



The Cairn



News from St. Anne's Scottish Episcopal & Methodist Church in Dunbar

Letter from the Rector

Dear friends,

May is the month when we celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the church signalled by the sending of the Holy Spirit to dwell within those who follow Jesus. In the aftermath of the resurrection, everything had already changed for Jesus' disciples. Resurrection altered their understanding of the world and of their place in it. But it wasn't until the disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, that they were equipped for the work of the Kingdom.

Through resurrection, humanity is offered the promise that ultimately, everything in the world that is broken - all of the injustice, warfare, pain and suffering, even climate change - will be made new in Christ. And through the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we begin to see the Holy Spirit at work in the world in new ways, bringing God's Kingdom into being.

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The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives has the capacity to be truly transformative. Perhaps you know someone whose life has been changed by an encounter with God. Perhaps it might even be you! We are all invited into relationship with Jesus, and at our baptism the Holy Spirit is invited to live within us, to help us to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

As we look towards the future of St Anne's, part of our responsibility is to look and listen for the work of the Holy Spirit. Where is She already at work in our lives and in the community around us? What work is already being done, and what invitations is She whispering for us to join in?

The resurrection of Jesus was a world-changing moment. Pentecost was another. But the transformations that they promise, and begin, continue to be worked out in the world - as one person after another, one situation after another, one life after another, is touched and changed by the life-giving love of God.

How is the Spirit seeking to lead us on together, I wonder?

With love,

Diana



Vestry Update

All about Mission

The April Vestry meeting at St. Anne's was a time of reflection and forward thinking, focusing on developing our mission within the Dunbar community. We pondered the balance between offering support within the church's walls, and stepping out into the community to serve. A number of consultation events will take place over the summer and autumn to gain a broad range of ideas and views.

The Buildings Group reported on the status of the Halo lamp pilot and the ongoing review of the options and costs of repurposing the church. As these projects are being developed, they will form part of the Mission Consultation, helping to inform our consideration of the differing options available to us.

The Discipleship Group have been hard at work and planning several fellowship and Young Church events, including the return of soup lunches and Godly play sessions for Pentecost and this summer's Olympics.

Pam Shields

Faith is a Verb: Diocesan Zoom Course

The Diocesan Advisor for Christian Life, Fee Reynolds, will be offering the 2023 Lent Course as a 'Pentecost Course', for anyone across the Diocese. It will take place on Zoom on Monday evenings, from 6:30 - 8pm, starting on Monday 20th May and running until Monday 24th June. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Fee:

freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 0131 346 9089.

The return of...

S O U P L U N C H E S

Last Sunday in the month

Join us for soup, cake and
fellowship



Buildings Group Report

The primary purpose of our Church building is for our worship, but we are continuing to consider the additional uses we could make of our Church building and space. We are thinking of setting up a wider discussion group to review our options, and we will keep you informed.

Our guttering is showing signs of rust after just a year, so we have had a discussion with our architect and the painters about remedial action.

Discussions about the Halo heater trial are continuing. We are trying to make the most cost-effective choice for the electrical wiring and installation.

David Robins

24-7 Prayer



24-7 Prayer turns 25 this year. The movement has been influential among young people, and has widened many people's experience of creative means of praying, as well as facilitating prayer spaces in community contexts, from the nightclubs of Ibiza to Scottish schools.

2024 has been designated the 24-7 Prayer Scotland *Year of*

Prayer. Individuals and churches across East Lothian are invited to sign up to pray in the week of 13th-19th May. Friends at other churches in Dunbar, East Linton and North Berwick are all being invited to do the same.

Sign up for a one-hour slot as an individual, pair or group. You could go for a prayer walk, pop into church to pray silently for an hour, get together to pray with friends, or simply pray at home!

Sign up for your slot at: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/2a04fd>



Introduction to the New Testament Epistles - 1 Corinthians

A regular series by Stuart Ritchie

The letters to the Corinthians are rather special:

1. They were written at an early date, around 55AD. They throw considerable light on the Christian movement prior to the writing of any Gospel.
2. Paul's statements concerning the resurrection of Jesus and the institution of the Lord's Supper constitute the earliest preserved record of these events.



^^Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1606-1669. *Paul at His Writing Desk*. <https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/>

3. The problems discussed in 1 Corinthians give us insights into life at that time.

Paul was very familiar with the Corinthian Church and its members. After spending 18 months there, he had moved on to Ephesus. However, just before setting off again from Ephesus, he received a disturbing report of quarrelling and deep divisions within the Church in Corinth. An immediate response was required.

So, 1 Corinthians contains a frank discussion of a range of issues within the Church. Paul's letter provided an important early model for how the Church should handle congregational problems. Rather than ignore divisions and various social, moral and religious issues, Paul addresses the problems head on. Indeed, he makes it clear that he is willing to risk the good opinion of some, in order to sort out problems that seriously threatened the Church.

Paul addresses queries relating to life as a Christian. He tackles issues of doctrine. For example, the Corinthians had numerous questions about the celebration of the Lord's Supper and appropriate forms of worship. Today's Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians - *inter alia* - will feel quite at home when reading about liturgical divisions and quarrels within the Church!

Stuart Ritchie



Eco Planters

You may have noticed a recent, very stylish addition to the left of the pulpit: three copper-finished aluminium planters, which have been planted with a variety of shade-loving plants, seeds and bulbs. These are in place of weekly flower arrangements: since a huge percentage of bought flowers have to be air-freighted into the UK, in-line with St Anne's' work towards Net Zero we are looking to reduce our carbon footprint in all sorts of ways.

One of the members of the flower team had seen a similar concept in a church she had visited on holiday and the idea was approved by Vestry several years ago, but only recently were we able to apply for a grant from East Lothian Climate Action Network (ELCAN) for this.

Judy Dale and Gill Harley used the grant to purchase the beautiful planters, and there was sufficient money to locally purchase shade-loving plants, seeds and bulbs and - most importantly - peat-free compost. They aim to make seasonal changes in the contents of the planters. Some of St. Anne's children, their parents and grandparents, worked





with Gill to sow seeds and plant bulbs in small pots, which the children will later transplant into the planters. Gill is also working with the Harbour Lights group, planting and sowing seeds and bulbs, teaching them about growing conditions, maintenance and peat-free compost.

Fresh flowers will still be used on special occasions.

Alison Crowhurst





Opportunities to Volunteer with L'Arche UK

Might you or someone you know be called to explore working with L'Arche UK? L'Arche is a movement of life-sharing communities where people with and without learning disabilities live together on a mission to build a world where everyone belongs, helping each other live full and empowered lives, enriched with belonging, kindness, creativity, fun and joy.

Having reflected on their current circumstances and the needs of those who live and work with them, L'Arche, are piloting two internships, both starting in September 2024.

Soulful Internship

A one-year internship in a L'Arche Community - Edinburgh, Canterbury or Manchester. This is for those who want to spend time in community, deepening their spiritual life and journey, as well as engaging in the daily rhythm of life in L'Arche. It is particularly suited to those wanting to spend time in discernment of vocation, whatever that vocation may be. This may be at any age or stage of life, and is open to those of any faith or who are 'spiritual but not religious'. There is a requirement to have a right to work in the UK but no residency limits, so it is open to refugees and asylum seekers, regardless of length of time in the UK.

Care Apprenticeship

A two-year internship in a L'Arche Community - Bognor, Brecon, Ipswich, Canterbury or Inverness. This is for those who want to spend time in community, engaging in the daily rhythm of life in

L'Arche, whilst gaining qualifications in health and social care, making it particularly suited to those wanting work in this sector, whether they stay with L'Arche after two years or move on. This may be at any age or stage of life, and is suitable for people of any faith or none. There is a requirement to have a right to work in the UK and to have lived here for two years; it is open refugees and asylum seekers, if they have been in the UK long enough.

Application process

The application process is, at its heart, one of discernment, both for the applicant and for L'Arche. Potential applicants are welcome to get in touch with Mary Osborne first, to discuss the role. Applications are made via an online form. There is then an interview with Mary and a member of one of the Communities. If it feels as though there is a fit, both to L'Arche and to a particular community, then further paperwork is completed, including PVG/DBS and reference checks.

There is no hard deadline for applications; however, the earlier the application, the more likely the particular needs/desires of the applicant can be met, so contact with Mary or an application is encouraged sooner rather than later. This pilot will be reviewed in the spring and may or may not run again next year.

More information can be found at: <https://www.larche.org.uk/soulful-internship> and <https://www.larche.org.uk/care-apprenticeship>, including helpful booklets to download about each opportunity. Mary is also happy to be contacted, either via Mary.Osborne@larche.org.uk or on 07425 554185.

Noticeboard

Bringing dying into the limelight...

Demistifying Death Week

6th - 12th May 2024

Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief

(<https://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/>) brings together people and organisations interested in improving people's experiences of death, dying and bereavement in Scotland.

During this week a host of events will be held around Scotland to provide opportunities to reflect and talk about this topic.

At St Anne's, we will take part in the week by devoting our discussion slot after the Communion service on Thursday 9th May to share in tender conversations and our Christian perspectives and future hopes.

Thursday 9 May, service 10.30am
Coffee and discussion from 11am

WEEDKILLERS WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?



Come and explore the issues with
weeds and weedkillers

SPEAKERS

SHONA MCINTOSH GREEN PARTY COUNCILLOR ELC

DR EMMA BUSH NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS
SCIENTIST ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

on
Saturday 11th May
at

10.00am - 11.00am

at

ST ANNE'S CHURCH DUNBAR

FREE

ALL WELCOME

MORE INFORMATION: ecogroup@stannedunbar.org.uk



Fix your Bike! Free Workshops

Sustaining Dunbar
and Dunbar Bike Hub



Belhaven Church Hall - Sat 27th April 10am - 13.00pm

St Anne's Church - Sat May 11th 14.00-16.30

Sat June 15th 10-13.00

West Barns Village Hall - Sat June 1st 14.00-16.30,

Sat July 6th 10-13.00

An **introduction** to **basic bike maintenance** for everyday cycling. The aim is for you to feel more confident, cycling more often, and maybe even further!

Learn how to; do a bike safety check, fix a puncture, perfect your wheel removal technique, adjust gears and brakes.

Tips on cleaning, tyre pressures, bike fit and what to put in a toolkit.

Cycling is part of the solution to the Climate Emergency. It's part of civilising our local community. We'd love you to learn some new skills and even have fun in a supportive atmosphere.

Contact Mark 07914 602123 or bikehub@sustainingdunbar.org for more info or to book a place.

Thanks to our partners for providing workshop space

Sessions are free. Donations welcome.

Diocesan BIG Day: Saturday 11th May

People from across Edinburgh Diocese are coming together at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 11th May for our 2024 BIG Day. This year, our theme is 'Let Us Pray!' and aspires to have something for everyone to grow in their prayer life.

Attendees can arrive from 10:15am to enjoy refreshments and fellowship, with worship starting at 10:45am. There will be group sessions in the morning and afternoon, where people can explore different types of prayer or prayerful topics, including (but not limited to) Lectio Divina, imaginative prayer, the Jesus Prayer, Examen, prayer and movement, bible journalling, and the Lord's Prayer in British Sign Language. After lunch, we will be led in Taize prayer, and the day will end with sung Compline. Throughout the day, individual prayer stations will be available, including the Cathedral's wildflower labyrinth, for anyone to use as they wish.

Everyone is most welcome to attend this free and family-friendly day. For catering purposes we ask that people sign up: either individually or by congregation.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Yg6QF7bdvxhiBVgo8> or use the QR code to the right.

And, if you wake up on the Saturday morning, and fancy coming along, please do join us: just know you will need to supply your own lunch!





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THE BIG DAY

Let Us Pray!



**SATURDAY
11 MAY
10:30-3:30**



Worship and Song



Prayer Workshops



Individual Prayer Stations



edinburgh.anglican.org



St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

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Songs of Praise

**On Sunday, 12th May at 7 pm
in Belhaven Church**

An ecumenical service with hymns chosen by members of all local churches, to mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week, 2024.

All welcome, bring a friend.

There will be a retiral collection for Christian Aid.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.



You can also donate online at: <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/dunbar-christian-aid-envelope>

BELHAVEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

SEEDLING SWAP

SAT 18TH MAY
2-4 PM

- Young plants to swap or buy
- Tours of the garden
- Bake sale



PENTECOST PICNIC
Sunday 19 May



*Celebrate the birth of the church on
Pentecost*

*Gather in Lauderdale Park following the
Sunday service (12pm)*

Bring your own picnic!

All welcome

I Wonderabout Pentecost



Story | Song | Creativity | Play

A morning of activities for P2 to P7

Monday 20th May 2024
10am - 1230pm

St Anne's Church, Dunbar

Spaces are limited, to book a place or
for further information contact:
liz.henderson@dacyp.org.uk

Readings and Rotas

Sunday May 5th - Easter 6

Acts 10: 44-end; John 15: 9-17

Readings: Rosemary

Intercessions: Gill W

Chalice: Stuart

Organ: Brian

Sunday May 12th - Easter 7

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; John 17: 6-19

Readings: David R

Intercessions: Sharon

Chalice: Sharon

Organ: George

Sunday May 19th - Pentecost Sunday

Ezekiel 37: 1-14; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

Readings: Alasdair

Intercessions: David M

Chalice: David M

Organ: Brian

Sunday May 26th - Trinity Sunday - Methodist Service

Isaiah 6: 1-8; John 3: 1-7

Readings: Brian

Intercessions: Stuart

Chalice: Stuart

Organ: Diana

Services at St. Anne's

Sunday

10.30am - Holy Communion

Young Church 12th and 26th May

Thursday

10.30am - Holy Communion followed by coffee and chat

12.00pm - Prayers at the Peace Pole



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