this, we've had some real joy in our church recently, when we welcomed Lesley to begin her curacy. Our Harvest service and lunch were wonderful with so many people back in church. Please make sure you introduce yourself to Lesley and her husband Colin over the coming weeks.

November is a month of remembering. We will remember those we have loved and lost at our All Souls' service on Wednesday November 3rd at 10.30am and we have a special service on Sunday November 7th at 6pm to remember all those we have lost during the pandemic. Please join us if you can.

We will then mark Remembrance Sunday on November 14th, when Major Paddy Rice, Chief of Staff 51 Brigade will join us to speak of his experiences and what Remembrance means to him. This year is also the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, who began selling silk poppies to raise funds to help members of our armed forces and their families in 1921. Please support them in this important year.

Our AGM follows a week later, which this year will be in person. More information can be found later in the magazine. With the following Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent and we will have the Advent Carol Service at 6pm.

As things begin to return to some sort of normality, I hope to see you all in the coming weeks.

Love and blessings.

Nicki



As things slowly begin to return to normal, it was wonderful to enjoy a social gathering in the garden in August, when we shared a picnic and then a fantastic soup and cake lunch in October for Lesley's first service. As usual, my thanks go to Margaret Holmes and her helpers for keeping us together as the community of St. Cuthbert's.



Services at St. Cuthbert's

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

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.

St. Cuthbert's Membership roll

Every December I have to complete a return for the diocese which includes membership numbers. If you wish to remain a member, you need to do nothing. If you wish to discontinue, can you please let me know by November 21st to enable me to send a correct return.

We are also updating the public membership booklet. If you wish to be included in, change any information, or be removed from the public membership booklet, please contact Marie if you have not already done so.

If you have forgotten what is on the form and need a reminder, Marie can help you with that too.

Thank you. *Nicki*

St. Cuthbert's AGM

This meeting will take place, in person, following the 10.30am service on Sunday 21st November 2021.

Vacancies this year are:

Vestry Member x 3
People's Warden

Nomination forms are available from Marie.

If you wish to ask a question during any other business, could you please submit it in writing to the Rector by November 14th to enable a full response on the day.

Reports will be available in church from Sunday 7th November. If you would like a full set of the accounts, these can be obtained from Marie.



VESTRY REPORT

Vestry September 2021

- Vestry acknowledged with thanks the receipt of the Young Church report from Caroline.
- Martin stated that the financial year has ended and that there is a surplus of £21,000 (includes a legacy of £95,000) so that without this legacy we had a deficit of £74,000. The figures are generally in line with the budget.
- The income from standing orders is slightly up while that from cash collection is down as is gifting. The income from hall rental is down £16,000 to £13,000. Investments are up by £220,000 to the end of July to a total around £1.5 million. Baillie Gifford have been successful stockbrokers for the SEC. The final year accounts will be presented at the next meeting.
- Martin informed us that some of the current repair costs will fall into next years accounts and that a loss of £60,000 this year will be nearer £95,000 next year and £100,000 for 2023-2024 as they will include the cost of a curate. Additionally, the dancing class could leave from the beginning of January 2022. Our regular income only covers the cost of Nicki's stipend and Philip's salary and so to encourage more income Martin will prepare budgets and losses for the Sign Magazine and the AGM. It is Vestry's responsibility to respond to this situation as a deficit of £100,000 a year means that the church equity will not last for long. Nicki stated that the proposed costs for changes to the church should be mentioned.
- As part of the audit the Risk Register has been or will be updated with Strategic 1.1 risk level increasing due to COVID, and following Vestry discussion, Leadership and Operational Management 2.1 increasing due to possible inability to recruit full time rector. Health and Safety is to be discussed under property.
- Iain provided vestry with a spreadsheet summarising the work completed, required, planned and in progress with cost estimates.
- We are awaiting a date for the additional work to be started on the Rectory roof/porch. A safety inspection of the Rectory electrics by Sykes found two issues to be corrected. The Stonemason needs to address a bulge in the front wall of the rectory garden and to repair the rectory side of the back wall. Neighbours on both sides do not want to do work on the dividing walls. Work is ongoing on the rectory windows during September.
- The defibrillator has been sited in the choir vestry but Sykes will be installing it outside on the Hall wall as shown in the congregation consultation document.
- The church water has been tested for legionella bacteria as it is best practice after 18 months of not being used, and we are awaiting the results.
- Martin stated that Health and Safety is the responsibility of the Vestry and that our Health and Safety policy document, originally produced with a lot of help from Archie, now needs revising. For instance, the lone persons working guidance was written 5 years ago and needs checking. Other examples are guidance and risk assessments for the gardening team, details of safe working policy for Ross and Iain when they carry out small repairs and for food preparation in the kitchen.

- Joan and Philip, as the beginnings of a Vestry co-operative, have agreed to research what is provided by the Church of Scotland and will ask for advice or if not deemed to be within our abilities, we will have to buy in a policy.
- Nicki has put an article in the Sign about obtaining copies of Vestry Minutes and how to include items on the Vestry Agenda. Vestry was reminded that the Diocese has details of the role of Vestry and Martin reminded us that a primary role is to support the Rector.
- There are 3 vacancies for Vestry at the AGM. As with the role of People's Warden it is ultimately up to the congregation to nominate and encourage. Forms will go out a month before the AGM and we will try to get reports out two weeks before the AGM. New Vestry members will be issued with a file on the role of Vestry Membership and Nicki is planning a day of Vestry training in January.
- One of the roles of Vestry is to do an inventory of everything kept by the church and this must be done next year. We also need to look at the constitution as the current one is from 2014. This was when all churches were asked to use the same template.
- An evening service will be held on the first Sunday of the month with the one on the 7th November being a memorial service for all who have died. Advent Starts on the 28th November. Vestry agreed that there would be no service on 26th December as it is a Low Sunday and follows services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning.
- The Sunday 8.30am service will resume in October for a trial period until Christmas.
- Nicki is keen to start a series of talks 'Getting to know the stranger in the pew' where we learn about the interesting life of a member(s) of the congregation. There are also plans for around four community events a year, possibly on a Saturday afternoon as a social event with tea and cake and possibly singing. Ideas were requested.
- Lesley is keen to begin her time as Curate at St Cuthbert's. She is ordained on the 26th September at 3.30pm in the Cathedral and will join us on the 10th October for Harvest and lunch. We must remember that she is with us to learn.
- Audrey Naden has taken over the after service coffee rota and is asking for volunteers.
- We need a People's Warden from the AGM. Forms are to go out.
- Wendy and Bev attended an online course 'At the heart of your community- a future for your church' run by Sarah Pierce from the Heritage Trust Network.
- Bev requested that the church pay a £100 a year to be a member of the Eco-congregation. Marie has informed Vestry that we need to pay £95 to disengage the old burglar alarm that we no longer use. Otherwise following power cuts we have to pay to have it reset each time.

The full minutes are available from the Vestry Secretary. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact: julia.roberts01@btinternet.com

November News from the NSM

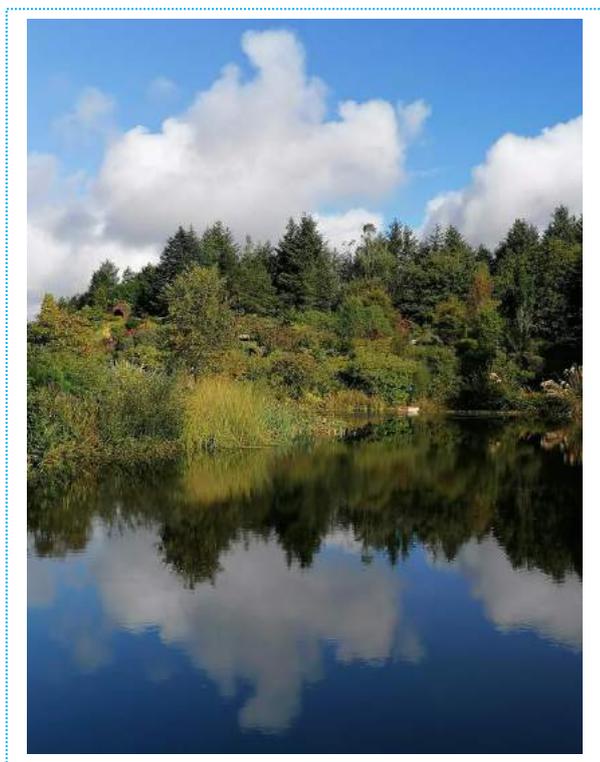
As I write October has crept in with a mix of warmth and rain, and I'm now back in my original role of assisting Nicki at St. Cuthbert's. Those six months being responsible for the spiritual and pastoral care of St. Fillan's, during the serious illness of their now retired Rector, taught me that in this Diocese, as in my former Diocese, there are wonderful congregations, small numerically and with a distinctly elderly profile, which are thriving, being active in worship, mutual caring and outreach. It was a privilege and delight being with them and I'm pleased to retain a link, being one of the priests on a rota to take Sunday services during their vacancy.

However, it's a great pleasure and joy to be back properly with you all at St. Cuthbert's, although I did pop up from time to time over spring and summer taking services to give our hard-working Rector some relief. As the pandemic has developed, so the way services are organized has also developed, and, taking my first three services with you again at the beginning of October, I felt I was once more on a steep learning curve! But, as always at St. Cuthbert's, we all work together, and so the services went smoothly. And October also happily brings back to us our former student, Lesley Penny, now our new Curate.

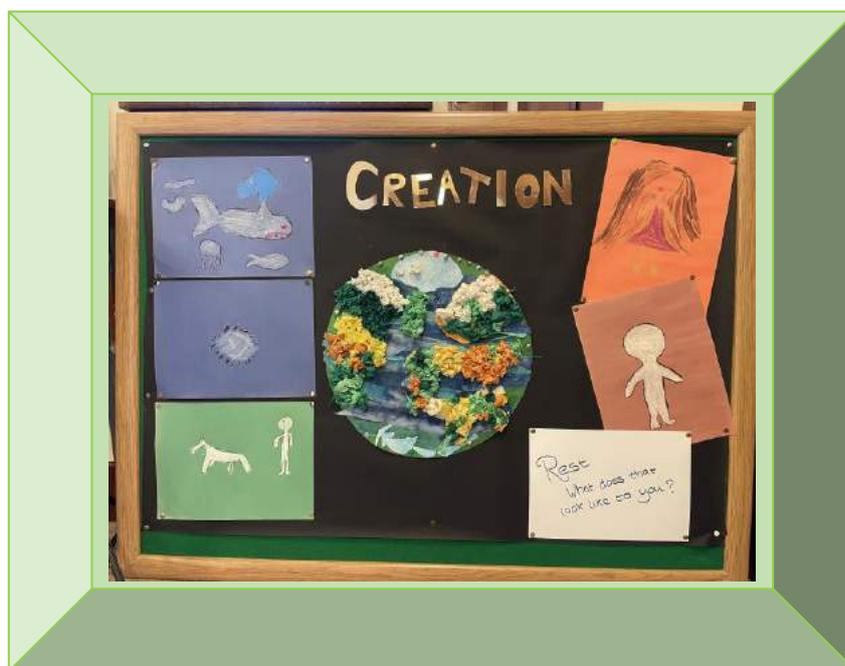
Two innovations or re-introductions which Nicki has set up have been especially delightful to me. Firstly, I really enjoy the addition of Philip playing two hymns plus music before and after the Wednesday spoken communion service, which has now restarted, and this was warmly affirmed by our all too small congregation on the first Wednesday of the month (so please do attend, it's a beautiful service and not too long). The re-introduction of the Thursday afternoon services, open to all, not just the frailer members of our congregation, has been a success. Nicki's idea of it being just once a month rather than every week seems to be working well and Joan, Caroline Seville and I are enjoying working together as a team to deliver these rather different services. After a service I led on the topic of creation in September, Joan spoke about refugees in October, introducing more personal contributions from the experiences of her son Jeremy in Afghanistan, and a chance to see and hear about some artifacts she brought along. Finishing with prayers and a hymn looking towards peace and hope, the service was much appreciated by the congregation, which included two members of St. Fillan's, following Nicki's warm invitation to St. Fillan's members to join us for certain mid-week services, reflective groups and social activities.

On a personal note, Ian and I enjoyed five nights away in September, staying in a cottage in a small seaside village, Garlieston, near Whithorn in the southwest of Scotland. This is a wonderfully peaceful area of the country, with wide expanses of empty landscape, sweeping beaches and truly fresh air. On a breezy morning we took a walk from the delightful little village of Isle of Whithorn to a ruined chapel of St. Ninian, built in the Middle Ages as a stopping point for pilgrims landing at the small port on their way to the shrine of St. Ninian at Whithorn. Another memorable outing for us was to the stunning gardens of Glenwhan, privately owned and, despite being full of mature looking trees from all over the world, only started about forty years ago. Very peaceful and off the beaten track, there were two wonderful trails through wooded walks, by small lochans and lily ponds, past fascinating sculptures, and a couple of sitting Buddhas, topped by prayer flags. I strongly believe that we Christians can learn a good deal from Buddhists about quiet reflection and meditation, which can help us to feel a closer relationship with God, alongside our own personal prayer regimes.

With love and blessings, *Margaret.*



September seems to have gone in a blur and October will not be any different. I am delighted to be back meeting with the Sunday School every week. It has gone past in whirlwind! I am really looking forward to our Hallowe'en Light Party and meeting some new families who have been enquired and booked in. The Sunday School have also completed their Creation display which is now up on the board in the Church Hall and it is wonderful. The children put a lot of work into this display, so please take a look!



The Youth Group have also been looking a little more at the Creation Story and looking at the differences between 1st and 2nd Chapters of Genesis as well as a discussion around some of the imagery of Creation.

It has been wonderful to start getting some volunteers for the Playgroup – if you would like to be involved, please get in touch.

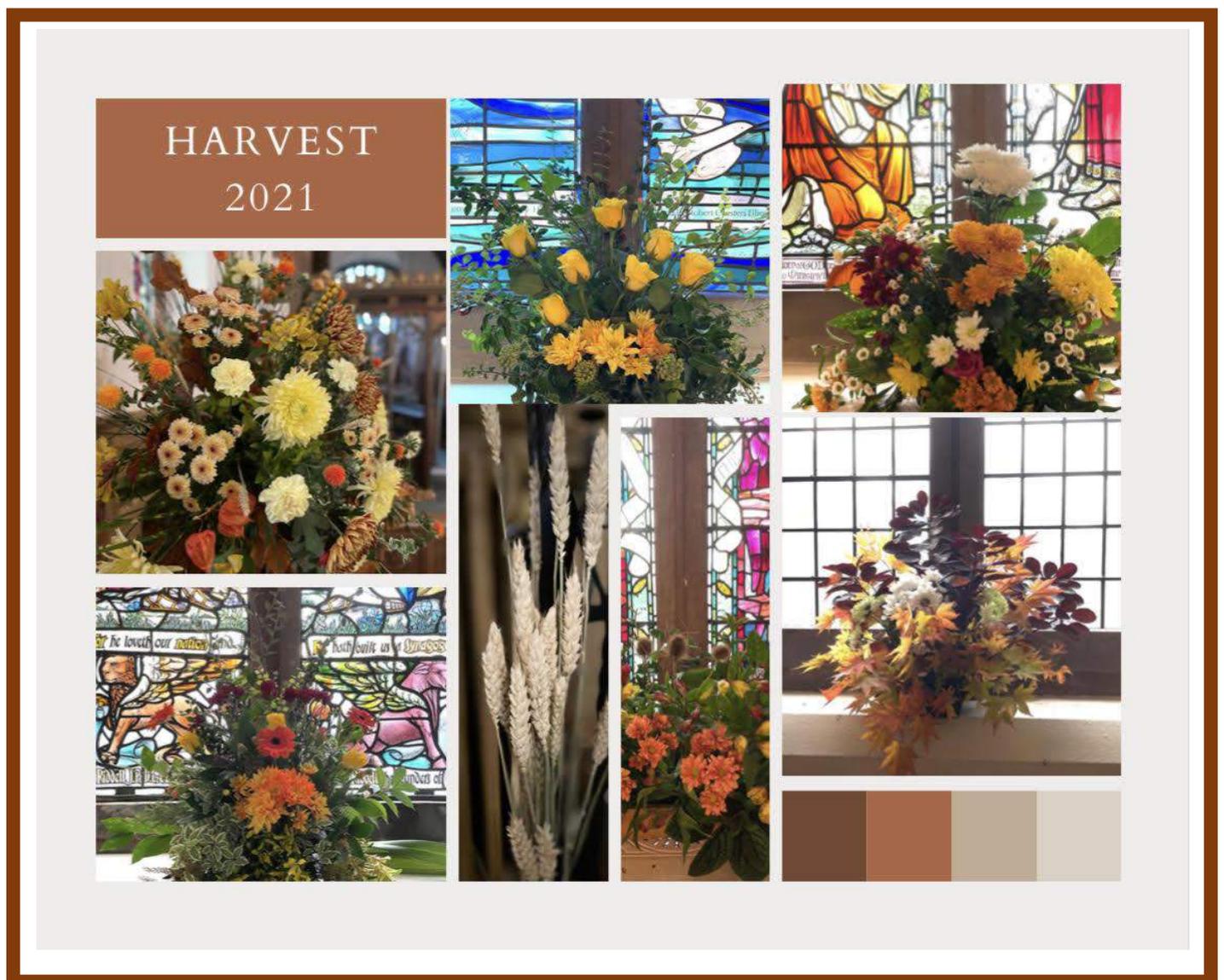
I have also been doing a lot of planning around Christmas. The school holidays start on the 17th December which is really early. I would love to run a couple of morning activities on the Monday and Tuesday of the following week (20th and 21st) One for Advent and one of Christmas. If you would like to come along and help, please get in touch. There will be arts and crafts, games, story-telling, and snack time. I will also be looking for some baking and maybe a Santa (if any of you like to dress up!) If you would like to be involved in any of this, that would be great.

Caroline

**“Thank you” to the Flower Team
for the beautiful Harvest flower
arrangements in church.**

**More photographs are on our
facebook page and website
(and even a little video)**

stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk/flower-arrangers/



November Music Notes:

The choir is pleased to be meeting again to rehearse for our Sunday services, although singing in a mask continues to be far from ideal. We are now meeting in the church hall at 9.45am every Sunday, which gives us the opportunity to practise the hymns and anthem for that day, and to look ahead to future weeks. At present, we are not reinstating a psalm and communion hymn into the service: in the case of the former, it is best to wait until the ruling about the wearing of masks has been relaxed. The selection of anthems has to be made carefully, ensuring that no singer is over-taxed, and is always made provisionally because our numbers can vary from week to week.

We are aiming to sing the following anthems at services in November:

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| Sunday 7 th - | Prayer of St Richard of Chichester (LJ White) |
| Sunday 14 th -
(Remembrance) | Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts
(Henry Purcell) |
| Sunday 21 st -
(Christ the King) | Proclaim the story (Charpentier) |
| Sunday 28 th -
(Advent Sunday) | O King, and desire of all nations
(John Stainer) |



On Advent Sunday evening, we will be marking the start of Advent with a 6pm evening service, and, looking ahead, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place at 6pm on Sunday 19 December. If there are any singers who are prepared to swell our ranks at these services, and to attend a couple of Sunday morning rehearsals beforehand, I will be very pleased to hear from them.

Philip Rossiter

Covid19 Restrictions for November

(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.

Orders of Service

Since the beginning of lockdown, orders of service have been emailed or a hard copy posted to everyone in the congregation. As things start to return to normal and church is open for worship each Sunday, the decision has been made to bring this practice to an end, apart from those who are housebound. The last order of service to be sent out will be the one dated 31st of October.

Our service will be available to watch live on our website very soon (we will notify you when this is to happen) and the order of service can be found on the website too.



I thank Marie and Philip for all their hard work and support in the production and delivery of the orders of service throughout this period and look forward to seeing you back inside the church at St. Cuthbert's.

Nicki

Dear Friends,



As some of you will know Tom and I are leaving Edinburgh and moving to Hexham.

During almost 39 years of worshipping at St. Cuthbert's I have made many friends, sadly so many of them are no longer with us. My time as magazine secretary as a welcomer and a flower lady I have enjoyed and it has been a pleasure to have contributed to the life of St. Cuthbert's. The early morning Holy Communion service has always been very special to me. Sadly in recent months that has been denied us. I am looking forward to attending Hexham Abbey, just a short walk from our new home.

With our best wishes to you all.

Tom and Pauline McLaren.

**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
or telephone: 07305 911986**

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



# READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2021 Year B

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

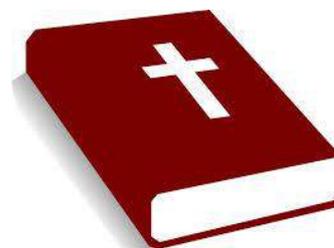
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| Wisdom     | 3. 1-9    |
| Revelation | 21. 1-6a  |
| John       | 11. 32-44 |

## **7<sup>th</sup> November – Pentecost 24**

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| Hebrews | 9. 24-28  |
| Mark    | 12. 38-44 |

## **14<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance**

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|---------------|-----------|
| Job           | 19. 21-27 |
| 1 Corinthians | 15. 51-57 |
| John          | 6. 37-40  |



## **21<sup>st</sup> November – Christ the King**

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| Daniel     | 7. 9-10, 13-14 |
| Revelation | 1. 4b-8        |
| John       | 18. 33-37      |

## **28<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday (Year C)**

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| Jeremiah        | 33. 14-16 |
| 1 Thessalonians | 3. 9-13   |
| Luke            | 21. 25-36 |

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

## A 'New' Thursday Service

*Thursday, 4th November, 2.30 pm.*

*Please join us for this short, informal service on the theme of Saints which, we hope, will be enjoyable and engaging.*

*We will be offering refreshments after the service for the first time.*

*Everyone is welcome so we hope to see you there.*

*Margaret, Joan and Caroline*

## 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 Souls' – 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)



# Advent Carol Service



Join us in singing the great Advent Carols

The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the colour purple or blue is used, the colours also of Lent, of forgiveness and repentance.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November

6pm

All Welcome





## COP 26

### Eco Congregation Scotland

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything in the Universe”<sup>1</sup> John Muir wrote in 1911. The idea that our lives are connected to those of the rest of mankind rings as true today as it did then, but perhaps when we consider climate change there is an urgency in the need for us to remember this.

How we choose to live our lives has a direct impact on the lives of other people. The way we choose to travel, the food we eat, the way we heat our homes, our continuing demands for goods and services and the way we deal with the waste produced all have a direct impact on other people. Certainly the worst of the changes in weather patterns can be seen in other areas of the world producing severe storms and conversely severe droughts leading to famines and other humanitarian crises. Pollution of water courses and air as other countries attempt to recycle our rubbish affect the health of many people. Effects of global warming on our oceans and on plants and animals threaten the web of life. Inequalities can be seen too in the ability of countries to respond to the Covid 19 pandemic, with less affluent countries struggling to provide basic healthcare, sanitation and access to food.

In this month where leaders from many countries across the globe were to have converged on Glasgow for COP26 to consider how best to address the issue of climate change and agree a way forward working together, how will we respond to ensure a fairer world for current and future generations.

<sup>(1)</sup> *My first Summer in the Sierra.*



## A Welcoming Place!

On the afternoon of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, our church hall provided hospitality for 8 “New Scots” families, from Syria, Iraq and The Sudan. Some families have been in Edinburgh for as long 3 years, but others have only arrived in the last month or so, still feeling very challenged by everything, not least the language. The Weekend Club organized a wonderful afternoon of kite making, games and provided pizza, fruit, refreshments for 18 adults and around 30 children. 5 volunteers from St Cuthbert’s helped to ensure the families were offered hospitality and friendship. We hope to be involved in future events and will be looking for others to join us in making our church a place of welcome and joy. Indeed, seeing a tiny part of God’s kingdom here in Colinton was a privilege for all of us involved. There are other opportunities to support Edinburgh refugee families in practical ways not least in supporting the Christmas Hamper Appeal.



*(Printed with the permission of the families attending the event. Wendy Pearson)*





## **New Scots Christmas Appeal 2021**

Providing a warm welcome for refugees and asylum seekers in Edinburgh this Christmas.

Once again, if anyone at St Cuthbert's would like to support this wonderful opportunity to show our welcome and care for the stranger here in the city, we are looking for donations to purchase Christmas Hampers. The donations will be used in three key ways:

- To gift Christmas hampers to 230 refugee families in the city. Each hamper costs £40.
- To support social activities and events, linked with churches, that will help newcomer families integrate and settle well into Edinburgh (this includes the Salaam Weekend Club, as well as future projects such as lunches and language cafes pioneered by churches)
- To provide practical and material support and purchase essential items for newcomers (i.e. bus passes, household goods, etc)

Receiving a gift at Christmas makes people feel cared for and loved. The Christmas hampers contain basic food items as well as some goodies. Churches can be involved by donating money towards the cost of the hampers. If you wish, you can also choose to help deliver some in your area, giving your church the chance to connect with local refugee families and to build friendships. Once the cost of all the hampers has been covered, any extra money raised will go towards the two other ways of supporting refugees (as listed above) in providing social activities and practical support. Many in our congregation have already showed their generosity, including group support from The Choir and R&R. If any other "groups" would like to gather monies together, that would be great!

Please pass all monies to Wendy who will transfer to the project in one large sum, claiming one total Gift Aid amount.



## Holy Trinity Foodbank

Over the past 20 months Patricia and I have made a monthly collection of cash for this Foodbank and members of St. Cuthbert's have been really generous with their donations. Several people, especially older members, have said that it is easier for them to give money rather than shop for and deliver food to church. Holy Trinity are grateful for money because they can then buy the food or basic toiletries that they most need. Patricia and I have decided that, from now on, we will only collect money and not food for this Foodbank. We will aim to make our collection around the beginning of each month if you would like to contribute.

We began to support this Foodbank nine years ago and our link person there has always been Angela Thomson so I am very sad to report that she will be leaving. In emails to me she wrote:

*“After 14 years serving at Holy Trinity, I have resigned as Community Pastor and my final Sunday will be the 5th Dec. I have been studying for a Masters and will start to write my dissertation in January. I also intend to set up my home as a small Retreat Centre, working as Spiritual Director and Spiritual Coach/Mentor”. and: “Please pass on my fondest regards to the people of St.Cuthbert's, I have so enjoyed my visits to your Church over the years and my links with you”.*

Angela says she will let me know when they have identified a new link person for us at Holy Trinity.

**Susan Clark**

*(As the magazine will be issued before the end of October, there is still time to register to attend the Family Hallowe'en Light Party...)*

**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**

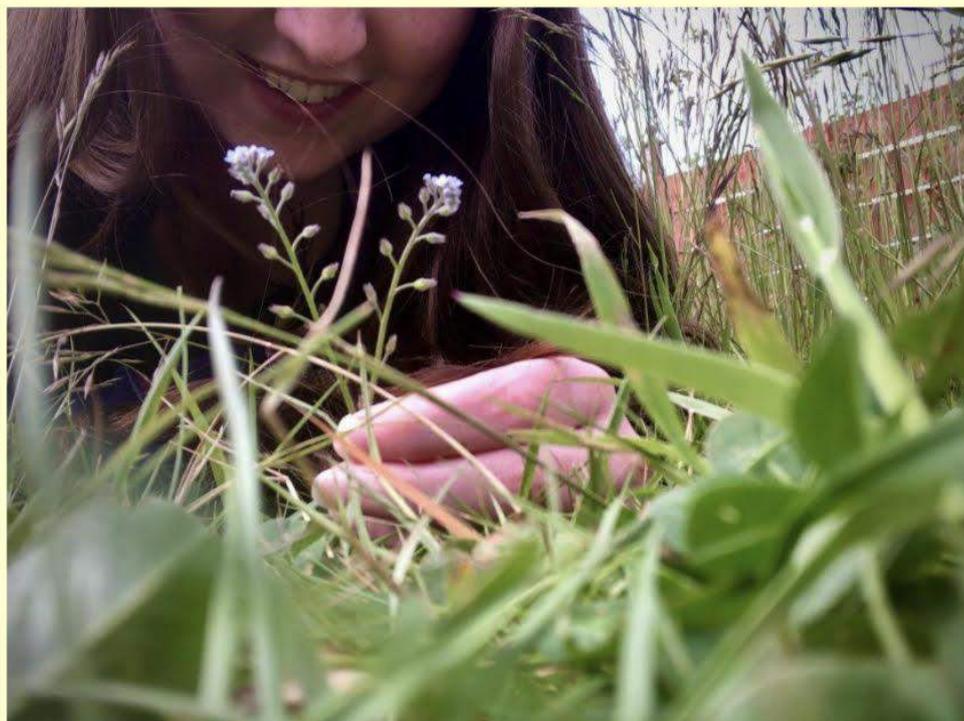
**BAKING**

**TEA/COFFEE AND HOMEBAKING FOR THE ADULTS!**

**OCTOBER 31, 2021, 1700-1800**  
**AT**  
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**We are all  
wonderfully made  
(Psalm 139, verse 14)**



Prayer Guide for Dyslexia Awareness  
Week Scotland, 1-7 November 2021

**<https://bit.ly/2XDuwHQ>**

#DAWScot21

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# ART IN ADVENT

*With Revd Canon Dean Fostekeew  
(Bishop's Chaplain)*

Lorenzo Lotto's 'Annunciation'



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

11am in Church

All Welcome



# Advent & Christmas Holiday Club

20 & 21 December 2021  
10am - 12

- Arts and Crafts
- Games
- Story-telling

AT

St Cuthbert's Church Hall,  
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# THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND



Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading this I shall have sent a cheque to TLMS for the total amount collected from the Blue Tubs and donations. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

The latest edition of DOCHAS [the magazine of TLMS] is now available. Copies will be on the shelf by the Font along with Blue Tubs if you wish to pick them up. This edition of DOCHAS is a little different in that it focuses on the research done in the past and which is still ongoing to find drugs to eradicate leprosy once and for all.

When Wellesley Bailey started THE LEPROSY MISSION in 1874, there was no cure for leprosy. Thanks to extensive research done over many years, multi-drug therapy [MDT] if given early enough can cure leprosy in 6 to 12 months. However, there is always the need for better, swifter acting drugs. This research needs to be funded, which is where we come in. Filling the Blue Tubs with loose change [if you still use cash] or giving a donation is greatly appreciated.

So please continue your support of TLMS in whatever way you can.

Do you know about Gifts For Life? These are a way of giving someone you love a special present and supporting the work of The Leprosy Mission at the same time. If you are interested in finding out more, go to [www.tlmtrading.com](http://www.tlmtrading.com).

I have the latest TLM catalogue which is full of Christmas ideas, cards and gifts. I am happy to lend it to you or you can get your own copy from the website.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



***Barbara Tatlock***

[leprosymission.scot](http://leprosymission.scot)

**Sally Foster-Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland writes:**

*(text abbreviated and slightly changed to reflect that COP26 is happening now)*

## Mobilise for Change

Moments are fleeting. They ask only for your presence and if you offer that, simply that, a moment can take hold in your heart and change you forever. Fleeting they may be, but moments have the power to leave an indelible mark. A moment might change the world.

'You really don't want to miss me', they whisper.

**COP26** (the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties) is taking place in Glasgow **now**. This turning-point, this turning-round moment, is one the world has waited for. We have a chance to play a pivotal role in welcoming the world to Glasgow. Glasgow has the chance to host a moment that will leave an indelible mark – for good or ill. Be in no doubt, this climate conference is one of the last moments we have as a global neighbourhood to commit to the changes necessary to avert the worst effects of climate change. There is no other moment – the time is now. Let us raise our collective voice and take action – to stand and walk and work together for change.

Grasp this moment and give it your all! The ones suffering most who had least to do with it are here to tell us their truths. They ones, whose every moment depends on what we do in ours, will look back on this time and say "Thank you" or "Why?". Embrace the moment, be present and participate – this moment might change the world.

In this moment, let us listen for the word of God ...

The still, small voice ... the whisper to your heart, the silent stir in your soul...



In this moment, let us listen for the word of God ... Our children leading the way, our sisters and brothers sharing their lived-truths, prophets pounding the streets ... In this moment, let us be challenged to listen for the word of God ...

The new idea, the disturbing insight, the uncomfortable question – "Are you willing to let go of your privilege, your power, your possessions?....."

The world whispers, "Listen, God is speaking. You don't want to miss this."

## The Camera Never Lies

### The climate crisis through a lens

Christian Aid is taking part in a digital exhibition organised by Scotland's International Development Alliance - **Facing the Crisis**.

We all know that the climate crisis is impacting people who have done the least to cause it. But, rather than focusing on the devastation often portrayed in the mainstream media, Christian Aid was keen to represent the sheer resilience and determination of ordinary people. These are our global neighbours. They have watched their homes being swept away in a storm or their crops being devoured by giant locusts. But they are people who, despite losing everything, have refused to lose hope.

#### **“Green Fields of Hope”**

captures Borgodo Tsobe's delight at the bright green, lush crops. In spring 2020, swarms of desert locusts swept through South Omo, Ethiopia, devastating vast swathes of farmland. (An area half the size of Scotland was eaten by the locusts.)



Thanks to Scottish Government funding through the Humanitarian Emergency Fund, Borgodo and her farming neighbours received emergency seeds to replace the lost harvest.

Netsanet, the photographer, has captured her elation that the seeds have germinated and burst into life.

**See the Exhibition of Photographs and the stories at**

**<https://facingthecrisis.scot/gallery/>**

***Patricia Brignall***

## Vestry Meeting – Tuesday 2 November 2021

### The Agenda (set for each meeting):

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

If you wish to have any matters raised, please contact our Vestry Secretary, Julia Roberts, on [julia.roberts01@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.roberts01@btinternet.com) or telephone 0131 441 4965

**Please note - the deadline for information and articles for the double issue - December 2021/January 2022 will be**

**Sunday 14 November 2021**

**Please send to [stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com)**

**Thank you!**



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### ***Services:***

#### **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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