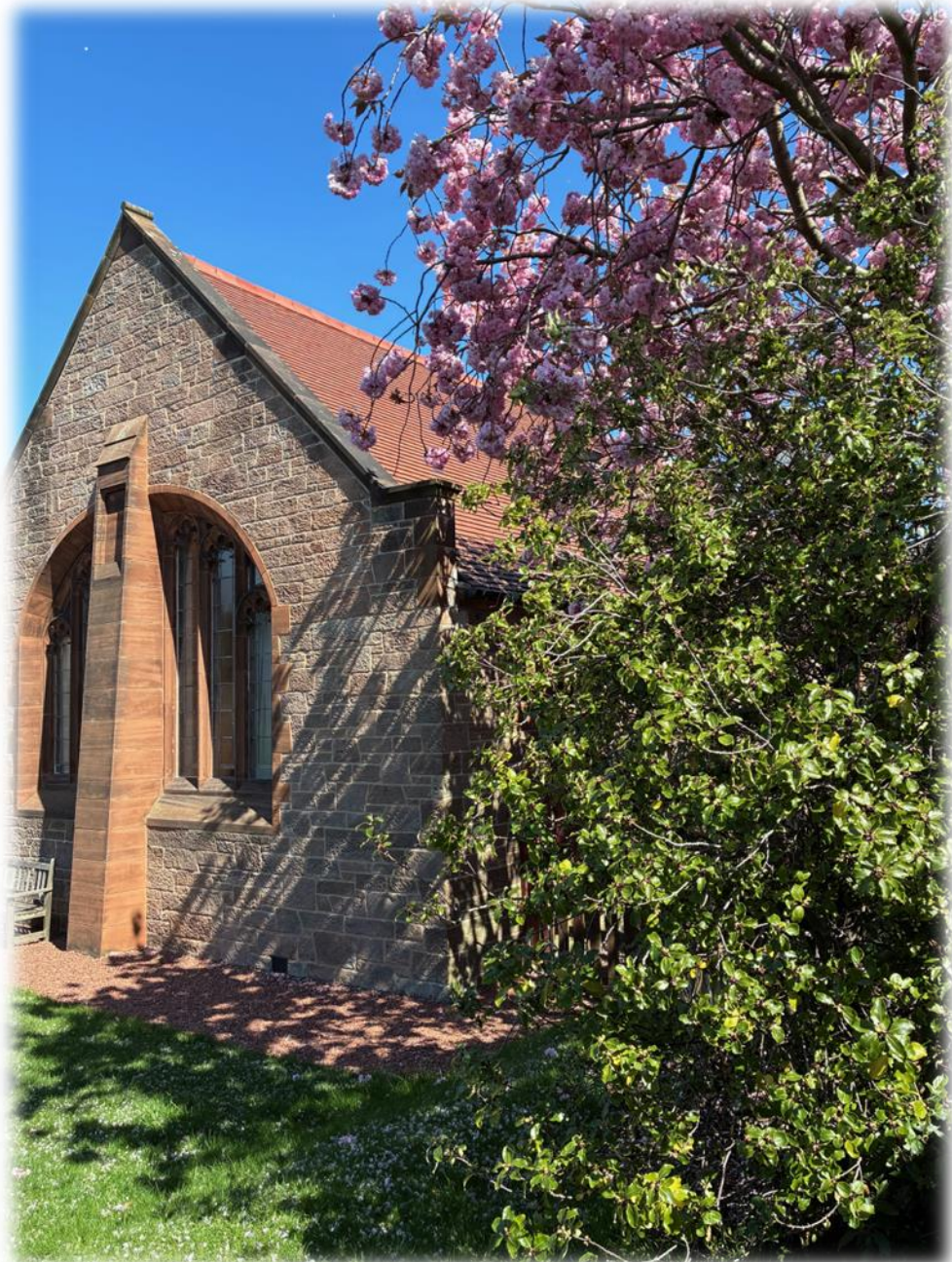


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JUNE 2025



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

*Front Page Photo – Blossom Tree, Hall Garden, St Cuthbert's  
Photograph: Louise Stobie*

*June 2025*

Dear Friends,



Although Easter was covered in the May magazine, our Ukrainian friends coming to our service wasn't. I was humbled, yet again, by their words and gifts and it is such a great pleasure to have them use our space. You will find photos at the end of this letter. Fingers crossed, we will share a picnic with them in July.

Since Easter I have had a busy time with family holidays and birthdays, volunteering with SSAFA (the armed forces charity) and planning for my daughter's, wedding on May 19<sup>th</sup>. (Ceri)

SSAFA took me to the installation of the new Governor of Edinburgh Castle, Major General Bob Bruce, CBE DSO. A splendid event with wonderful displays of marching and music and the presentation of the key to the castle.



Through SSAFA I was also invited to VE Day anniversary celebrations at Sky2 in Livingstone. I had the pleasure of taking Gordon McMurray along with me, as he celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on VE Day.



The Lord Lieutenant of West Lothian, Moira Niven MBE, presented Gordon with a bouquet of flowers for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A lovely afternoon ending with a sing-a-long of war time songs.

The Diocese held the annual 'Big Day' on May 10<sup>th</sup> where we were ably represented by Susan Leishman, Kay Dalley, Jean Myers, Marion Goldsmith and Morgan Jones. A day spent thinking about our blessings, the retirement of Bishop John and our future bishop.

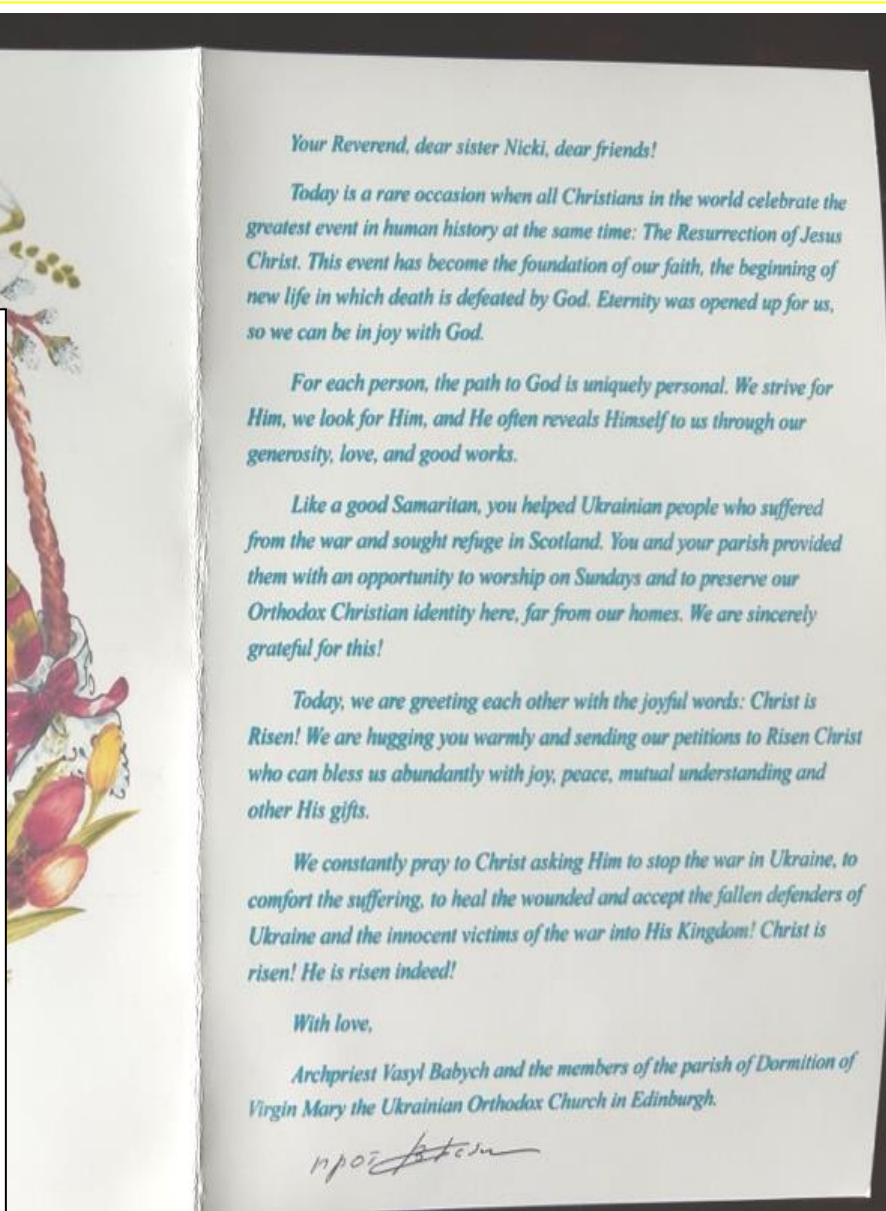


Evensongs are back in the diary, and I must thank Philip and the choir for a most excellent service for our first one in May. The next one is June 8<sup>th</sup> for Pentecost. I invite you all to wear something red this day in all our services. We will try to get a group congregational photograph on the day.

As we come to the end of the Easter Season (Alleluia! Christ is Risen!) and begin the long season of Green up to Christ the King, I wish you all a summer filled with love and blessings.

*Nicki*

# Ukrainian Easter Card and Gifts





*'Thank you'*

*Ceri and Kamil  
would like to say  
'thank you' to everyone -  
for the kind gifts,  
cards and good wishes  
they have received.*



**There then,  
here now.**



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ANNIVERSARY

## VESTRY REPORT

### Vestry May 2025

*The full minutes are available from the Vestry Secretary. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact:*

*[julia.roberts01@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.roberts01@btinternet.com)*

## **Message for June from Revd Margaret.**

As the days continue to move ever swiftly onwards, we now happily find ourselves surrounded by the fresh green of the trees and the vivid colours of newly opened flowers. Such scenes have brought to my mind that well-known quotation from Robert Browning: 'God's in his heaven – All's right with the world.' But sadly, as I watch the news or follow other media outlets, I'm confronted with a completely opposing picture; startling reports of continuing and increasing violence, greed, power-hungriness, devastating poverty and a degrading environment. How **can** all be right with the world?

One answer to that challenge to our faith is to dig deeply into such appalling reports and find the concern and caring emanating from so many other human beings as they reach out to assist the suffering. Additionally, we can search the annals of history or our own experiences to see humanity's recovery from desolation, to see God's gifts to his flawed creatures being utilised to offer not just compassionate aid, but beauty, beneficial innovation and constructive improvements to our life on earth.

In early May I took a mini cruise to the Netherlands, where such thoughts became dominant. Starting in Amsterdam, I was firstly reminded of the impact of the diary of the young Anne Frank, whose family were sadly betrayed to the Nazis, and secondly of the incredible Corrie Ten Boom, whose deeply held religious beliefs motivated her to resist the Nazis by successfully sheltering and saving the lives of hundreds of Jews and other refugees.

We then sailed to Rotterdam, flattened by the Nazis, but totally rebuilt after the end of the war, resurrecting itself into a thriving, successful metropolis, with tree-lined avenues and buildings incorporating both housing and businesses. Looking ahead, in a country much of which lies below sea level, all construction was based on piles driven deep down.

Moving beyond compassionate aid and positive innovation to considering beauty, I was fortunate to visit the charming and historic little city of Delft, home of the renowned artist, Vermeer, and site of the world-famous Delft Pottery, creating blue faience ware. During a visit to the Pottery Museum and factory, I was absolutely stunned by the exquisite creations and the delicacy of the handmade pieces.

God has indeed given human beings the most amazing gifts for good, so I pray that these will gradually overcome the forces of evil which often threaten to overcome his lovingly designed creation.

I leave you with my love and blessings, Margaret NSM.



## June 2025

### Music Notes



As was mentioned in the May edition of *The Sign*, the choir is currently busy preparing for *Singing the Seasons*, which takes place on the afternoon of Saturday 14 June. Prior to that, we celebrate Pentecost at our two services on 8 June, followed by Trinity on the following Sunday, which will both be reflected in the choice of anthem at these services. This month marks the start of the long season of Pentecost, which continues until September. That month sees the start of the relatively new season of Creationtide, which culminates in our Harvest Festival celebration at the beginning of October. Through this summer period, it is possible that choir numbers will fluctuate because of holidays, affecting what we are able to sing. However, this month, the music that we hope to sing is detailed below.

1 June:	Father God, we worship you –	Graham Kendrick
8 June, 10.30am:	Come, Holy Ghost -	Thomas Attwood
8 June, 5pm:	Come down, O Love divine -	William Harris
15 June:	Holy, holy, holy	- Schubert
22 June:	Jesu, joy of man's desiring	- JS Bach
29 June:	Lord, I trust thee	- Handel

***Philip Rossiter***



## *Summer Evensongs*

We will have Evensong on the following dates at **5pm:**

8<sup>th</sup> June

6<sup>th</sup> July

3<sup>rd</sup> August

7<sup>th</sup> September

5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festal Evensong

**Please note the change of the start time – 5pm**

# **Poppy Scotland Visit**

**9<sup>th</sup> June at 10am**

Lady Haig's Poppy Factory has been producing poppies in Scotland since 1926.

Today, their team of disabled and vulnerable ex-service men and women produce millions of poppies and tens of thousands of wreaths, Remembrance symbols and long stem poppies each year.

If you would like to join this factory tour, which is fully accessible for those with walking aids, please speak to Nicki.

It is free to attend but you will need to find transport down to Logie Green Road. We will be car sharing, so spaces should be available.





*St Cuthbert's  
presents*



# *Sínging the Seasons*

*featuring St Cuthbert's Choir*

*Saturday 14 June 2025*

*At 2.30pm*

*St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church*

*Westgarth Avenue*

*There will be a Retíral Collection in aid of  
church funds*

*followed by **Afternoon Tea** in the hall*



Scottish Charity Number SC007578



## **St. Cuthbert's needs your help**

If you would like to know more about our Sunday volunteering roles before committing, I plan to hold training in church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for Welcomers at 6pm and Ministers of the Word, Readers and Intercessors at 7pm.

Those currently in these roles are very welcome to come along too and re-train, or offer suggestions for things to work better.

Turning up on the night does not commit you to the rota but it will hopefully give you the information you need to make the decision.

With thanks.

Nicki



## 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 e-mail Nicki: [stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com)

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## Fundraising & Events Team



Joan Smith, Judith Mackintosh, Philip Rossiter,  
George Bungay, Bev Henderson, Susan Leishman

If you have any ideas that would help with our fund-raising efforts to beat the deficit, please speak to one of the fundraising and events team.

They would love to hear your ideas.



## *St. Raphael's Prayer Group*

St. Raphael is considered a protector and healer and, each month, a small group meets to pray for those who need healing within our congregation.

We remember people in need of prayer for a variety of reasons, including those who are sick or injured, in hospital, waiting for treatment or recovering. Those who need carers to help them and the carers, those in nursing homes, those troubled in mind, those who have died and those who mourn. We also give thanks for those whose health has improved.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list at any time, for any reason, please contact Rev Nicki or Judith Mackintosh.

**Lord, bring healing, bring peace.**



## **THE SIGN**

**Please note –The deadline for information and articles for the**

**JULY & AUGUST 2025 issue**

**is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Please send to**

**[stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com) **Thank you!****

### **St. Cuthbert's Walking Challenge May 2025**

10, 30 or 100 miles in a month

You choose the challenge and the entry fee  
is £5 / £10 / £15 respectively

Ask friends and family to sponsor you, with all funds  
helping St. Cuthbert's beat the deficit

Ask a friend to join you, get a group together in  
church, get outdoors, great for physical and mental  
health.



*Speak to Judith or Joan for more information*

Thank you for participating and/or supporting our 'May Walking Challenge' – update to follow – meantime, there is still time to donate! Pay by bank transfer into the church account using the reference 'May Walk', or speak to Judith or Joan. Thank you!

## **Recycling**

In trying to do our bit for the environment, we aim to recycle as much of our waste in church as possible and there is a blue box outside for glass jars and bottles and two green recycling bins for dry recyclables. To encourage us to recycle there is a small white bin outside the kitchen for recyclables that is emptied into the outside green bins when full. However, if we put the wrong or dirty things into the recycling bin the whole amount can be rejected at the recycling centre, and then it must go to landfill. This is the same for your green recycling bin at home.

### **What you CAN put into the recycling bin:**

- **rinsed and empty plastic food and drink containers e.g. Milk containers, yoghurt pots, trays, plastic bottles and lids**
- **paper including envelopes and cardboard not contaminated with food and free of Sellotape and brown plastic tape**
- **drinks/food cans (rinsed and empty)**
- **clean aluminium foil**
- **Tetra Pak juice cartons (rinsed and empty)**
- **White coffee cup lids, rinsed.**

### **What you CANNOT put in the recycling bin:**

- **Tissues, paper towels**
- **Soft plastics (e.g. biscuit, sweet wrappers, clingfilm, crisp packets, carrier bags, plastic wallets)**
- **Disposable coffee/hot drinks cups**
- **Polystyrene**
- **Food or liquids**
- **Black plastic containers, wood, glass**
- **Batteries, electrical items (small electrical e.g. no bigger than a toaster can be placed on top of the glass recycling bin).**

**Thank you for helping us to recycle responsibly.**

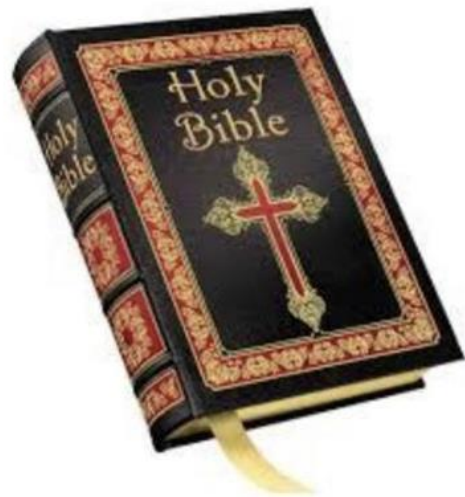
Soft plastics and batteries are collected for recycling at local supermarkets, and we would encourage everybody to do this. Hilary collects the washed lids off milk containers to raise money for charity.

**Thursday Afternoon Service: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**World Environment Day**

**Let's Start with the Bible...**

**2.30pm**



**Please join us for this informal service**

**Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there**

**Refreshments will be served after the service**

*Future services: Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>*



## **JUNE 2025 ROTA**

# READINGS FOR JUNE 2025

## Year C

Readings are taken from the NRSV

### 1<sup>st</sup> June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16. 16-34  
Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17. 20-26

### 8<sup>th</sup> June – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-21,  
Romans 8. 14-17  
John 14. 8-17, 25-27

### 15<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday

2 Samuel 11. 26-12, 10. 13-15  
Galatians 2. 15-21  
Luke 7. 36. – 8.3

### 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Pentecost 2

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

### 29<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost 3

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

### 6<sup>th</sup> July – Pentecost 4

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





# St Cuthbert's Playgroup

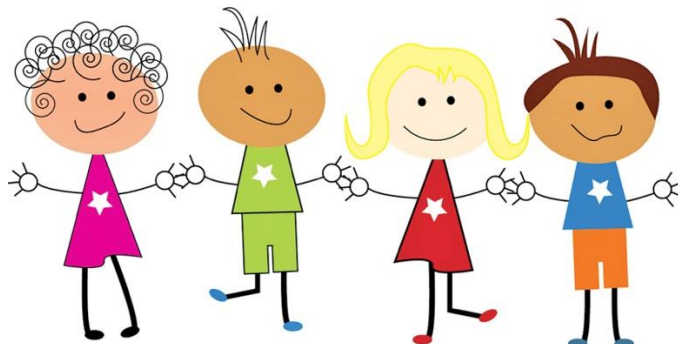
10am - 11.30am

Every Monday during term time  
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**2pm – 4pm**

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*All Welcome*

**Thursday Service**  
**3 July 2025 at 2.30pm**

## **Holy Days and Holidays**



Please join us for this informal service  
Everyone welcome

*Refreshments will be served after the service*

Future services: Thursday 7 August, Thursday 4 September



## **Church Picnic with our Ukrainian friends**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**12 Noon**

**The 10.30am service will begin at 11am to avoid waiting for the start of the picnic.**

Please bring a picnic blanket or cushion for sitting on the grass. Seats will be made available for those who need them.

Please write your name on the sheet at the back of church if you plan to attend and want food.

We hope you can join us.



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I will send in our donations at the end of this month.  
Thank you again for your contributions.

***Kay Dalley***

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## Join Us in Securing a Home for a Refugee Family in Edinburgh

We are \*Edinburgh Refugee Sponsorship Circle\*, and we have an exciting opportunity to provide long-term housing security for a refugee family we welcomed via Community Sponsorship in 2021. The family is at risk of losing their home due to the landlord's need to sell, but with the help of generous supporters and legal advisors, we are working towards **purchasing the property in October**.

To make this happen, we need a **small, committed working group** to oversee the project. This is a **transformative, high-impact initiative**, and we are looking for 3-4 people who can contribute 1-2 hours per week, including a **fortnightly one-hour meeting**.

We welcome individuals with **passion and/or experience** in:



Finance & banking



Property management & regulations



Law & charity governance



Communications & fundraising



Philanthropy & donor management

If you are interested in playing a **direct role in securing a stable home** for a refugee family, please get in touch!

[fae@refugeesponsorhipcircle.org](mailto:fae@refugeesponsorhipcircle.org)



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*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*  
1 Corinthians 13.13



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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**

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

*Scottish Charity Number: SC007578*

