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Scottish Episcopal Church

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NOTICES



News from 21a

We are pleased to welcome Rhiannon Spiers back, on a phased return to her work as Admin Asst (Fin & Mgt). In addition, we have the help of Becky Fletcher (*right*) - a Gap Year student/Choral Scholar at St Mary's Cathedral -

hopefully until Christmas, supporting Rhiannon's work, whilst she covers her own Finance & Management role as well as some of the Mission & Ministry support work.



Thank you for your patience.....!

Canvas Print Available

The Diocesan Office would like to offer this 100cm x 75cm canvas print to any churches/clergy who might like to give it a home. Contact us at the office if you are interested (0131 538 7033; office@edinburgh.anglican.org)



Diocesan Synod 2020

A date has now been agreed for the Spring Synod – **Saturday 14 March 2020**. As before, it will be at St Paul's & St George's Church in Edinburgh. Please put the date in your diaries now.

There is, before that, our Diocesan Synod on Thursday 24 October, again at St Paul's & St George's Church.

Safeguarding

Those who attended Diocesan Synod last week will have heard the presentation and discussion about this important subject, and will have seen the video which has been put together.

This is an internal resource, but we would like all Rectors and PVG Coordinators to see the video and, if there is an opportunity, to show it to each Vestry. Here is the link: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/safeguarding-video/>

In addition, at Synod, we announced the first Diocesan Safeguarding Training Session, which will provide all the basics needed for understanding Safeguarding and how to organise your practices and processes.

The venue is yet to be confirmed, but it will be on **Saturday 11 January 2020** and will be run by Ley-Anne Forsyth, who provides training for all the leaders on the Glenalmond Provincial Youth Camp. More details to follow.

Before that, Donald Urquhart (Provincial Protection Officer) will be running a Child Protection training event on **Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm** (venue to be confirmed, but will be in Edinburgh) – see the event advert later in this edition.”



INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020

The Bishop of Edinburgh is inviting bids and nominations from people across the Diocese for what could be the focus of the Bishop's Lent Appeal in 2020.

Bishop John Armes sponsors a Lent Appeal each year with the funds raised shared equally between two charitable organisations. One at home within Edinburgh Diocese and the UK and one elsewhere in the world.

Over the past few years we have contributed to a wide variety of projects such as sewing machines in Papua New Guinea, the work of IJM and of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel.

Bishop of Edinburgh
Lent Appeal

In our home diocese we have supported Waverley Care and Faith in Older People and St John and recently Fresh Start Borders, helping families move from homelessness to permanent tenancies.

Although it may seem early, we would hope that you can help by submitting your suggestion by **Wednesday 13th November 2019**. This allows us time to contact the successful nominee to discuss their goals and expectations and allow for planning.

Nominations should be no more than a single A4 side of information about what they do although web links can be included. Where appropriate, please do let us know of any personal involvement with your nominee or a note about how you know of them and if available, the contact details of the charitable organisation itself.

Please send your suggestions for the attention of Bishop John at BishopsPA@dioceseofedinburgh.org

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Resources and Ideas for Remembrance Sunday

Acts of Remembrance are a fantastic opportunity to connect with our wider communities and people outwith our congregations, but such services can be very difficult to prepare and lead. [Here on our website](#) you will find a pdf list of web links for liturgical resources and book suggestions to help you plan.

Prisoners Week 17-24th and Service on 18th November

The Prisoners Week Trust is an Ecumenical Churches initiative which aims to stimulate discussion, share hope and highlight concerns for the 8,000 people locked up in prison across Scotland. This year **17-24th November is**

Prisoners week when all Churches are being encouraged to focus on prisoners, challenging us to get to know more about the lives of people in prison and asking if we care. [On their website here](#) you will find loads of information, resources and links to discussion ideas, prayers, and worship resources.

Monday 18th November at 6.30pm there is a National Launch Service at the Bridge of Allan Parish Church, FK9 4NW. All are welcome. For a poster and a flyer with more information [visit the Diocesan Website here](#).



Setting out in Fresh Expressions – 23rd November

Be inspired with stories and **insights of new ways of sharing faith and growing church**, with videos, interviews and time for discussion. Focusing on lessons learnt and helping us to think about the next steps we might take, this is a Saturday morning ecumenical gathering at Loanhead Parish Church Centre, The Loan, Loanhead, EH20 9AJ. 23rd November, 9.15am – 12.45pm (refreshments from 8.45am). Free event, but please register your [attendance on Eventbrite here](#). For a poster to display in your church visit the [diocesan website here](#).

Advent and Stewardship Resources

We are currently working on lists of resources for Advent and Christmas so if you have any suggestions to add to the list being created, please do get in touch with Annie at the office. She is also working on a similar list for Stewardship – again contact her if you can recommend any books, material, courses, or websites. [Email here](#).

Edinburgh Street Pastors Training – 15-17 November



Street Pastors in Edinburgh are teams of women and men on the streets of our city every Friday between about 10pm-4am helping anyone in need, whilst others stay in the background in vital roles of prayer and support. They are all trained volunteers from local churches who care about our community. For real life stories and insight into this ministry [visit their Facebook page here](#). **Could you or someone in your church get involved?** The next training evenings will be on two weekends 18-20

October and 15-17 November. If you're interested in finding out more about what the Street Pastors do and how you could be involved please [email them](#) or call them on 07523267906.

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

The Wee Sleep Out for the World Following the success of last year's event, Edinburgh Diocese and St Mary's Cathedral are teaming up with our ecumenical friends at Palmerston Place Church and Edinburgh Presbytery for 2019's [Wee Sleep Out for the World](#). We will be working together to get our young people involved in [Social Bite's global campaign to end homelessness](#) by sleeping rough in St Mary's Cathedral on **7 December**, in solidarity with those who are sleeping on the streets. Please encourage any young people in your church to attend (aged 8-17) - or even consider hosting your own event! Full details and consent forms are here. If you would like to sponsor us in order to support Social Bite's work, you can donate online [here](#). Thank you!



Grants for youth and children's work A small amount of funding is available for churches to claim before Christmas: download a simple application form [here](#). Deadline is 30 November!

FUNDING NEWS

National Lottery Heritage Fund shares grant information on 'open data' platform.

Over 100 UK funding bodies have already published information on grant distribution via a new online open data platform, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund have been the latest to do so.

Open data is information that can be freely used, shared and built-on by anyone, anywhere, for any purpose.

NLHF say it is an important step as it 'help funders understand how money is being used and will help communities and organisations to identify where investment is going'.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/weve-taken-another-step-our-commitment-open-data>

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

None

CANON 35 – CONSENTS GRANTED

EDINBURGH St Mark's Portobello – Installation of a Little Library in the grounds (Sep 2019)

EDINBURGH St John the Evangelist - Restoring and enhancing the terrace area. (Jun 2019)


For more information on the Canon 35 process and other buildings resources, please visit:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-buildings/>

DIARY

Sat 2 November	Provincial Youth Network Autumn Sleepover, St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh
Mon 4 November	Diocesan Buildings Committee
Tue 5 – Thu 7 November	Clergy Conference
Wed 6 November	OFFICE CLOSED
Sat 9 November	Bishop attends Orchard Planting at St Ninian's, Comely Bank
Sun 10th November	Wreath Laying at the Stone of Remembrance, Edinburgh Remembrance Service at St Giles Cathedral Bishop Presiding at Robin Chapel, Edinburgh
Tue 12 November	Diocesan Finance & Management Committee
Thu 14 November	Diocesan Mission & Ministry Committee
Fri 15 November	Bishop attends Friends of the Holy Land service, Glasgow Cathedral
Sun 24th November	Bishop Preaching and presiding at St Barnabas, Moredun

Advance Notices

Tuesday 3rd December	 <u>SAVE THE DATE</u> Pre-Christmas Eucharist and Lunch for Retired Clergy and Clergy Widows
Saturday 14th December	A Provincial celebration of the 25 th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood @ St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth (2pm)
Spring Diocesan Synod	Saturday 14 th March 2020 at St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh

VACANCIES

Reformed Tradition Prison Chaplain, Scottish Prison Service

As part of the chaplaincy team, is responsible for the provision of chaplaincy services to those in our care and staff at HMP Glenochil. This involves conducting worship and providing pastoral care within the establishment, including individual and group work concerning prayer, the study of holy books, and discussions of matters spiritual and ethical. Duties will be carried out in co-operation with members of the ecumenical and multi-faith chaplaincy team. More information is available on the Scottish Prison Service website.

EVENTS

Saturday 23 November: Right Use of Power

Many caring people in helping professions are cautious about the idea of power, not wishing to have 'power over' others. Come and join an afternoon affirming positive relationship to role power.

1.30 - 4pm at St Columba's By the Castle, Central Edinburgh - £25

Power is the ability to influence and be influenced by others. Power is relational, and relationships can be messy. Good intentions are essential, but not enough to ensure we use our power well; we make mistakes, or even *under-use* the appropriate power we have to effect change. Most misuses of power happen when those who have influence due to their roles misjudge the impact on others; limited knowledge of power dynamics can leave us adrift. Using material from psychotherapist Dr Cedar Barstow this event explores how we can relate positively to power with reflection, sensitivity and heart, and offer reparation when difficulties occur. For faith leaders, support workers, pastoral carers, counsellors, spiritual accompaniers etc. Suitable as a CPD event, certificates are available on request.

*Facilitated by **Elizabeth White**, a spiritual director and senior accredited pastoral supervisor with APSE. Having formerly coordinated the adult learning programme for the Diocese of Edinburgh, she now offers group and individual opportunities for spiritual reflection on life and work. Elizabeth also co-ordinates a project exploring a national accreditation pathway for spiritual directors; supporting best practice, heartening ethics and enlivening accountability. www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/soul-care-workshops*

Bookings via: <https://rightpower.brownpapertickets.com>



Child Protection Training

Thursday 5 December at 6.30pm

Edinburgh (venue tbc)

This twilight training session organized by Old St Paul's Church will be led by Donald Urquhart, the Provincial Officer for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

It is open to anyone involved in children's work at other Episcopal churches

Please contact the Children and Young Person's Worker at OSP, Paul Lugton, if you'd like to attend: pdlugton@gmail.com

NOTE: There will also be a Diocesan Safeguarding Training event on **Saturday 11 January 2020** (venue to be confirmed) led by Ley-Anne Forsyth who trains the Glenalmond Provincial Youth Camp Leaders. *More details to follow.....*

The Gifford Lectures

The Gifford Lectures were established in 1887 under the will of Adam Lord Gifford, a Senator of the College of Justice. They are held at each of the four ancient Scottish universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St Andrews. For well over a hundred years, the lectures have enabled a most notable field of scholars to contribute to the advancement of philosophical and theological thought.

Past Gifford Lecturers at Edinburgh include William James, John Dewey, Albert Schweitzer, Niels Bohr, Arnold Toynbee, Sir John Eccles, Iris Murdoch, Charles Taylor, Michael Ignatieff, Wentzel van Huyssteen, Noam Chomsky, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Simon Conway Morris, Alexander Nehamas, Robert Veatch, Jonathan Sacks, Diana Eck, Mike Gazzaniga, Terry Eagleton, Patricia Churchland, Bruno Latour, Steven Pinker, Rowan Williams, Catherine O'Regan, Jeremy Waldron, Helga Nowotny, Sheila Jasanoff, Kathryn Tanner, Richard English, Jeffrey Stout, Agustín Fuentes and Dame Mary Beard.

Further information

Gifford lectures are free to attend but ticketed. To book tickets visit www.ed.ac.uk/gifford-lectures

Enquiries: GiffordLectures@ed.ac.uk

Join the discussion on our blog during the fortnight of the series: www.giffordsedinburgh.com



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The Gifford Lectures

In God's Image: Anthropology

A series of six lectures by

Michael Welker

*Senior Professor, University of Heidelberg;
Executive Director, FIIT*

28 October to
6 November 2019
at 5.30pm

Playfair Library, Old College,
South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL



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CAROL SERVICE

EDINBURGH

St Mary's Cathedral, Monday 2nd December, 19:30pm

For further details please see our Facebook events page [!\[\]\(a870788d6ed9b8fd294b7654a8c8526b_img.jpg\) @mercyshipsuk](#)



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All donations received before December 31st to the #ChangeTheOdds campaign will be matched by the UK government.

Out of Sight Out of Mind

Each night *over 8,000* people are locked up in prisons across Scotland, the majority of whom:

- come from *our* poorest areas.
- have suffered abuse, traumatic bereavements and have mental health issues
- use drugs and alcohol to mask the pain – making imprisonment and an early death both more likely
- are stigmatised on release making a return to custody more likely

Do we care?

"As much as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Matt 25:40

You are warmly invited to our **National Launch Service** taking place in Bridge of Allan.

Monday 18th November at 6.30pm

Bridge of Allan Parish Church,
12 Keir Street,
Bridge of Allan,
FK9 4NW

www.prisonersweek.org.uk

Prisoners Week Trust is a charity, registered in Scotland, No: SC043431

PRISONERS WEEK

2019

17 – 24 NOVEMBER



HOLY MYSTERY

A CONCERT FOR ADVENT

A choral concert by Cordialis - a small group of singers drawn from cathedral and collegiate choirs from across the UK

Saturday 30 November 2019 at 7pm
St Peter's Lutton Place, Edinburgh EH8 9PE
Tickets: £10 (£7 concessions) on the door



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<http://www.mtss.scot/>



At Sea With God

21st - 28th March 2020

Bishop's House, Iona

A retreat led by Margaret Silf,
a renowned ecumenical writer and retreat leader.



"At Sea With God"

The metaphor of seafaring can be a helpful way to explore our spiritual journeying. We will reflect on our lives and circumstances as the "boat" in which we make the voyage of life.

What are we carrying on board – both precious cargo and excess baggage? What has moved us forward in our journeying, and how do we navigate our way through the unpredictable seas of life?

What causes the storms, and how might we deal with them?

What about the times when we feel we are simply "going nowhere"?

Where are we going, where do we find our anchor points, and how do we keep moving on?

If you have any questions or would like to make a
booking contact us on:

Phone: +44 (0)1681 700111

Email: iona@island-retreats.org



Bishop's House
Isle of Iona

Faith in Change and Conflict

Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th January 2020

Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th February 2020

St Mary's Kinnoull, Perth



Does your faith community struggle with change or conflict? Do you want to develop your skills to help others deal with difference and tension?

This advanced course is for all in church leadership who want to deepen their learning about conflict, change and transition. The course will help strengthen your skills, allowing you to support your community through change and transition, and explore how to apply the learning in your own faith context.

"This training has provided a core learning programme for our Interim and Transition Ministry team. These skills are integral to the success of this form of ministry. I am delighted to be able to offer this training and value the opportunity to work with Place for Hope."

Daran Golby, Partnerships and Development Secretary, Ministries Council, Church of Scotland

The course will be delivered mid-week over two residential 3-day blocks of teaching.

Cost: £750 early-bird rate for bookings before 5th November 2019 (£850 standard rate)

This event is eligible for Church of Scotland Study Leave.

For more information and to apply

w: www.placeforhope.org.uk

e: info@placeforhope.org.uk

t: 07884 580 359

Charity No: SC045224



EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS 2019



NATIVITY CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 1 December 2019
3pm | Free | Mound Place

You are warmly invited to take part in the joyful Edinburgh tradition of celebrating Christmas with an outdoor Nativity and Carol concert in the centre of the city.

It is an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to gather together to celebrate Christmas – to share the peace and goodwill of the season.

Join with choirs from across the city singing familiar Christmas carols and featuring the **Salvation Army Brass Band**.

Choirs include: **Origin Scotland and the Blackhall St Columba's Choir, Wester Hailes Education Centre School Choir, and St Andrew's and St George's West Choir.**



At the concert this scene will be blessed by Archbishop Leo Cushley, and followed by a Christmas address from Bishop John Armes and prayers for the city by Revd Angus Matheison the Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery. The Rt Honourable Frank Ross, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, will conclude the event with a word of thanks. Andrew Gregg, the city centre Work Place Chaplain, will link the parts of the concert.

Nativity Scene donated by Sir Tom and Lady Farmer

WRAP UP WARM AND COME ALONG!

St. John's Church Social Committee Film Event

Thursday 7th November (wine and nibbles from 7pm).

“In the Name of your Daughter”; a story of courage and hope in a country trying to stamp out FGM. The Event will be presented by Julian Marcus, a Vice President of the Britain Tanzania Society and his wife Ann, who are coming up from the South of England. There will be opportunities for questions and a stall of items for sale as well. Donations will be invited to Girls' Rights Fund.

Entry is free but ticketed - tickets available by email from Fiona McLuckie, (fiona.mcluckie@btinternet.com)

Edinburgh churches Together Newsletter November 2019 – January 2020

The new issue of Edinburgh Churches Together's newsletter is now available to download from <https://edinburghchurchestogether.org.uk/>

In this edition:

- Edinburgh's Christmas 2019
- Apostleship of the Sea
- An Urban Peace Garden
- A Theatre Chaplain ...and much more

Work Place Chaplaincy (WPCS) Edinburgh

.....is offering a six week intensive programme of work place chaplaincy training this Autumn. This programme covers the essential training modules for anyone interested in becoming a work place chaplain with WPCS.

Location for all training modules is : St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh



07th November 2019 (Day 2 of 3)

- 10:00-12:30 Organisational Dynamics
- 13:00-15:30 Building Resilience

This second WPCS training day explores the skills required to provide chaplaincy in organisations, and how chaplaincy can develop resilience in individuals, teams and organisations that we serve

Book here - > <https://wpcsed-ft2.eventbrite.co.uk>



21st November 2019 (Day 3 of 3)

- 10:00-12:30 Confidentiality
- 13:00-15:30 'Putting it all Together'

This final WPCS training day explores the essential role of Confidentiality in the ministry of a workplace chaplain, and concludes with a "Putting it all together" session - where we discuss how to get started as a chaplain, the language we use and the role of our personal spiritual foundations.

Book here - > <https://wpcsed-ft3.eventbrite.co.uk>

You can register to come on all of these modules, or just choose the ones one that you are particularly interested in.

Liz Mackie

Administrative Assistant

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liz.mackie@wpcscotland.co.uk

Into Silence

1.30pm Friday 25th October, 29th November etc

Christ Church Centre, Holy Corner

Guided stillness and silence, all welcome followed by tea/coffee.

Drop in, £5 donation. Info from Mollie Paterson molliemollie19@gmail.com

Refugio

Third Sunday of the month, all welcome 7pm at Greyfriars Kirk

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/worship/refugio>

Refugio is a monthly, ecumenical evening Communion set in the context of silence, symbol and reflective prayer. It takes its name from the shelters where pilgrims, walking the medieval route to Santiago de Compostela, stop and find rest on their journey. Refugio is a stopping place for today's pilgrims, away from the bustle of everyday life, away from many words and much doing, to a quieter, more reflective space, in which we can be nourished by bread and wine. Refugio takes place in Greyfriars monthly, on each third Sunday.

Services last from 45 minutes to an hour, led by an ecumenical team and all are welcome.

Sunday 20th October etc

Fanned into Flame: A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 7th December 10am - 4pm

The Church Centre, Christ Church Morningside, 6a Morningside Road (please note change of venue!) A light in the darkness. The first Advent candles lit. The mystery of the Incarnation, the gift of God in us fanned into flame. In this busiest of seasons, this Quiet Day offers a chance to be still, to reflect on the light within us, the Grace of God come into the world, and the light which sustains us through the darkest season of the year.

The day will draw on a mixture of creative and reflective approaches and include guided reflection and individual quiet time. Costs £30 (£20 concession, or pay what you can) which includes a simple bread and cheese lunch, tea/coffee and cake. A non-refundable deposit of £10 is requested for this event. For any questions or to book, contact Susan Mansfield on wordsmansfield@gmail.com or 07803 620038.

For future news of more Reflective Events, Workshops Retreats sign up at:

www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/email-updates

www.thelanterngroup.org

Psalms at Advent



A Quiet Morning for Reflection

Saturday 23 November 2019

10.15 am to 1.30 pm

(Registration from 10.00am: ending with sharing lunch at 1.00pm)

Ormiston Parish Church

The programme will be led by members of the Lantern Group, who share a common interest in the Ignatian way of prayer and spiritual development.

Donations welcomed to defray expenses.
It's helpful if you let us know you plan to come.

Please phone **01620 824896** or email: jstein@handselpress.org.uk

Selling Out To Slavery

Presented by Action of Churches Together Scotland

The ACTS group are organising a Conference on Human trafficking to take place on
2nd November 2019 at South Leith Parish Church.

People often feel helpless when it comes to tackling this subject as they don't know how to spot it or what to do about it. So, I would really appreciate your support in cascading this throughout all your networks, ensuring that we let our congregations know about this excellent opportunity to find out more about
Modern Slavery.

This conference will focus on the ways in which trafficking is an issue for Scottish businesses and how human trafficking is dependent on consumerism. We will also address practical ways communities can foster awareness and become ethical consumers.

Action of Churches Together Scotland have been working for many years in collaboration with various institutions and organisations to help combat trafficking in Scotland. This Conference is a part of that vision.

Conference link: <https://acts2019.wixsite.com/sellingouttoslavery>

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/421200608470907/>

Please check out the Conference programme, we have a great line up of speakers and workshops. We have kept the cost low and the price of
£16.76 includes lunch.

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Conversation Wine
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Openness
Spirit Stillness
Sharing

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27 October **Spiritual Ceilidh**
Bring and share a piece of music, art,
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you (maybe something of your own
creation)

1 December **Taizé for Advent**
reflective candlelit worship

St. Columba's by the Castle Scottish Episcopal Church

14 Johnston Terrace, EH1 2PW *look for the blue door next to the Castle Rock Hostel*

www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk

CAST AND CREW WANTED

EDINBURGH EASTER PLAY 2020



We are delighted to announce that we will be producing a new play about the Easter story in Princes Street Gardens, Saturday 11 April, 2020.

This annual play has become a very important feature in the Easter celebrations in the city and next year will be part of a much larger vision all across the city.

We are looking for cast and crew to be involved in the play which has a new script from Kamala Santos.

CAST: We hold rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7pm-9pm in Gorgie Dalry Church of Scotland, 190 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh. We welcome all who wish to join the cast, with acting experience or none, aged from 16 upwards!

Please come along and enjoy an uplifting and exciting experience. Let your family and friends know about it! Just turn up or contact:

Suzanne(Director) on cuttingedge21@btinternet.com

Murrayfield Churches Together Faith Discussion Group

The Faith Discussion Group considers different topics to do with faith to try better to understand what faith is and how it affects us both as individuals and as a community. All are welcome to our meetings, including doubters and sceptics.

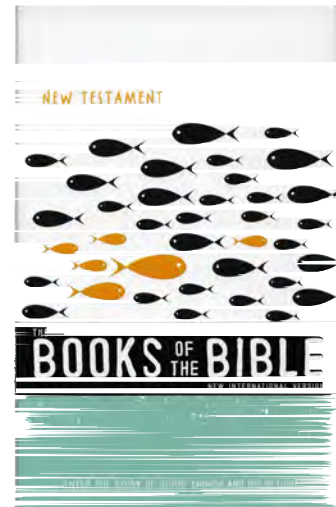
Before Christmas, meetings will be on Tuesday evenings, from 8th October to 26th November in the Upper Room at Saughtonhall United Reformed Church 85/87 Saughtonhall Drive, Edinburgh EH12 5TR.

Last session the group became a book club and spent eight weeks reading through half of the New Testament with lively discussions following the readings each week.

This autumn, we will read the rest of it. ***The Community Bible Experience*** has taken the New International Version translation of the bible and re-ordered and reformatted it. Since this version also has no chapter or verse numbers, it reads like a normal book. So, having read Luke, Acts, and the Pauline letters, we move on to Matthew's gospel and the rest of the New Testament books.

Reading the Bible a whole book at a time has proved to be an enlightening experience, even for regular bible readers. It is not necessary to have been with us for the first half to join for the second half. Or, if you can't make it on a Tuesday evening, why not travel with us and just follow the readings at home?

We can obtain copies of this edition of the New Testament for you at £5; just let us know. So, if you have always meant to work your way through the New Testament now is your chance. We read around 30 pages per week.



The weekly programme before Advent is:

8th October – ***Matthew 1-16:12*** (please read this in advance of coming on the 8th)

15th October – ***Matthew 16:13-28***

22nd October – ***Hebrews, James 1-2***

29th October – ***James 3-5, Mark***

5th November – ***1&2 Peter, Jude, Gospel of John 1-3***

12th November – ***Gospel of John 4-21***

19th November – ***Epistles 1-3 of John, Revelation 1-11***

26th November – ***Revelation 12-22***

For more information please contact Jim Paterson at jim@thepatersons.org

UP THE LANE



**Voices from the family of
St James the Less
Scottish Episcopal church, Penicuik**

The result of interviews carried out by Penicuik Oral History Resource, this book is a miscellany of themed personal reminiscences interwoven with humour. It describes the life of the church and its place in the community, both local and further afield.

Along the way it gives an overview of recent developments in the church's history.

Dip in as you will, and please enjoy your time spent with the friendly, supportive family of St James the Less, Penicuik.

We are, indeed, ***still up the lane!***

'Up the Lane' can be purchased for £10 (+p&p) (cash/cheque only) from the church; or to arrange payment and delivery, please contact phillg13@toucansurf.com.

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

WHAT NEXT?

Saturday 16th November 2019

12 noon to 4pm

St. George's Tron Church,
163, Buchanan Street,
Glasgow G1 2JX
(between Queen Street and Central stations)

Speakers:

William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway

Bill Kidd MSP

A study afternoon organised by Scottish Christians against Nuclear Arms.
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