



TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, WITNESS & SERVICE

ST ANNE'S

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL & METHODIST CHURCH IN DUNBAR

A letter from the Rector

Dear friends,

Signs of spring are upon us! From lengthening days to snowdrops pushing through into the sunlight, it might be cold, but new life is coming. Before you know it, the newly remodelled Peace Garden will be full to bursting with colourful blooms!

As the seasons begin to change, this is a season of change for us too. In the world as a whole, concern continues to heighten for the state of the climate. In Europe we are facing a new beginning, about which people hold very different views, as the UK prepares (just as this edition is published) to leave the European Union. And, in our church life, we will



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soon be entering the season of Lent, when we reflect on the significance of the life, passion and death of Jesus, preparing for the great celebration of his resurrection at Easter.

Our Lent resources this year focus on what it means to care for God's creation, and how we can respond to climate change. They offer us ways to reflect on scripture and to pray, practical things we can do, and stories connecting us with people across the globe who are already experiencing real and serious results of climate change in their day to day lives.

At a more intimate level, Lent is also a good opportunity to take stock of our personal relationship with Jesus; perhaps pondering where we are in our walk of faith – whether we feel we're forging ahead on the path, or struggling to find the way. During Lent I'll be offering anyone who would like, the opportunity to meet with me one-to-one in confidence to reflect on their spiritual life. You might think of it as a chance to press pause and do a spiritual stock-take: to share how things are, to ask questions or seek help or encouragement – whether about prayer, engaging with the Scriptures or something else in your life as a disciple. If this is of



interest to you, keep your eyes peeled for a sign-up sheet at the back of church as Lent begins.

In a world that's full of challenge and change, the Christian faith offers a deep well of wisdom and resources that can help us to stay stable, healthy and growing in our own right and for the good of the world around us. I pray that this Lent we will all encounter the life-giving love of God in a refreshing and strengthening way that will be visible to all we meet.

With love, Diana



Lent Resources



This year our Lent theme at St Anne's is Climate Care.

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation will help us reflect on what is meant when we talk about Christ's "redeeming mission" – a mission that we are all called to share.

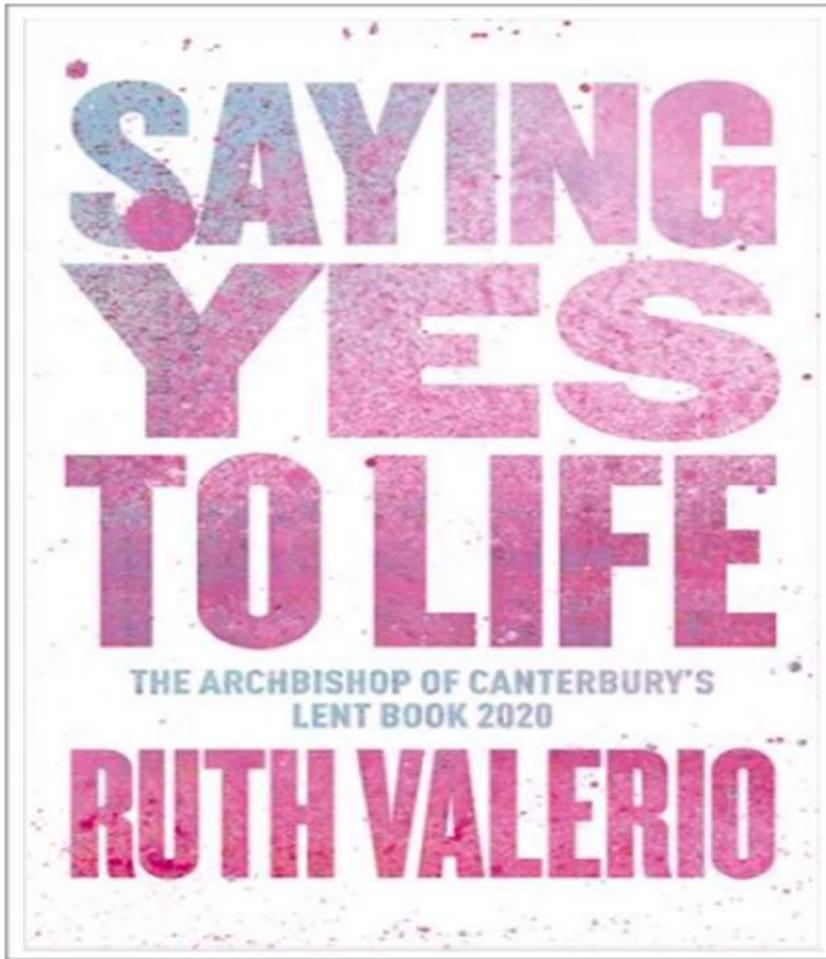
In the next couple of weeks you'll find copies of two booklets (an adults' one and a children's one) available in church for you to take away and use throughout the 40 days of Lent.

They explore the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created and entrusted to us. The resources are based on weekly themes and prayers shaped around the first Genesis account of creation.

- The **Adults' Edition** offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and an action to help you live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.
- The **Kids' edition** is suitable for families to use together and offers a daily challenge to honour and treasure the earth, weekly short prayers and Bible readings on creation themes.

There are daily emails available to accompany the booklet. Sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>. People all over the UK will be using this resource. Keep an eye on social media coverage using #LiveLent.

Lent Book Group



In addition, this Lent you are invited to read the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio, and meet week by week in a relaxed environment to discuss it with others.

Copies will be available in church on a "suggested donation" basis, or online (why not try hive.co.uk, where your online purchase can also support a local business of your choice?).

Details of book group meetings will follow soon.

About the book: "Valerio lifts our focus from natural, everyday concerns to issues that are having an impact on millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what He has created: to share in God's joy and ingenuity in making a difference for good ... Foundational to *Saying Yes to Life* is what it means to be human and, in particular, to be a follower of Jesus. Voices from around the world are heard throughout, and each chapter ends with discussion questions and a prayer to aid action and contemplation."

The Author: Ruth Valerio is the Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund. An environmentalist, theologian and social activist, she is also Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral.



**God's Church for God's World:
Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together.
Towards Lambeth 2020.**

A Day to explore what it means to be part of the Anglican Communion and to look at some of the issues that will emerge at this year's Lambeth Conference.

10.00am – 3.15pm
Saturday 22nd February 2020
Refreshments will be available from 9.30am
at
Holy Trinity Church
Haddington, EH41 3EX

Attendance, including lunch, is free but places are limited.

To sign up, please follow the instructions at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2020/01/looking-towards-lambeth-2020/> or call Annie Naish on 0131 538 7033

The Portrait Gospel

Last autumn, House Group met at Val's every fortnight, to study *The Portrait Gospel* – a special edition of Luke's Gospel based on paintings by Iain Campbell, artist-in-residence at St. George's Tron Church of Scotland in Glasgow. The collaboration between artist, church and Glasgow City Mission explores something of Luke's portrayal of Jesus.

Luke is one of four eyewitness reports of Jesus' life in the Bible. Its author was a doctor, so his writing

style is concise and his research thorough, drawn from the testimony of those who lived at the time of Christ. One of the hallmarks of Luke's Gospel is that he mentions many of Jesus' encounters with those on the margins of their community.

The cover image of *The Portrait Gospel* is Campbell's *Our Last Supper*, his very first image as artist-in-residence. The Last Supper is of course a central image for Christianity, focused around a table



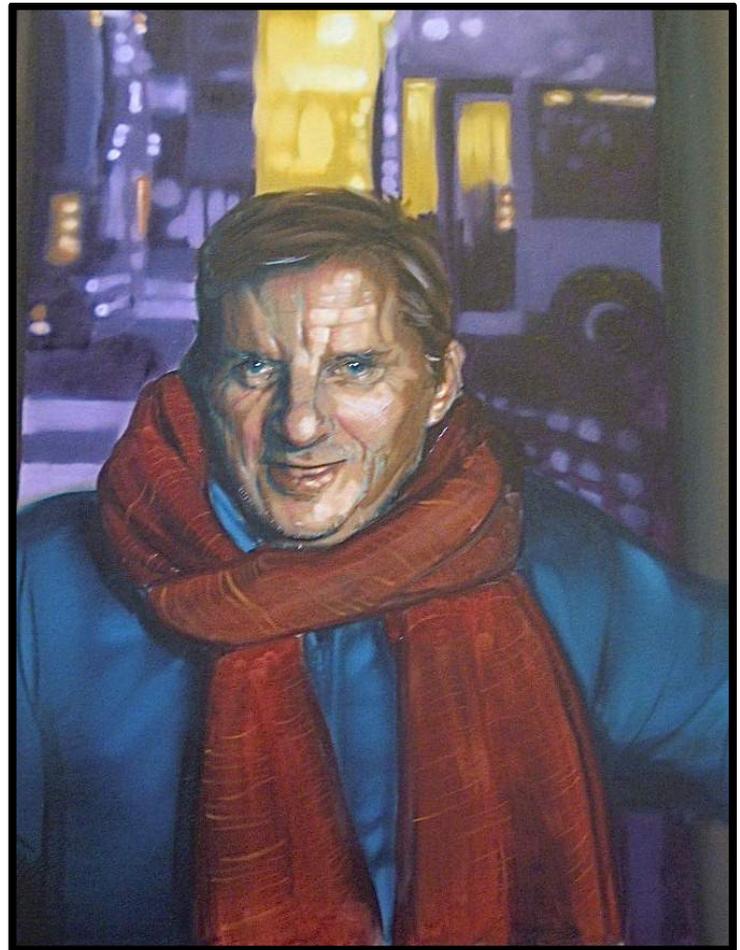
with food and friends where Jesus said “Remember me.” But Campbell’s painting features, in place of Jesus and his disciples, homeless men, guests of Glasgow City Mission, a charity working with vulnerable and disadvantaged people which has a close relationship with the congregation of St George’s Tron. Thus, the artist chose models from some of the most marginalized people in *our* society.

Over six weeks we studied six paintings, discussing our reactions to them and the questions they posed. All were strong, thought provoking and confrontational images, evoking surprising responses and wide-ranging perceptions.

At the end of each evening we watched a video of Campbell discussing each painting, giving the back story to the models. All had experienced troubles, from seeking asylum or overcoming addiction, to finding Jesus in a chaotic life, receiving chemotherapy, or living on the streets. It brought a fresh, 21st century view to 1st century

problems, challenging how we, living in relative comfort, behave towards today’s poor, dispossessed and sick.

By the time our studies came to an end we were all keen to view the paintings in real life – and by providence an exhibition was imminent at St George’s. We managed to visit on the penultimate day.



On arrival, I was surprised to be confronted with an elegant Baroque-style façade; inside I was even more astonished at the modern open plan interior.

Displayed there were 24 paintings illustrating Luke's Gospel: some displayed on easels, others conventionally hung on the wall, a few suspended from a glass wall dividing the main worship area from the *Wild Olive Tree* café.

People were queuing for seats in this very popular café, noted for its delicious homemade soups and cakes. However the paintings beckoned and we soon became immersed in an amazing body of work. Some of the artworks were familiar from our studies, but even so it was quite something to see them in the flesh. They were imposing in their size, brightness of colour, masterful execution and emotional impact. Of course 18 of the images were new to us so it was delightful to engage with these truly marvellous works of art. We were then able to sit down and reflect on the whole wonderful experience before sampling some of the café's scrumptious offerings.



If you find yourself in Glasgow I can thoroughly recommend a visit to St. George's Tron Church, where a rotating exhibition of a few of the paintings remains on display throughout the year. You will see a selection of Iain Campbell's art, learn about the awesome work with which the church is involved, and sample some of the delicious food of the *Wild Olive Tree*. You might even spot some of the artist's models!

Alison Crowhurst

You can find out more about the project and view all the artworks at <https://paintinglukesgospel.org.uk/>

cheeky!

Pancake Party!

all welcome!



Bring a Topping to share!

Pancakes and drinks provided

free!

Monday 24th February
3.30-5pm
@ St Anne's Church

Inspire

Women's Group

Upcoming dates:

- 5th February** – Film Night “A beautiful mind” – 6:45 for 7pm at St. Anne’s
4th March – Sister Margaret about St Bey – 7:45 for 8pm at 70 Kellie Place

For more information contact:

Heather Kilfara (heather.kilfara@gmail.com)
or Chrissie Black (chrissiedunbar@btinternet.com)



JOIN THE TEAM



Wonder Zone

Discovering
God's
wonderful
world

DUNBAR CHURCHES TOGETHER HOLIDAY CLUB

10-14 AUGUST 2020

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DELIVER OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB. NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED AND THERE ARE LOTS OF JOBS TO HELP WITH, INCLUDING:

- CRAFTS, REGISTRATION, GROUP LEADERS, DRAMA, REFRESHMENTS



FIRST TEAM MEETING & PLANNING
24 FEB, 7.30PM, ST ANNE'S CHURCH



CONTACT: DUNBARYOUTHASSISTANT@GMAIL.COM

Souper Sundays!

We are so happy that our Soup Sundays have been well supported and enjoyed. We are planning to continue them throughout 2020 on the 4th Sunday of the month. We're planning a different format for the summer months by having a picnic in the garden (weather permitting!) or an evening supper. So, do keep your eye out for updates in the magazine.

If you would like to make a cake or soup, please get in touch with Judy Dale (01368 864801/07952 950229) and we can add you to the rota. The hospitality team coordinating this at present are: Judy Dale, Juliette Fleming; Jo Ramage and Gill Harley, but we're always on the lookout for more help!

Souper Sundays @ St Anne's

Food and friendship



Sunday 23rd February and Sunday 25th April

After the 10am service. All welcome! FREE

Dunbar Churches Eco-Group

The Dunbar Churches Eco-Group meets regularly in response to the climate emergency and our belief that God calls us to be good stewards of His Earth. Representatives from churches across Dunbar (Episcopalian, Church of Scotland, Catholic and Quaker) have been discussing our response together, and look forward to a year of prayer and action.

We plan to hold events – open to all – throughout the year. These will include a candlelit evening to mark **Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March**, a **Climate Conference at St Anne's on Sunday 7th June** and, we hope, an ecumenical environmentally-themed service one evening in October.

We also hope to meet with our elected political representatives to continue to press for an urgent response to the climate emergency facing us, and seek to keep our own houses in order too.

We will continue to pray for God's guidance, mercy, and loving help, individually and when we meet together in our congregations. All are invited to join **quiet prayers for Climate Action and Climate Justice at St Anne's on the First Sunday of each month from 8:30 to 9:30 am.**

For more information please contact Diana Greene on 01368 869682 or email 81greenes@gmail.com.





EARTH HOUR

Saturday March 28th
Doors open 7.00pm
Dunbar Parish Church Hall
Celebrate WWF's Earth Hour

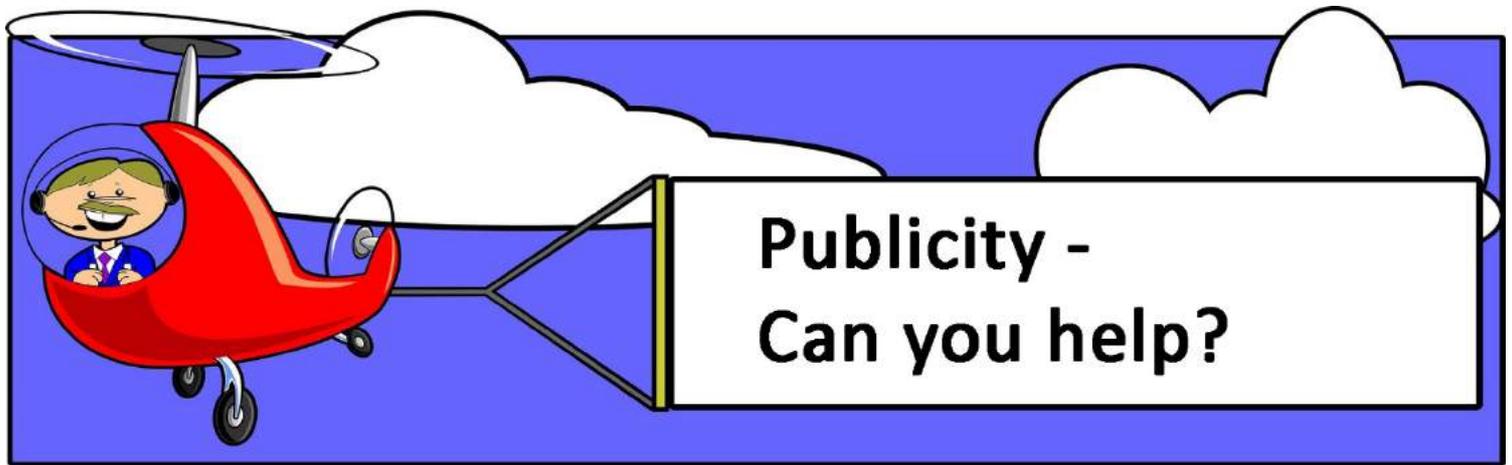
* SOUP * BREAD * CAKE *
PROVIDED
BYOB

* MUSIC & SPOKEN WORD ENTERTAINMENT
by CANDLELIGHT 8.30 – 9.30pm *

* Evening ends 9.30pm *

* Free event (Donations gratefully received) *
* All Welcome * No Booking Required *

Dunbar Churches Together
For more information on this event contact
ecogroup@stannedunbar.org.uk



Anyone who attended The Other Guys' concert in January will not only have had a most enjoyable evening – but will also have witnessed the **power of publicity!**

St. Anne's needs someone with competence in the fields of the internet and social media to promote our own concerts and events, so that we too can have good attendances. If you think you might be able to help – even in a small way – please contact Stuart Ritchie (events@stannedunbar.org.uk) or Brian Dale (01368 864801). *Your help would be most welcome!*

Fancy a cuppa?

Find Coffee...

Cake...

...and chat

Every Tuesday morning

10:00-12 noon, In St Anne's



Sunday Readings for February & March

If you swap with another reader, please let Diana know.

Thank you.

Sunday 2nd February – Candlemas

Malachi 3:1-5; Luke 2:22-40

Sunday 9th February – 3 Before Lent

1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday 16th February – 2 Before Lent

Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end

Sunday 23rd February – Sunday Next Before Lent

Exodus 24:12-end; Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday 1st March – Lent 1 – with Belhaven Hill School

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday 8th March – Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

Sunday 15th March – Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10; John 19:25b-27

Sunday 29th March – Passiontide Begins

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

Rotas for February & March

If you swap with another person on the rota, please let Diana know. Thank you.

Sunday 2nd February

Sidesman A Swan
Reading C Shutt
Coffee A&P Swan
Chalice L Gordon
Intercession and Gospel L Gordon

Sunday 9th February

Sidesman J Fleming
Reading S Ritchie
Coffee A&S Dickerson
Chalice D Mumford
Intercession and Gospel D Mumford

Sunday 16th February

Sidesman M Ling
Reading R Ling
Coffee M&R Ling
Chalice S Morgan
Intercession and Gospel S Morgan

Sunday 23rd February

Sidesman G Harley
Reading C Kavanagh
Coffee A Crowhurst & J Ramage
Chalice G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel G Wilson

Sunday 1st March

Sidesman M Ling
Reading C Shutt
Coffee J Fleming
Chalice L Gordon
Intercession and Gospel L Gordon

Sunday 8th March

Sidesman J Rea
Reading J Rea
Coffee A Crowhurst & J Ramage
Chalice D Mumford
Intercession and Gospel J Fleming

Sunday 15th March

Sidesman A Dickerson
Reading M Cockburn
Coffee A&S Dickerson
Chalice S Morgan
Intercession and Gospel S Morgan

Sunday 22nd March

Sidesman G Harley
Reading C Kavanagh
Coffee G Harley & C Kavanagh
Chalice L Gordon
Intercession and Gospel L Gordon

Sunday 29th March

Sidesman	M Ling
Reading	R Ling
Coffee	M&R Ling
Chalice	G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel	G Wilson

Additional communions for church festivals

Held at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday:

Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
at **10:30 am and 7 pm**

Tuesday 17th March – Patrick

Wednesday 25th March – The Annunciation



Regular Services

Sunday

10:00 am - Holy Communion

2:30 pm, third Sunday of the month - *Let's Sing*

Thursday

10:30 am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee and discussion

Church festivals

10:30 am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee and discussion

Please see pg19 for details

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