

THE SIGN

FEBRUARY 2022



**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: Winter Sunshine]

Dear Friends,

To those of you I haven't seen, I wish you a healthy and happy 2022. This isn't too late a greeting, as for some, Christmas doesn't end until Candlemas on February 2nd. Sadly though, this has been another year when we haven't been able to celebrate Burn's Night together, which was becoming such a wonderful tradition, with amazing performances from many. Maybe next year?!



We did have a little more freedom this year for Christmas and New Year, and it has been wonderful to listen to your tales of visiting friends and loved ones who you haven't seen for a while. If nothing else, this pandemic has taught me the value of loved ones, near and far, which in the past I may have taken for granted.

Sadly my first two trips of this year to family and friends had to be cancelled. Holland was cancelled due to the increase in Covid19 cases there and Spain was cancelled, as Easyjet cancelled their flights. Our consolation is a week in Peebles, which I am sure will be wonderful but maybe a little bit cooler than Javea.

Hopefully I will come back re-energised and refreshed, ready to approach Lent. This year Lesley (our curate) will be running the Lent Group, so please support her in this. More information can be found later in the magazine.

In January we held a vestry training day, which was a great time of learning and fellowship, led by Fran Ruthven, an accredited practitioner with 'Place for Hope', based in Glasgow but with practitioners all over Scotland.

We are nearly at the stage for a congregational consultation for 'The Sanctuary Project', which is a big project to enable more people to use our space in the days we are not together worshipping. There is an overview later in the magazine to prepare you for the full consultation when it comes. I hope you will be as excited as I am about this.

February begins with the Presentation of our Lord in the temple. Two people, Simeon and Anna, devoted to God, faithfully waiting and seeing salvation in a baby boy, just 40 days old. Does this image sustain our faith and hopefulness?

All of us will live today and this week in a world and culture which is largely without faith: which has no expectation of God's love and grace, no confidence that God will hear or answer prayer, no hope that anything can change.

I see faith in building projects past and present, in bold ventures of community engagement, in prophetic witness, in people entrusting their lives afresh to Christian faith, in others investing their lives in ministry. I see faith in the daily, sacrificial giving of the people of God in this place.

And that is why it is so important that we listen for God's voice and read the scriptures, to re-centre our lives upon faith in God. As we do that, we go out into the world believing and expectant that God is at work; we look for where God is working and where we can join in. I pray that we are all able to do this as we continue to journey through difficult times.

Love and blessings.

Nicki

People's Warden

At the last AGM, in November 2021, we were unable to appoint a People's Warden as we had no nominations. While there is no official role description in the Constitution, the People's warden should be willing to get to know the congregation so that they feel able to discuss any concerns, which will assist the main responsibility:

To represent the laity (the congregation) and co-operate with the Rector. For example, if someone wanted to let any ordained person know of an issue or concern but didn't want to speak directly with them, they would go to the People's Warden.

Having this liaison person should, hopefully, maintain an environment of unity and peace within our church.

There are other duties, such as property and inventory, which are shared with the Vestry as a whole. Each Peoples' Warden is also able to make the role their own by adding other duties, should they wish to. E.G. Past Wardens have been heavily involved in arranging and running social events for the congregation.

If you have a calling to serve the congregation here at St. Cuthbert's and would like to speak to me about the role in more detail, please get in touch.

Nicki

ST CUTHBERT'S VESTRY:

During January, the Vestry has been busy with various training. We began with our own training with Fran Ruthven, which made us think about our roles in the church. The following week it was diocesan training, which was more about OSCR, Charity Law and the SEC Code of Canons.

We were also given information about the new bullying and harassment policy. Following a clergy survey two years prior, it was found that 70% of clergy had sadly experienced this and the SEC decided a policy needed to be written and made public.

Those with internet access will have received it by email and it is also on display on the notice boards in church and the hall. This goes in line with the Lone Worker Policy and information about the Safeguarding Coordinator, Christine Nimmo, which are also on display. This is all important information that everyone in the congregation needs to know about, or where to find it.

The end of the month and beginning of February continues with Provincial Safeguarding training online for vestry members.

A very busy start to 2022 for the Vestry of St Cuthbert's.

VESTRY MEETING DATES 2022

22nd March
3rd May
12th July
6th September
15th November

The agenda is 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 the
Vestry Secretary, Julia Roberts, on
julia.roberts01@btinternet.com or telephone 0131 441 4965

AGM - 20th November 2022

The Sanctuary Project Overview

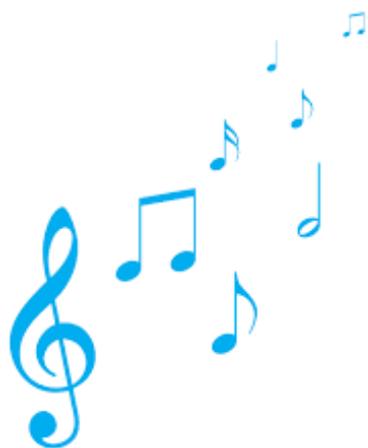
The Vestry has, over a considerable number of years, and during several incumbencies, been looking at how the church could be used differently, apart from worship. While there have been a number of small groups happening at St. Cuthbert's, the spaces they used were not comfortable or adequate for purpose. For example, the space has different floor levels, or the area is cold.

The Sanctuary Project is designed to make more areas of the church building accessible for other users alongside church groups, making comfortable, safe spaces for all while finding ways to bring non church people into the building for a variety of reasons. The proposals will in no way limit the building's use for church purposes by its regular, and potentially, its future congregation. Indeed, we feel that the proposed developments will enhance its future use by the St Cuthbert's congregation.

Historically churches were considered the hub of the community and, as the church on the corner in Colinton, it would be wonderful to be able to offer community spaces within our building and find the church in use more than the few hours a week it is currently used for worship.

While the hall is well used, some of the users could be offered space in the church and side rooms, (e.g. The Ukulele groups) to offer other users the hall space, so increasing income and community use, without restricting the purposes for which the building was originally designed.

(You will be notified of the Congregational Consultation as soon as it is on display, which will give full details of what the Vestry is proposing. Vestry members will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the Sanctuary Project proposals during the period of consultation).



February Music Notes:

How wonderful it was to be singing carols again in church this Christmas, despite the fact that our Christmas Eve services had to be cancelled because of the rapid spread of the latest

Covid variant. The Advent Carol Service, held on the last Sunday evening of November, saw a significant contribution from the choir. Anthems for Sunday mornings in Advent were chosen carefully because of limited rehearsal time, involving some repetition, which was a wise decision. Many churches cancelled their Carol Services because of Covid, which made the one held in St Cuthbert's on the Sunday before Christmas all the more special. Special mention should be made of Cora, who opened the service with the solo verse of "Once in royal David's city", and of the sopranos, who managed the descants to the familiar congregational carols, despite social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Through the month of January, anthems have been chosen which reflect the season of Epiphany, before we move into the pre-Lent weeks of February. The music we are planning to sing is:

- 6 February - Jesu, joy of man's desiring (JS Bach)
- 13 February - Blest are the pure in heart (Walford Davies)
- 20 February - View me, Lord, a work of thine (Richard Lloyd)
- 27 February - Thee, living Christ, our eyes behold (JS Bach)

Philip Rossiter

Could you be a Pastoral Visitor?

Under the direction of the clergy or through a Pastoral Team Leader, the Pastoral Visitor is the caring face of the Church. Pastoral Visitors serve as the eyes, ears and hands of the Church, delivering care to the vulnerable and those in need of help or support in the congregation and the wider community. Pastoral Visitors enable a prayerful presence to be available for all who seek or need support when the clergy alone may not be able to serve all those in need.

During the last two years, the role of the pastoral visitor has changed due to Covid19 and for the majority of the time, we were lucky enough to have volunteer telephone visitors.

As things start to return to some form of normality, I am keen to restart the pastoral visiting team to help me in supporting the congregation in any way we can, while following all government guidance.

If you would like to be a part of the visiting team (physically or by telephone) please let me know.

If you have been a part of the team in the past, I would appreciate it if you could still let me know that you wish to remain a visitor.

If you could please get in touch by the end of February, I will then arrange a training update for March, apply for any PVG's needed and then we can begin the visiting process shortly afterwards.

This is such an important and rewarding ministry and I thank everyone who has supported me in this to date, and I look forward to working together more in the future.

Thank you.

Nicki



February News from the NSM.



Although we still have many weeks of winter ahead of us, there are already wonderful signs of new life and new energies surrounding us in our leafy suburb. The robins are tormenting me in the garden, doing their best to harass me and chivvy me along when I put out fresh meal worms. They obviously love these and many a time I've seen them hogging the feeder to keep other small birds away.

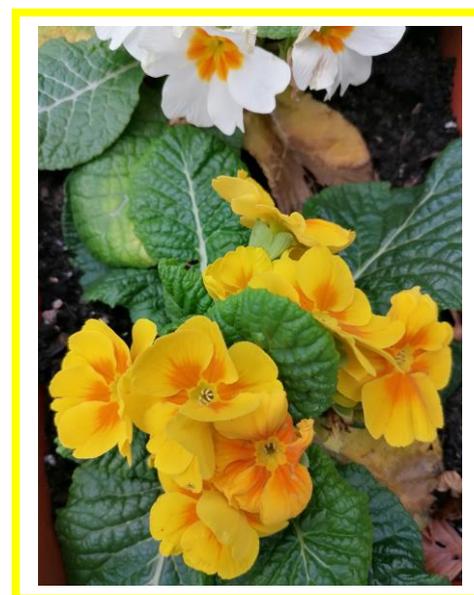
Recently in the Dreghorn Woods I've spotted a dipper, the first viewing for a few months. And the plants aren't lagging behind our feathered friends: bulbs are pushing their way through the soil in our garden and buds are forming on trees. We're constantly being reminded of the hope of new life.

So, although Christmas and New Year didn't bring relief from Covid restrictions and some of us were unable to see family members due to positive Covid results, nonetheless the **hope** Jesus' birth brings to us each year is still very much with us. And, although Christmas was strange, quiet and different for many of us, there were precious and special moments. I was taking the Christmas Day service at St. Fillan's, which was well attended, and we had a few visitors, including someone's 11-month-old granddaughter. She was utterly charming and ran around looking at everything after the service. Her look of awe as she regarded the crib, the tree and a gentleman's bright waistcoat, resplendent with jolly snowmen, really

made me stop and think. How often we complicate our faith, trying to analyse it, trying to understand it, whereas here was a small child, on the day we were celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour, just simply looking, and soaking in the moments. Our Lord came to earth as a tiny baby in very basic surroundings and his ministry showed him reaching out to all, giving a simple message, of love, joy, peace and compassion. That small child's simple drinking in of all that surrounded her found me quoting to myself Jesus' words, found in Mark's Gospel: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

So, as we move forward during the coming weeks, whatever life in this continuing pandemic throws at us, may we feel that simple joy and hope which our Lord brought us at Christmas and enjoy the delights of the new life and energies in the natural world in our midst.

With love and blessings,
Margaret.



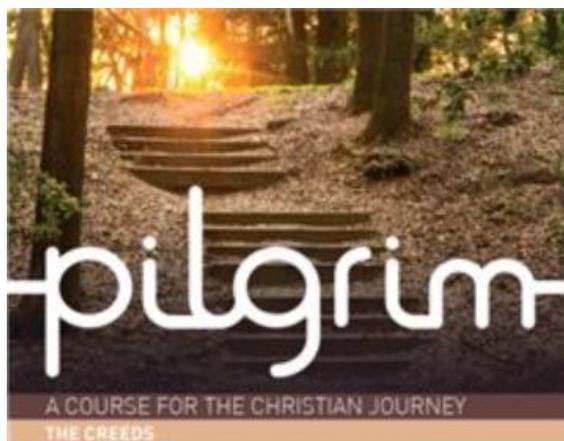
St Cuthbert's
Online Lent Course 2022 (ZOOM)
6 weeks
Monday 28th February – Monday 4th April
7-8pm

What is at the core of Christian Faith and Belief?
This year we will be exploring the beliefs at the heart of the Christian Faith looking at the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. We will be using a book from the Pilgrim Series which has been used previously (and enjoyed) in St Cuthbert's.

All are welcome to attend.

The course will be led by Lesley Penny our Curate.

To register please contact stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com



To find our more information about the course see the Pilgrim website:-

[http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/books/the-creeds-\(book-5\)](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/books/the-creeds-(book-5))

St Cuthbert's Youth...



Over December the Sunday School have built their own nativity scenes using pieces of fabric and creating their own dolly peg people and angels. It has been wonderful to explore the Christmas story and read the biblical text and having discussions about which animal really carried Mary to Bethlehem. Was Jesus really born in a stable? How many wise men came to visit Jesus – what did they bring and when did they come? They are maybe not questions we even ask ourselves. We had interesting discussions and considered what Joseph may have made for Mary to help get her to Bethlehem in comfort.

Sadly the youth group are no longer going to be meeting on a regular basis but I hope they might come and help out with some of the events aimed at younger children and be taking more roles in worship.

We are now into January and I have been planning out the year ahead. It seems to be filled with opportunities which I hope to be able to take full advantage of. I will of course be looking for volunteers to help me run events.

We had hoped to start the Baby and Toddler Group after the Christmas break but we felt nervous about this giving the rising COVID numbers, however with other groups opening back up, I feel that opening up with pre-booked spaces we can keep volunteers and service users as safe as possible. We have a start date of 21 February 2021 10am. I will be clearing out the toy cupboard on Tuesday 15th February for anyone who fancies coming to the Church to help clean the toys.

I am looking for volunteers for the playgroup and events coming up over the next couple of months. Please read on to see roles and fun activities we are having in our Church.

If you think you would like to come along and meet some young families from Colinton, please get in touch. It would be great to have people from the Church to chat to parents, play with toddlers and babies as required, make tea and coffee, help tidy and set up.

On the 27th February we will be having a **Pancake Party** at 5pm. If you would like to come along, you will have to book this event. If you would like to help out, please let me know. There are roles in the kitchen, serving, games and maybe a quiz!

The 16th April will see our first **Eggcellent Adventure** as we explore the story of Holy Week and Easter with families.

We will be running some outdoor games (hopefully) having a snack, doing a craft and sharing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Please let me know if you would like to come along and help me with this project.

**From the 18th – 22nd July
St Cuthbert's will have a
Summer Holiday Club**

We will be using Scripture Union's Waste Watchers material. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please come and talk to me.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 16th February for anyone interested in taking any kind of role. This includes setting up, crafts, games, drama, small group leadership, prayer team, snack making and many more.

I am already filled with excitement for these events and I pray that they make our Church an integral central part of our community as we bring the stories of Jesus to them.

Caroline

STARTING 21 FEBRUARY 2022

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

FAMILY PANCAKE PARTY



27 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 5PM
ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
HALL,
WESTGARTH AVE,
EH13 0BB

**Contact Caroline Daye to book or for more info:
07738811416 or youthstcuthberts@gmail.com
www.stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk SC007578**



Eggcellent Adventure

Saturday 16th April
10am-1130am

CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST CUTHBERT'S WITH
FUN, GAMES, CRAFTS, HOME BAKING AND
STORIES!

CONTACT CAROLINE DAYE FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE ON
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WASTE WATCHERS HOLIDAY CLUB



MONDAY 18 - FRIDAY 22 JULY

10AM - 12.30PM

CONTACT: CAROLINE DAYE 07738811416 OR
YOUTHSTCUTHBERTS@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A
SPACE!

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READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

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

6 February – The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3.1-4
Luke 2.22-40

13 February – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17.5-10
1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

20 February – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45.3-11, 15
1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50
Luke 6.27-38

27 February – Sunday before Lent

Exodus 34.29-35
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2
Luke 9.28-36

2 March – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17
2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

6 March – First Sunday of Lent

Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4.1-13

Current Covid19 Restrictions

(which can be amended at any time)

St. Cuthbert's will continue with the following guidance until further notice:

- **Face masks to be worn, unless exempt.**
- **Hand gel should be used on entry and exit to church.**
- **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.**
- **Social distancing of 1 metre should be practised where possible - this means we will still have to book to attend Sunday 10.30am services to make this happen.**
- **Congregations are advised to undertake Lateral Flow Testing before attending services. If your Lateral Flow Test is negative, but you are experiencing any symptoms, please do not attend the service. Further information can be found on the website NHS inform – www.nhsinform.scot**

***Bookings can be made:
Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday
10am – 1pm
by email: stcuthbertscomms@gmail.com
or by telephone: 07305 911986
(if no answer, please leave a
message).***

***You will receive an email or
telephone call a few days prior to
the service to confirm your place.***

Thank you.

Wednesday

10.30am

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

Followed by refreshments
(when allowed)



Ash Wednesday

2nd March 2022 at 10.30am

A service of Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes

All Welcome

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

February 3rd at 2.30pm

Please join us for this short informal service.

The theme will be 'Jesus as a Child'.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.



Future services:

Thursday, March 3rd

Thursday, April 7th

Refreshments will be served after the service.

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**



Thank you to Susan Clark who is stepping down from her role as Website Editor at the end of January.

Susan has done a fantastic job looking after the Website, keeping it up to date and operating well. The St Cuthbert's Website looks great – and we thank you Susan for all you have done 'online'.

www.thankyou!

New Email Address
for the St Cuthbert's Book-keeper,
Robin Holmes:-

accounts@stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk

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, beginning
23rd February 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.

Covid rules allowing

Future dates: 30 March, 27 April, 25 May, 29 June

How do I open the defibrillator box?

Recently we have received requests for the code to open the defibrillator. This is not made public, and you must take the following actions if you come across a casualty:

Once you've confirmed your casualty is unresponsive and not breathing, you must immediately call an ambulance, or ideally get someone else to call 999 or 112.

When the 999 / 112 call is made, when possible, switch to speaker phone, this lets the trained ambulance personnel talk you through what you need to be doing and give you emotional support.

The call handler you speak to will tell you or your bystander, where the nearest defibrillator is located and how far away it is.

They will then tell you the key code to unlock the box to enable access.



Eco Congregation

What is recyclable plastic? Even the best of us finds plastic recycling a minefield. Local Authorities have tried to make it easier by using terms such as: plastic bottles, yoghurt pots and margarine tubs. However, what do you do if you don't have these exact items? How do you know if they collect and recycle the plastic?

Plastic waste is not ideal, but this guide will help you identify each plastic and work out what your Local Authority will take.



1 – PET plastic (Polyethylene Terephthalate) is the most widely recycled. It is often used for single use clear plastic bottles. You can recycle this plastic if your Local Authority refers to:

- Plastic Bottles
- Fizzy pop bottles
- Mouthwash bottles
- Yoghurt pots (check the plastic before recycling as some can be made from polystyrene)

PET can be recycled into polyester fabric and filling for fleeces, carpets and cushion fillings.



2 – HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) – Recyclable plastic (check Local Authority) HDPE can be recycled. However, you will need to check with your Local Authority to ensure it is recycled in your area. HDPE is often found in stiff coloured bottles/tubs. You can recycle this plastic if your Local Authority mentions:

- Milk Jugs
- Plastic bottle caps
- Bleach/detergent bottles
- Shampoo bottles

- Margarine tubs
- Ice cream tubs
- Carrier bags that can be stretched – Local authorities often don't collect carrier bags, but can be recycled in local supermarkets

HDPE can be recycled into pens and detergent bottles.



3 – PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) – Non Recyclable Plastic

PVC is not recyclable in normal collections.

✓ You can find this plastic in:

- Cling film
- Blister packaging
- Hoses
- Table Protectors
- Plastic pipes
- Plastic outdoor furniture



4 – LDPE (Low-Density Polyethylene) – Recyclable plastic

(check Local Authority) LDPE can be recycled. However, you will need to check with your Local Authority

LDPE

to ensure it is recycled in your area. This is a hard flexible plastic. You can recycle this plastic if your Local Authority mentions:

- Bread bags
- Frozen food bags
- Squeezable bottles i.e hand cream tubes
- Bubble wrap – if specifically mentioned
- Carrier bags that can be stretched – Local authorities often don't collect carrier bags, but can be recycled in local supermarkets

LDPE can be recycled into bin liners.



5 – PP (Polypropylene) – Recyclable plastic (check Local Authority). PP can be recycled. However, you will need to check with your Local Authority to ensure it is recycled in PP your area.

You can recycle this plastic if your Local Authority mentions:

- Packing tape
- Plastic Straws
- Take away tubs
- Ketchup bottles
- Plastic picnic ware
- Plastic bags or film that can't be stretched- these are not recyclable

Polypropylene can be recycled into brooms, brushes, garden rakes and plastic trays.



6 – PS (Polystyrene) – Non Recyclable Plastic

Polystyrene is not recyclable in normal collections. There are 2 types of polystyrene (hard, brittle plastic) and expanded polystyrene (light, insulating, waterproof plastic) Polystyrene.

- CD Cases
- Plastic forks
- Yoghurt pots (check the plastic before recycling as some can be made from recyclable plastics)

Expanded polystyrene

- Foamy takeaway packaging
- Meat trays
- Packing peanuts
- Styrofoam
- Insulation

7 – Other – Non Recyclable Plastic – Non Recyclable Plastic



Other plastics are not recyclable in normal collections. This categorises all other plastics including bioplastics, composite plastics (like crisp wrappers), plastic coated wrapping paper and polycarbonate (which contains BPA).

THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

Dear Friends,



I hope all went well for you over the festive season and you stayed healthy.

Copies of the new LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER DIARY FOR 2022 are now available on the shelf by the Font along with Blue Tubs for you to pick up when you are in church. If you wish to give me any Blue Tubs you have filled recently, please hand in to the welcomers if I am not in church. I am happy to collect them from you if you give me a call and we can arrange a suitable time. I hope to be sending another cheque soon for the accumulated amount.

With my thanks for your loyal support of TLMS.

Barbara Tatlock
leprosymission.scot

MAKE LEPROSY A THING OF THE PAST

You may remember me asking for donations of paintings for the Christian Aid Art Sale at St Andrew’s and St George’s in October. I asked, and I received! A carload of paintings went from Colinton. Nick and I went to the sale on the second morning. It was a magnificent collection of pictures, one of which we bought. If you get the chance to go next year, please do. It’s amazing. But the most amazing thing about it was the **£26,000** raised for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who contributed.



Here in Colinton we are starting to raise funds for the new project we have committed to support:

Bangladesh – A Brighter Future for ALL

Empowering Minority Communities

The main minority communities in Bangladesh are Dalit, Plain Land indigenous communities (those living in lowland areas), Hijra and transgender. Every day they have to face and deal with prejudice in all aspects of life. To understand the scale and type of prejudice, Christian Aid interviewed people in the nine districts where the new project is to be launched.

Here are some results of the survey:

“What type of work would be suitable for members of the transgender and Hijra community?”

“Low-paid manual labour”: most common response, but some said **“No job”** was suitable for them.

“Should minority communities be represented in local government?” Under 50% thought they should. **“Should minority communities have right of access to education?”** 72% in favour of educational quotas, BUT only 63% of people said they would feel comfortable (or be happy for their child) to sit next to someone from one of these minority communities. 88% would **not** be happy living in the same building, 73% would **never** eat in the same restaurant, 66% would be uncomfortable in celebrating religious festivals with people from any of these groups.

In general the survey showed that members of the transgender and Hijra communities faced the greatest prejudice.

Changing public perceptions



Change Agents (locals drawn from various minority communities) are being trained to empower their communities, to increase their skills and capacity to engage in the local government decision-making process.

“As a change agent I would like to play an active role for enhancing equality and social acceptance of... ethnic minority and persons with disabilities by all community people.” Banyar Sarkar

Please pray that public opinion across Bangladesh changes and that those affected by a multitude of prejudices see their daily lives improved.

Our first fund-raiser for this project!



ZOOM QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 5 March 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Gather a team – no more than 8 people

Zoom Magic:

Team members can join from all over the world!

Choose a Team Name + a Team Leader

**Donations, please, to Patricia Brignall,
9 Thorburn Road**

Team Leader's Role -

Organise team, email team name

by Sunday 20 February

**to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com and to
patriciabriggnall@gmail.com**

Further information will then be emailed to you.

**Please note –
the deadline for information and articles for
the March 2022 issue is**

Sunday 13 February

**Please send to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com
Thank you!**

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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)

**At the time of printing, booking is currently
required to attend a service.**

Thank you.

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