

THE SIGN

September 2022

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 Photo – Tree in the Church garden as it changes throughout the seasons.

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but the summer seems to be passing us by quite quickly and my holiday is a dim and distant memory. The Army Cadet Force Camp in July even seems a long time ago (More about that later).



In July Lesley and I had a wonderful afternoon welcoming families and pets into our garden for the pet blessing. Mainly it was dogs, but there was also one rabbit and Oliver (Judith and Donald's grandson)

brought a few of his cuddly pets to the service. Lesley made some lovely biscuits (for the humans) and all pets left with a rosette.



We had as much fun with the school bag blessing at the beginning of August, praying for all our children returning to school and those who will be leaving school this year.

The main event in September will be Lesley's Ordination to the Priesthood. Please keep Lesley, Colin, Isla and Kirsty in your prayers at this time. It is wonderful that we are going

to have a full church for this special service and I'm sorry not all of you will be able to attend; only those who RSVP'd before August 14th.

As we leave the sun behind us and the much-needed rain falls, I have the privilege of being duty Chaplain at The Tattoo this week. I hope the weather doesn't spoil it for the performers and visitors alike and I look forward to this experience.

I have been interim priest at St. Fillan's for a year now and I'm pleased to let you know that they have advertised for a Priest in Charge and will hopefully be holding interviews towards the end of September. Please keep the congregation in your prayers, as they have had a difficult year following Ruth's retirement due to ill health and her death shortly afterwards. Revd Margaret has been a great asset and support to them during this time and I am very grateful for her help.

We have had many warnings from Martin, our treasurer, about the forthcoming deficits in the accounts, so in an effort to raise some money for the church, Iain and I have signed up the Kiltwalk in Edinburgh next month. Please sponsor us if you can. (Information later on).

I hope you will be able to join Bishop Bob for his talk at the end of September. I'm sure his knowledge and wit will keep us enthralled, as always.

Wishing you all every blessing.

Nicki

First Sunday of the Month

All Age Communion Service

10.30am



You are invited to join us as the youngsters participate in this service.

There is a short reflection involving the congregation - of all ages.

ALL WELCOME



**Keep using
Covid sense**

Adventures of an Army Cadet Force Chaplain



I have served as an Army Cadet Force Chaplain (ACF) for nearly seven years. It is a completely different ministry to what I am used to in the SEC, and it is a huge privilege to journey with the Cadets

(12-17 years) and the Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAV's of all ages). The ACF is one of the biggest youth groups in the UK and is not a recruiting agency for the army.

Each year I attend a two-week annual camp, in various parts of the country, to support folk of all faiths and none. In that time, I listen, I talk, I support, I have fun, I cry, I get exhausted! Numbers vary, but this year approximately 300 cadets and CFAV's attended at Altcar. While there, I was honoured to be presented with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for service given and the whole Battalion were given a Platinum Jubilee coin.

(I am pictured with my daughter Ceri, who is an adult volunteer).



We started camp with a Battalion Parade, when I introduced ‘Peace be with you: **and also with you**’ as the Padre’s hope and catchphrase for camp. I told the cadets that it is said at every service in our church, and it was wonderful be greeted with it everywhere I went. It certainly brought a smile to our faces in the exchange.



We were told at General Synod to “build relationships with youngsters” and I find this a wonderful opportunity to do so, and it is lovely to receive comments from Cadets when they leave:

“Thank you so much Padre! You are such an inspiration and I will always remember the annual camps that you have attended and made them so much easier.”

A different ministry in a different place but who knows what seeds are being sown.



VESTRY REPORT

Vestry July 2022

- Martin Fairley (Treasurer) had circulated his comments and the accounts to 31st May and Budgets for the next three years by email, prior to the meeting. Nicki (Rector) and Vestry thank Martin for his efforts.
- If we discount a bequest of £20,000 there is a significant deficit of around £37,000 to the end of May as predicted in the budget. Standing orders are showing an increase with some new members. Gift aid has therefore increased.
- Hall rental is increasing due to Marie's efforts to market the hall. Marie (Church Administrator) has shown Nicki that the majority of rental slots for September have been filled with regular bookings.
- Heating and lighting will exceed budget due to the energy crisis and pricing.
- The value of investments continues to decline due to volatility in the stock market.
- We have been notified that the final balance of Miss Colin Murray's bequest from her estate will be payable shortly.
- Vestry discussed the wording of the statement for the end of year financial report bearing in mind that the budgets for the next three years predict a yearly deficit of around £60,000. Nicki reminded Vestry that OSCR states that the purpose of the church is to provide for those in need. A statement was prepared and approved by all of Vestry to be sent to Martin.
- Vestry had received a letter from Bishop John encouraging Vestry to support their clergy to attend the Clergy Conference in Pitlochry 7-10th November. Vestry agreed financial support for Nicki and Lesley (Curate) to attend the conference.
- A letter dated 4th July 2022 from Archie Clark was circulated to Vestry prior to the meeting which set out a series of points and requests concerning the Sanctuary Project. Nicki read out a short email from Wendy Stewart also concerning the Sanctuary project.
- Vestry noted that both were addressed to Nicki. As part of the reply from Vestry a request will be made that in future all correspondence concerning the Sanctuary Project be addressed to Vestry or the Vestry secretary. The points raised were discussed, some points were thought to be premature as the project is still to be planned in detail by the Architects.
- Nicki asked as many Vestry members as possible to volunteer as Pastoral Visitors as there are at least 29 members who need pastoral visits at present. Training would be September/ October and PVG certification would be needed. This would then allow a rota to be set up. Nicki and Margaret (Dineley) will still visit as part of their Pastoral care but it would mean the possibility of more frequent visits for those that wanted them.
- Iain (Property) provided vestry with a spreadsheet summarising the work completed, required, planned and in progress with cost estimates.
- A quote from Davidsons (Stonemason) has been approved and work on the walls should begin before the end of July. The work on the Rectory windows is

completed with a few snags to be sorted. A contractor has visited about the external floodlights. Nicki questioned whether this work should be postponed as not essential at present.

- Sanctuary Project: There is a meeting between the Vestry sub committee (Wendy, Joan and Nicki) and the Architects. This committee has to have Vestry support. Any updates will be communicated to the whole congregation at the same time, as and when we have more information.
- Nicki introduced Vestry to the idea of 'It Takes a Village' and ABCD (asset based community development), as a way of developing mission. Who can we speak to in the village to find out what it is they think the church is (for individuals and businesses). All members of Vestry were asked to speak to three people who are not church members and ask them four questions: Do you know where St Cuthbert's is? Do you know what church we are a part of? Are you aware that we have a hall that is rented out for activities? What do you think St Cuthbert's could do for you or for the village?
- Following Nicki's initiative of getting readers from local organisations for the Christmas Carol Service last year, Philip raised the possibility of a similar initiative for other special services.
- Nicki asked if a monthly group specifically for male carers might be a good idea, possibly meeting for a pub lunch in a group.
- We already offer a Thursday service and Tea. Could we start something again like a renamed 'Brew and Blether' as a community afternoon to reach out to those who live alone and may have suffered isolation during Covid? The third Thursday of the month was chosen with the possibility of starting in September, when the hall is currently free.
- Nicki mentioned talking to Margaret Temple about singing and the brain activities with the idea that we could have a group activity for people with their carer. Margaret told us about 'Forget Me Notes' who are an established group already doing this work and will get more information.
- The idea of holding 'The Bible Course' in the function room at the Colinton Inn (no room charge) during the Winter months was supported.
- Nicki has received a complaint from a non member that our evensong services are not advertised. We will put a big poster in the glass case in future.
- Nicki asked Vestry to remind all to book for Lesley's ordination on the 21st September.
- Hilary (Vestry) mentioned that we have yet to complete the church inventory. Nicki is to send out the on line template.
- Nicki is looking at the constitution and will bring it to Vestry after the AGM
- Nicki mentioned about another joint refugee event where we can offer the premises and the Parish church can offer people.

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

News from the NSM

I think I should call the current season of 2022 the summer of surprises – though not always good ones! Although we're all being encouraged to tackle life as it was before the era of lockdowns, the pandemic is still demonstrating that it hasn't actually left us!

I had been looking forward to returning to cruising, a new holiday activity denied me since 2019, with two repeatedly cancelled and rescheduled cruises being due to take place in early July and early August. Having spent two weeks before my first cruise attempting to avoid situations putting me at risk of catching Covid, it was inadvertently brought to Ian and myself in the person of his son, who had tested negative before visiting us twelve days before I was due to sail. We both tested positive nine days before the departure date!

I mentioned earlier that I had decided to call this the summer of surprises, a phrase which to me was reminiscent of a wonderful book written by Gerard Hughes, a Jesuit priest, entitled 'God of Surprises.' With reference to the parable in Matthew's Gospel, his book encourages us to look at the treasure in the field, the field that is actually ourselves. In order to discover the treasure of God's kingdom of love deep within our souls, we're urged to deepen our relationship with Him, in thought, action and prayer. And, yes, the God of Surprises did indeed listen to my prayers, as I sought his comfort and support during days of anxiety, and I tested negative quite quickly and so was able to join the cruise to Norway. It was a cruise which brought me the companionship of some delightful people and the experience of witnessing some incredibly beautiful scenery, both reminding me of all the wonders of God's creation. Unfortunately, Ian remained positive for several days longer, but this enabled him to achieve some of the necessary do it yourself tasks which would have been difficult to achieve whilst I was at home. Nonetheless he was delighted to welcome me back and return to shared time together!

However, our shared time came to an end on August 3rd as I headed off on my second cruise of the summer – this time to Iceland, where our God of surprises had some amazing wonders of his creation to show me. Iceland is the youngest country on earth and its constant changing and evolving is apparent everywhere, not least in the incredible new volcanic eruption which was taking place as we headed north to our destination! Apart from the joy of witnessing the evidence of God’s creation taking place in this fantastic island, with bubbling mud pools and a geyser spouting over a hundred metres up into the sky at regular intervals, I was also privileged to see some of his stunning creatures. Watching enormous humpback whales breaching in front of my eyes and having a very personal encounter with some beautiful Iceland horses were indeed highlights of my incredible holiday. We came across many horses – despite their small size we were warned not to offend Icelanders by referring to them as ‘ponies’ - herded together in a small enclosure, waiting to be reunited with their owners. One young woman courteously asked me to hold her gorgeous golden horse whilst she put the saddle on, a wonderful privilege. The horse had a long unpronounceable Icelandic name, but the end of the name was certainly memorable – **bless**. And I am going to use this word to conclude my article – as ‘**Bless**’ is the Icelandic word used to say ‘**Goodbye.**’

With love and prayers, Margaret.



Iceland August 2022

**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**

Live Streaming

Ideally, we would like more people involved, helping to set up and operate the system used to live-stream our services – it is easier than it sounds!

If you would like to know more (with no obligation), please speak to Nicki.

Pew Notices

Our weekly pew notices are updated on our Website every week – these are the latest news articles and announcements - and the best way to keep informed if you are unable to attend church.

The direct link to the pew notices page on our website is:-

<https://stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk/views-information/pew-notes/>

September Music Notes

Although we have held some evening services since lockdown ended, such as the Advent and Christmas Carol Services and a *Songs of Praise*, it has been good to return to the familiar format of Evensong once a month in July and August. The last time Evensong took place in St Cuthbert's was in early March 2020: over two years later, our Evensong on Sunday 10 July felt like a special occasion, despite the fact that the Men's Final at Wimbledon had only just finished in time!

In September, we move into the season of Creationtide, and all our hymns and anthems have been chosen to fit in with that theme. Indeed, it has surprised me just how many hymns on that theme appear in our hymn book. The anthems planned for the choir are as follows:



- 4 September - Beauty for brokenness
(Graham Kendrick, arr John Barnard)
- 11 September - Bread of heaven, on thee we feed
(Richard Lloyd)
- 18 September - Here, O my Lord (Alan Viner)
- 25 September - O God of all creation (JS Bach)

After this, we look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival at both the 10.30am and 6pm services on Sunday 2 October.

Meanwhile, we continue to plan for the installation of the new Allen digital electronic organ underneath the case and show pipes of the old pipe organ, which should take place between Christmas and Easter. I look forward to writing about this in *The Sign* closer to this time.

Philip Rossiter

**** St Cuthbert's Youth, Children & Families ****

The summer has been long and short for me all at the same time. We had a fantastic family holiday in Florida followed by Covid when we got back home. It has been a lot longer a recovery process this time around. It did give me time to catch up on my reading and podcast listening to all the fantastically written ministry books which have been gathering a certain amount of dust on my shelves. I am now feeling refreshed and excited for the new academic year ahead armed with some new skills and enthusiasm to use them. The 14th August saw the Sunday School back which is so exciting to be sharing and listening to our children discuss their faith with each other and me! We are looking forward to Creationtide and looking at more ways to be a positive change in this world that God has given us.

The 5th September will be the restart of the Playgroup. We are really looking forward to welcoming back families to the Church Hall every week. Please come and talk to me if you fancy coming along to help one morning. We would love to have you and there is always tea, coffee and biscuits on offer!

Sunday the 30th October at 4pm will be our Family Hallowe'en Light Party. I am really excited that we will be running this event again this year. If you would like to come and help we have a variety of different activities we are looking at doing such as some no cook baking, arts and crafts, story telling and serving drinks and snacks to all the families. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please let me know. I will be organising a meeting with potential helpers at the beginning of October.

Caroline Daye

Playgroup restart date – Monday 5th September

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 30, 2022, 1600-1800

AT

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

EH13 0BB

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CAROLINE DAYE
YOUTHSTCUTHBERTS@GMAIL.COM

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During Covid19 and the various lockdowns, many people were living alone and became isolated. As we continue the covid journey without lockdowns, we are hoping to have a monthly coffee afternoon, on the third Thursday of the month from 2pm – 3pm, beginning in October for the church and wider community.

To do this we will need volunteers to help on the day and to provide home baking / refreshments.

As this progresses, we are hoping to introduce ‘corners’ such as art & crafts, help with IT, or anything else people may be interested in.

If you would be interested in helping, can you please get in touch with Nicki – stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com or telephone 0131 441 7580.

Help us to make St. Cuthbert’s a Community Corner!

Coffee

Cake

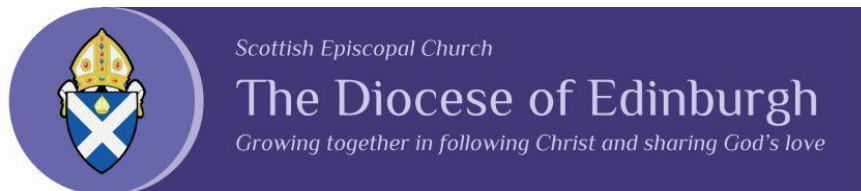
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**We look forward to Lesley's ordination on
21st September.**

Please pray for Lesley and her family at this time.

**If you RSVP'd before the 14th August, Nicki will
have been in touch with you to confirm your place.**



**'The Communicant' is a newsletter with news
and notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh, which
is published by the Diocesan Office fortnightly.**

**A copy is printed and available at the back of
church, and you can also view this online using
the link:-**

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/publications/the-communicant/>

Wednesday

10.30am

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

Followed by refreshments



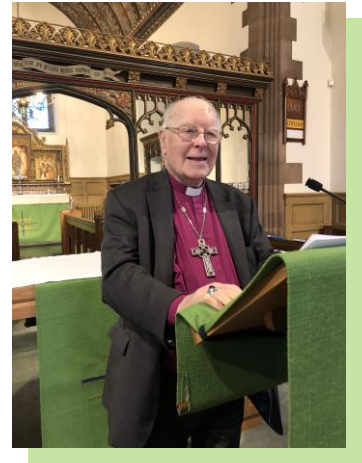
The family of the late Bob Bent wish to thank all who attended the service at Mortonhall and also to thank those who sent letters and cards of condolence.

Bob had been a member of St Cuthbert's for quite some time being involved in all areas of church activities. His work and dedication were acknowledged in October 2019 when he received the St Cuthbert's Award for service to the church over the years, something he was very proud of. At this stage Bob was unable to attend church in person due to ever increasing ill health. He kept up with church news through reading the magazine and regular visits from Nicki.



Bishop Bob's Talks

The New Testament abounds in pithy phrases used as descriptions of Jesus. Such phrases can mean something very different to us in our culture than they meant to a 1st-century Jew or a 1st-century Gentile.



For example, for a Greek-speaking Roman to call Jesus “a son of God” was a great compliment but did not imply that he was divine. But for a 1st-century Jew, the suggestion of plurality in the Godhead offended scandalously against the fundamental Jewish belief that there is only one God, and no other divine beings. What did the early Christians think?

Bishop Bob will be giving the first of several one-off talks - covering four early Christian descriptions of Jesus each time – in our church on

**Thursday, 29th September
at 3pm**

The first four “descriptions” will be Jesus our Judge, Jesus the Word, Jesus the Messiah, and Jesus, Son of Mary.

All Welcome

Thursday Afternoon Service

Thursday, 1st September at 2.30pm

Please join us for this short informal service.

The theme will be:

Creation – A Personal, Exciting and Hopeful Perspective



Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Future services:

Thursday, October 6th

Thursday, November 3rd

Refreshments will be served after the service



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Year C

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

4th September 2022 – Creationtide 1 (Baptism)

Jeremiah 18. 1-11
Luke 14. 25-33



11th September (Creationtide 2)

Jeremiah 4. 11-12, 22-28
1 Timothy 1. 12-17,
Luke 15. 1-10

18th September (Creationtide 3)

Jeremiah 8. 18 – 9.1,
1 Timothy 2. 1-17,
Luke 16. 1-13

25th September (Creationtide 4)

Jeremiah 32. 1-3a, 6-15,
1 Timothy 6. 6-19,
Luke 16. 19-31

2nd October (Harvest)

Lamentations 1. 1-6,
2 Timothy 1. 1-14,
Luke 17. 5-10



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

Please contact Caroline for further information:
Restarting on Monday 5 September.

God's invitation to relationship

An introduction to
Ways of Praying

EPIPHANY GROUP
rooted in the Ignatian tradition

A short prayer course
on Zoom to support people
into a deeper prayer life
through tutors' input
guided prayer experience
& sharing

7.30-9pm Mondays
19, 26 Sept
3, 10, 17, 24 Oct

TO REGISTER
waysofpraying@epiphanygroup.org.uk

For further information, please contact Wendy Pearson.

The Edinburgh Kiltwalk

Nicki is taking on a Kiltwalk on Sunday 18 September, to raise funds for St Cuthbert's Church, Colinton.

Every penny raised will be topped up by 50% thanks to the generosity of Sir Tom Hunter and The Hunter Foundation. Any donation you can spare would be much appreciated. Thank you!

The link to donate is:-

<https://edinburgh.thekiltwalk.co.uk/fundraising/EdinburghKiltwalk2022-NicolaMcNelly>

(alternatively, there is a sponsorship form at the back of church)

There is even a QR Code! –



Jam Jars –

'Thank you' for the jars donated (I am happy to continue to receive these!). The next sale of my preserves, fundraising for charity, will be on Sunday 25 September.



Ross

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

Sunday 11 September 2022

Please send to stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com

Thank you!

These knitted teddy bears were distributed to the children at the New Scots event on Saturday 25th June held here in the hall.

They seemed to like them!

Thank you to the knitters!



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, meeting at 12 noon.

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.

Next walks planned:
Wednesday 31 August
Wednesday 28 September

R&R

Return and Rest

‘In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and in trust shall be your strength’
Isaiah 30:15

On 7th September we return to weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings, 7.15pm (coffee and chat), 7.30-8.30pm. We will continue meeting on zoom but the last Wednesday of each month we are excited to be gathering face to face once again, in the South Transept of church.

Between 6 and 10 of us find our time of reflective prayer, stillness and sharing both enriching and calming, and we are very welcoming to others who would like to join us.

If you are interested in experiencing different ways of praying and drawing closer to God in your every day life, please come along. You may like to join a free 6 week online prayer course delivered online by The Epiphany Group, “God’s Invitation to Relationship”, where the various expressions of prayer we practice in R&R are introduced. If you are interested, please speak to Wendy Pearson.

From an R&R participant:

“...Do come and join us for a quiet, peaceful hour each Wednesday evening. We have three excellent leaders who are inspiring and encouraging. It’s very interesting to hear opinions and ideas from others in the group but there is no compulsion to speak at all.”



Colinton Welcomes New Scots...

What a delight it was when a volunteer team from both Colinton churches worked with The Weekend Club to welcome 10 New Scots families on Saturday 25th June. The sun shone most of the time, which was a bonus and allowed most of the group to enjoy football, skipping (George being the “older star” performer!), the play park, and of course the wonderfully painted railway tunnel. This was one of the highlights of the afternoon, when all the children spent some time spotting various images on the walls and fortuitously sheltered from the brief rain shower. Returning to our church hall, the catering team had prepared tasty snacks and then delicious pizzas arrived from our local pizzeria.

One of the most important aspects of the gathering was that as volunteers, we all had time to really engage with our guests, managing to chat, laugh and enjoy the company- despite language and often a reliance on “google translate”. It was lovely to see children from Syria, Sudan, Afghanistan and Somalia playing and laughing together.

Thank you for the hard work of all those involved. We do hope to arrange other opportunities to welcome New Scots, depending on the needs that are identified by our partners, Salaam and The Weekend Club. As traditional customs of many New Scots require men and women to have limited social interaction, one or two additional male volunteers would be wonderful. Look out for any updates in the weeks ahead.

Wendy Pearson

Welcome...



June 2022



CHRISTIAN AID

I heaved a sigh of relief at the end of Christian Aid Week in May: the Book Sale was over; the collecting had been done; it only remained for the money to be counted, and that is a joyful task! Finished for another year.

Really? No.

The emails and letters arrive. Of course they are asking for money, but they connect with what we see and hear in the news: drought, war, refugees, starvation.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, Afghanistan Crisis Appeal, East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal, the list is seemingly endless.

How does a charity respond? Here's an example:

Earthquake in Afghanistan June 2022



Children near their home destroyed in an earthquake southwest of the city of Khost, Afghanistan, 22nd June this year.

Earthquake response from Christian Aid

(taken from a Christian Aid Press Release June 2022)

Decide how much money is needed immediately: Christian Aid has launched an £100,000 emergency response to the devastating earthquake that hit Afghanistan's Paktika and Khost provinces on Wednesday, killing over a thousand people.

Act quickly but in collaboration with the government and other emergency responders.

Use the contacts you already have in the area: Working with their local partner OCHR,* which has a good local reach within the affected communities, Christian Aid will be distributing \$100 to between 500 and 700 families in the Gayan and Barmal districts of Paktika. *Organisation for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Relief

Target the most in need: The cash support will be first targeting female-headed households and those with disabled, elderly, or long-term sick family members. The money will be used to help people in dire need of support, especially those in isolated villages and vulnerable households.

Allow people to take decisions for themselves: Immediate needs are drinking water, food and shelter. The cash we distribute will allow families to choose what they prioritise.

Patricia Brignall

St.Cuthbert's Badminton Club

After the long summer holiday, the Club reopens on Monday 26th September. We play two terms a year, this first one ending on 12th December with the second term running from 9th January to 27th March 2023.

The Club provides a venue for those wishing to do some moderate exercise while exchanging social news. It is not exactly non-competitive, but does allow players of varying abilities to meet and enjoy the company of like-minded souls.

I am particularly pleased to say, that while I am not yet intending to hang up my racquet, Julia Roberts will be taking over as treasurer. In the meantime, if you wish to know more about the Club, you can contact me on 449 4703 or Barry Tatlock on 444 2919. New members would be very welcome.

We meet in the Church Hall on Monday evenings from 8pm until 10pm.

Archie Clark

THE LEPROSY
MISSION SCOTLAND



Dear Friends and Supporters of TLMS

I hope you have had a good summer break.

If you have been putting your small change in your Blue Tub and would like me to collect it, please contact me and I can arrange to do so. If you are in church when I am, I shall be pleased to receive it.

I hope to be sending the accumulated amount during September or early October.

Thank you as always for your support.

Barbara Tatlock

THE PLAN TO ERADICATE LEPROSY



COLINTON LITERARY SOCIETY

The Colinton Parish Church Literary Society, of which the Hon. President is the Rev. Rolf Billes, Minister of Colinton Parish Church, offers a programme of talks covering both literary topics as well as others of general interest, which should be attractive across the entire community from which the membership is drawn. The membership consists of people from all walks of life and any religious affiliation or none, and new members of all ages are assured of a warm welcome.

The 110th season of the Literary Society begins at 8pm on Wednesday 12th October, after a two-year break due to the pandemic. The meetings take place in Dreghorn Loan Hall, EH13 0DE. Membership is £10 for the full programme, which runs from October to March and consists of 17 meetings, or visitors are invited to attend at a charge of £3 per meeting. Unfortunately the society is unable to accept payment by card. Coffee, tea and wine are served from 7.30pm.

Further information may be obtained from the Parish Church website:

www.colinton-parish.com

OCTOBER MEETINGS:-

Wednesday 12th October. *Sir Walter Scott.* Professor David Purdie talks about the life and legacy of one of Scotland's greatest writers.

Wednesday 19th October. *Kidnapped.* Lachlan Munro discusses Robert Louis Stevenson's novel.

Wednesday 26th October. *Is a University education still worthwhile?* Sir Paul Grice, Vice-Chancellor of Queen Margaret University considers the question.

(A full copy of the programme is available on the Community Noticeboard in our hall, or please just email stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com to request a copy).

AGED CHRISTIAN FRIEND SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND



COLINTON COTTAGE HOMES

**VACANCY
FOR
PART-TIME HANDY PERSON**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS GOOD ALL-ROUND
HANDYPERSON SKILLS TO CARRY OUT SMALL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
TASKS IN OUR TENANT COTTAGES & SITE FACILITIES**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPLICATION PACK
&
FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT**

**JOHN BUCHANAN (MANAGER) 0131-441-2286
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Sunday
14 August
at
St Cuthbert's
6pm
Colinton
All are
Service

Evensong Service

Sunday
2 October
at
6pm

All welcome

St Cuthbert's, Colinton

AND FINALLY....A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!



SAVE THE
DATE!

**St Cuthbert's,
Colinton**

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd

December 2022

*More details to follow in The Sign, in our Pew Notices,
on our Noticeboards and on Social Media...*





**SEASON OF
CREATION**

St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church

Westgarth Avenue, Colinton, Edinburgh EH13 0BD

Tel: 0131 441 7580

Email: stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com

Website: www.stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk

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)

Evensong – ‘announced’ in our pew notices and on our Website.

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