



TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, WITNESS & SERVICE

# ST ANNE'S

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL & METHODIST CHURCH IN DUNBAR

## A letter from the Rector

*Dear friends,*

As I sit down to write this it's more than a little dreich outside, but the bright flowers in my back yard, and the gentle shades of purple blossoming all around the church garden remind me that it is summer! Over the last few weeks it has begun to feel a bit more like it, and I have been noticing what the life of our wee community looks like these days.



Last Friday it was so sunny and warm that Harbour Lights brought their games, and their snack, outside; and there is a steady stream of visitors to the town finding their way into the church during the week, helped perhaps by our now having some leaflets about the church in local Tourist Information packs.



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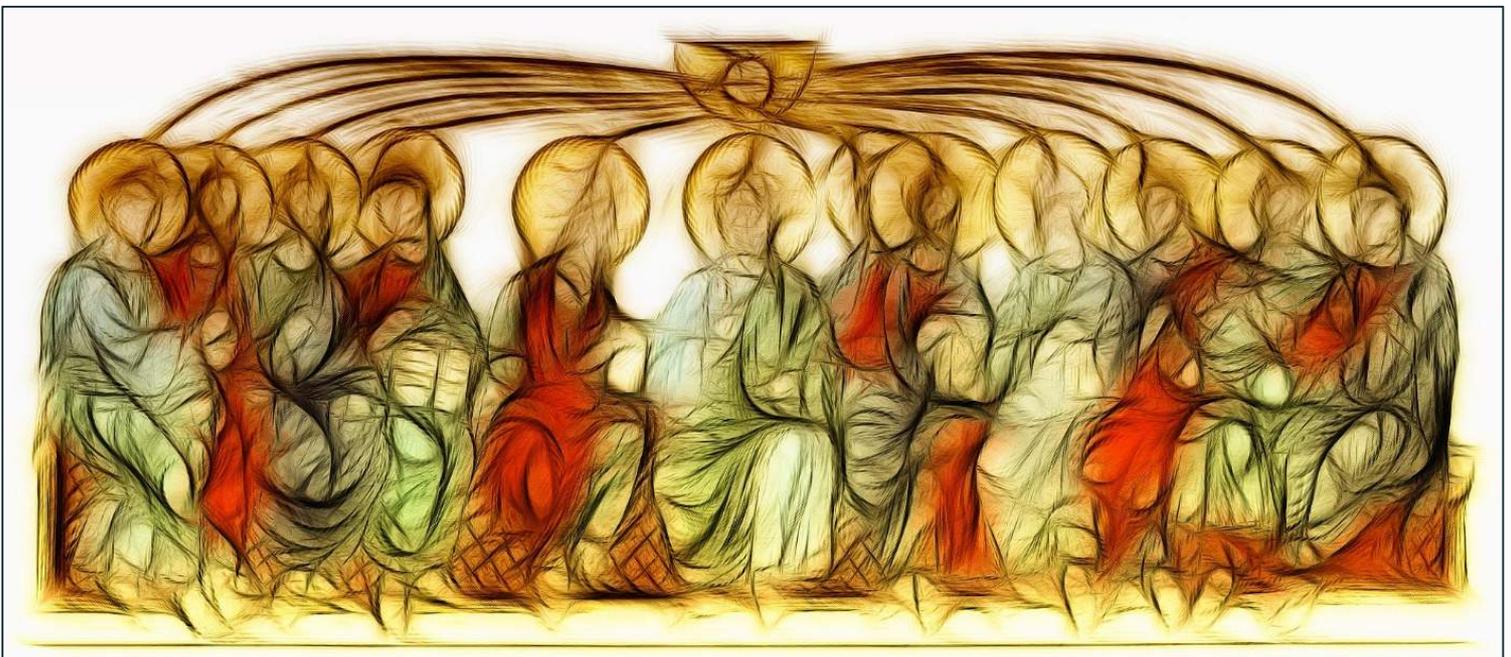


**Child's play -  
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From my study window I can now see Su Nuttgens' beautiful sculpture of St Anne teaching the scriptures to Mary in the niche above the main church door, and on Tuesday evenings the sweet (it really is!) sound of singing drifts across the road while Dunbar Voices rehearse. These are just some of the visible signs of how St Anne's has changed and grown over the last couple of years.

There have been other changes too, of course. Many who now count St Anne's as their permanent (or occasional!) home, are relatively new, either to Dunbar or to the Church community. And those who have been around for longer are still sometimes feeling the strangeness of a building and community that has changed a lot in a short space of time.

I hope that all of us can look around and give thanks to God for the good things we see in our midst. Some of them are reported in these pages, and there are others too – the plans for the Debt Advice Service are coming on and we hope to be up and running in the autumn; the plans for the Peace Garden (at the East end of the church) are still in train... and more.



But for now, as the summer rolls in, perhaps it is a good time for us to pause and look around. In a few weeks we shall be celebrating Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit is given to empower Jesus' followers for mission. As the disciples awaited the Spirit they spent time

looking out for one another, and concentrating on living as God wanted them to. Perhaps this is a season for us to do the same: to notice who is new in our midst if we have been here a long time, and to take advantage of the longer evenings to engage in hospitality; or if we are newer to St Anne's then to reflect on what we might have to offer to the community as the Church looks to serve the town as a whole; or what we might need to help us flourish.

The Church is not, in the end, a building. We are the people of God: God's children, created to worship; but also God's hands and feet, placed to offer to share Christ's love with all people. My prayer for us this summer is that we may rejoice and enjoy the abundance we have been given, and build one another up as we do so.

*With love, Diana*

An ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life and work of  
**Jean Vanier** (10 Sept. 1928 – 7 May 2019+)

**Monday 17th June 2019 at 7pm, in**  
St Mary Magdalene's,  
Bingham Ave, Edinburgh EH15 3HY

With the support of St Mary Magdalene's & St John's, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Portobello and Joppa Parish Church and the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, PACT & Edinburgh Churches Together, and the Scottish communities of L'Arche and Faith and Light. All welcome.

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'Welcome each other, as Christ welcomed you'

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# The Statue of St Anne

*Made by Susan Nuttgens*



St Anne was the mother of Mary, who became the mother of Jesus of Nazareth. Little is known about her, but she is mentioned in St James' apocryphal gospel. She was married to Joachim and for many years they had no children. However, when she was beyond childbearing age she conceived and bore a child, and this child was Mary.

In religious art St Anne is traditionally shown teaching her daughter the scriptures, in reference to Mary's preparation for

her future as the mother of the Messiah.

In discussions about the vision for this piece, firstly with Rev Andrew Bain, and then the new Rector Rev Diana Hall, we approved the idea of mother and daughter in close harmony with one another and the scriptures. The sculpture is less formal than most previous depictions of the figures; I aimed to express, in the informal pose, a loving and respectful relationship between all three: mother, daughter, and scripture. I have also attempted to portray a possible ethnic costume for Judea at the time of Christ. The Aramaic script on the scroll, in use at the time, is copied from a scrap of the Dead Sea Scrolls. It may be part of Psalm 22.

The niche above St Anne's Church porch is quite dark and a little obscured by the sandstone surrounds so I decided to use a light-coloured clay with bold dark markings to make the main features

of the piece stand out clearly when viewed from below.

The statue is individually hand-built using best quality stoneware clay, hollowed out to around 4 cm thick and fired to 1250°C. This heat will have re-vitrified the clay so it has similar qualities to stone and will

withstand the weather conditions above the porch!

I have very much enjoyed working on this piece and I hope she will add a little brightness to the entrance of the church.

*Susan Nuttgens, April 2019*

## *PICNIC IN THE PARK*

### *Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June*



*Celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost  
Gather in Lauderdale Park following the Sunday  
service (12pm)*

*Bring your own picnic!*

*All welcome*

# 24 Hours of Prayer

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June*



Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative started by the Church of England and now reaching across the globe. Between Ascension Day (30<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost (9<sup>th</sup> June) we are invited to pray that more people will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and decide to follow him.

This year the Edinburgh Diocese has committed to achieve continuous 24-hour-a-day prayer throughout 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June in our churches. To achieve this, several churches including St Anne's have volunteered to host 24 hours of prayer during that time.

At St Anne's, we are making the church into one of these 'prayer rooms' from 10am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June until 10am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The church will be open through the night as well as all day. You can come and go as you please, but we are looking for twenty-four volunteers, each to sign up (on sheets at the back of church or online at <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/a5cdf8>), to come to church to pray through one specific hour.

There will be lots of resources to encourage us in different styles of prayer, including through art, and

action, as well as with words and silence ... You may find ideas to help you pray in ways you have never thought of before! Children are especially welcome, with resources provided for them in a special child-friendly session from 11am – 2pm on Saturday.

A prayer room is a great thing to which to invite people of no faith, or who aren't sure what they

believe, to try praying. The resources are designed to create space for people to explore spirituality in their own way, and teenagers and young adults often find them an easier way to engage with God than a traditional church service.

Simple refreshments will be available.

*Do come and give it a try, and invite your friends and neighbours to come too!*



# Earth Hour

*8:30 – 9:30pm, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

Earth Hour is a worldwide event organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The very first Earth Hour was held in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, where the Australian branch of WWF wanted to engage the population with the issue of Climate Breakdown and so developed the idea of a large scale electricity switch off.

Since then it has grown to involve more than 7,000 cities and towns across 187 countries and territories, raising awareness of energy consumption and our effects on the environment.

The event is held annually and encourages individuals, communities and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour from 8:30 to 9:30pm on a chosen day towards the end of March, as a symbol of commitment to the planet.

This year was the first time Dunbar Churches Together joined the rest of the world for Earth Hour, hosting an eco-ecumenical 'Pot Luck'

Supper, followed by a candlelit hour of live entertainment performed by local folk.



As we waited in trepidation in the Parish Hall for people to arrive, tables laden with enticing dishes of food stood ready; candles made by Val Hale from old church candle stubs sat in recycled lids (some forming an amazing globe of blue and green), and jam jars of bright daffodils set the tables alight with vibrant yellow. But would any one turn up?

With minutes to spare, folk started to appear, loaded with food and looking expectant. In ones and twos or whole families, with children wide-eyed, they claimed seats then gathered around the serving tables, chattering excitedly. Soon the

tables were full, the chairs all taken, and the food disappearing rapidly!

Earth Hour was fast approaching as Tim Greene gave an introductory speech about the event, then led the whole room in the Earth Hour countdown: “Ten, nine ... three, two, *ONE!*” Right on time, the electric lights went out (as did the external lights of the Parish Church) and the room was plunged into darkness. Candles were lit and a hush descended as gradually our eyes adjusted to the flickering light and we waited with bated breath.



Then Val Hale introduced us all to the round, *Round and Round the Earth is Turning* by Libana, leading us expertly, table by table, in the haunting song, setting the scene

perfectly for the rest of the entertainment.

Next, Vicky Allen recited her beautiful self-penned descriptive poem about the local land and seascape. Martha Cornish, (our youngest performer) from Dunbar Primary School, gave a magnificent recitation of John Agard’s *No Answer*. The Rev Neil Watson sang thoughtful songs in his rich melodious voice whilst accompanying himself on guitar, and Alistair Mackie gave a dramatic rendition of *The Wreck of the Hesperus* – a most impressive feat!

The tone lightened with Barry Stalker’s beguiling mandolin. As his music reverberated around the room I noticed quite a few feet instinctively tapping along to the rhythm! His set ended with us all joining in singing *Dirty Old Town*. Barry was followed by Liz Gordon’s moving reading of *The Horses* by Edwin Muir; and then the stage was set for Chris Yule to recount a dramatic campfire tale. The atmosphere tense, he kept us on the edge of our seats throughout

his ghost story, even the candles guttering in a sudden draught of air!

The evening's entertainment was brought to a conclusion by Dunbar Parish Church Worship Group's lovely harmony singing of Rutter's *Look at the World*.

As Earth Hour ended, the lights were reluctantly switched on to a prolonged round of applause. We estimate that between 50 and 60 people attended the highly successful evening. It had been quite an experience to do without electricity and totally immersed in the atmosphere the candlelight created. My abiding memory will be

of rapt faces lit by its wavering glow, listening to wonderful spoken words and beautiful music – a real privilege.

In our everyday world we are so used to 'switching on' to be entertained or distracted by the TV, radio, phone or Xbox. We seem to have forgotten that the best entertainment is live and made by ourselves. Earth Hour reminded us that we generate enjoyment *and* make our world a better place, without total dependence on the ubiquitous electronic devices!

*Alison Crowhurst*



## Confirmation

I have recently received some enquiries from folk interested in exploring Confirmation into the Scottish Episcopal Church. Confirmation is the rite by which one who has already been baptised stands up to be counted, if you like, as a follower of Jesus in a particular Christian tradition. In the Episcopal Church this is done in a service where a Bishop lays hands on the candidate, inviting the Holy Spirit to 'confirm' their identity as a child of God.

Confirmation does not 'add' anything to baptism, and the Scottish Episcopal Church does not require confirmation for someone to be regarded as a church member. However, for many people this is an important waymarker on their Christian journey, encouraging and reminding them of the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It echoes the words of the Prophet Isaiah when he reminded the People of Israel of God's love for and calling to them: "I have called you by name; you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1). Jesus talks in similar terms when he teaches us that he is the Good Shepherd and that we are his sheep, who hear his voice and are to follow him (John 10).

If you have been baptised but not confirmed, or have found yourself part of the Anglican tradition having spent much of your faith life elsewhere, and would like explore what it might mean publicly to affirm your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour in this context, we are hoping to run an informal confirmation class to allow people to explore this possibility in the not-too-distant future. There will be no obligation to go ahead if you decide to join in, but it will provide a context in which to explore the main features of the Christian faith in a safe, supportive environment.

To discuss anything about this in more detail, or to register interest, please contact the Rector.



**For children starting P2-P7**

**DUNBAR CHURCHES TOGETHER**

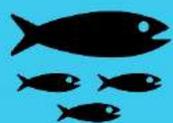
# Summer Holiday Club

*'HAVE A WHALE OF A TIME'*

**5-9 AUGUST 2019, 10-12.30 p.m.**

**BOOKINGS  
OPEN  
2 MAY**

- GAMES
- MUSIC
- BIBLE STORIES
- CRAFTS
- SNACKS
- CHALLENGES



**Venue: Dunbar Parish Church Halls**  
 **(next to Reid's Garage)**

**SUGGESTED  
DONATION OF  
£1 PER DAY**

**Bookings: [dunbarholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:dunbarholidayclub@gmail.com)**

## Harbour Lights News

*Harbour Lights continues to flourish in its new home at St Anne's.*

One recent Friday afternoon Mike Ling was joined by some budding young carpenters. Together they built a new cupboard, to hold vestments, in the Church Office. As you can see from the photos, the work was very carefully undertaken. The hammering was especially skilful ... no injuries sustained!



Now that summer is coming the young people can begin to enjoy the garden on Friday afternoons, with both games and snack time moving outside into the sunshine. Some of the young people have also

been giving the St Anne's gardeners a hand, and last week some children planted sunflowers. When they're big enough we'll pot them up and see whose grows tallest. Keep an eye out for them!



Do please pray for the children who find a home at Harbour Lights, that it will be a place of fun, safety and growth for them, where they may encounter God's love and acceptance. Please also pray for the work of Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project (DACYP) who run Harbour Lights, for Richard Taylor who leads the work, and for the volunteers from across the town who make it possible.

## Ever thought about joining a House Group?



Are you looking ...

...to explore & grow in faith?

...to deepen friendships?

...to study the bible and pray with others?

...to grow community?

Well, a group of folk at St Anne's have recently started meeting to do just that, and you are very welcome to join them!

*For more information please speak to Diana (07970 105725) or Val Hale*

## What does inclusion look like?

As a church, we are challenged, invited, and drawn to show Christ's love for all people in our community. And we are very active: homework clubs, holiday clubs, charity coffee-mornings, debt advice clinics, climate change workshops, concerts, ... But are we including our whole community? And could we do better?

Whether we are fully inclusive probably depends on what we mean by inclusion. Do we mean the noisy children having a designated space at the back of the church – or would you welcome them into your pew? Should we suggest a special “relaxed” event for autistic people and their families – or could we consider turning down the lights and music at our mainstream gathering? We can put up a ramp for wheelchair users – but dare we have a conversation with them, even if they have no verbal form of communication?

Over the past few months I have been on a journey of learning and growth through the “Partners in Policymaking” course, which brings

together disabled self-advocates and the parents of young disabled children to work on ways to improve our communities.



Or so I thought! I soon discovered, however, that it's not just about taking action and challenging authority: becoming “partners” also turns our own perceptions of ourselves and others completely on their head. In an exhausting, tearful, and sometimes painful path I have learned not to speak of “my little boy, Benjamin, who has profound and multiple disabilities” but “my little boy, Benjamin, who's a big brother and a little brother, and the most popular boy in his class. Who has great hair, the most awesome smile, and a total way with the ladies! Who loves music and dancing, sunshine and

shadows, bright lights and bubble baths, riding in the car, and listening to the rain. Who is a hard worker, a brave fighter, a loyal friend, and patient teacher, and is helping me see God's creation in a new light."

You see, disabled people and their families have so much to contribute that, if they miss out, we all miss out. In the gentle words of the late Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, "We are healed by the poor and the weak ... we are transformed by them if we enter into relationship with them ... the weak and the vulnerable have a gift to give to our world." Vanier believed that as Christians we are not called to 'serve the poor' – we are all poor! We are called simply to serve, and to accept the service of others. He said, "Sharing life together as a community, we can become the bridge between the able and the disabled, the rich and the poor. Community is a place of growth for all."

So, I'm learning to see not only Benjamin's needs, but also his gifts and capacities. I'm learning that

truly including him is not for his benefit, it's for *all* our benefit. For instance, if we can meet Benjamin's needs in terms of access to our local swimming pool, everyone gets to see the joyous smile on his face as he relaxes in the water. In sharing the water with Benjamin, his peers start to experience disability as normal and not something to be feared. We start a cycle of inclusion, not segregation.



Inclusion in a swimming pool setting might look like adding a larger cubicle, with an adjustable changing bench and a ceiling-tracked hoist. But what would inclusion in our church and community events look like? Often, it simply means starting a conversation: asking people what they need and what would make them feel welcome – whether that's a portable hoist in the toilet,

a designated quiet place they can retreat to, or a bit more space between the tables so they can manoeuvre without running over anyone's feet! One thing we can all do is find out where our nearest Changing Places Toilet is (hint: it's in the Bleachingfield Centre) or, if you're holding a big event, consider hiring a mobile Changing Place for the day – standard disabled toilets are unsuitable for over a quarter of a million people in the UK, and several of them live in Dunbar! And please work with us on local and national campaigns for fully inclusive and accessible buildings and events.\*

Inclusion is self-perpetuating: When disabled people are included, they become visible; when they become visible, we see that they have needs and wants, gifts and capacities, like anyone else; when we see that we are all equally flawed and equally gifted, we want to include everyone. Vanier again: “When we love and respect people, revealing to them their value, they can begin to come out from behind the walls that protect them.”

*Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance.*

*Alex Davey*



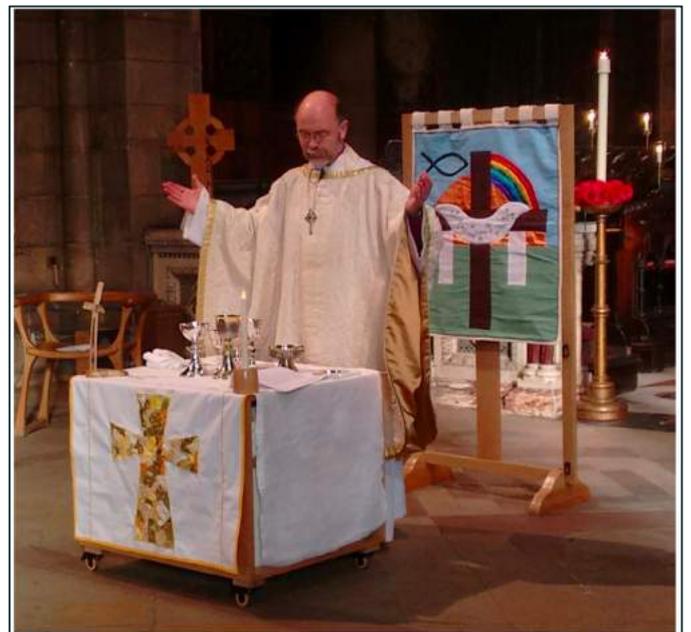
\*To learn more about Changing Places toilets, and the campaign to install them more widely in Scotland, visit <http://pamis.org.uk/campaigns/changing-places-toilets/>. And watch out for Alex's crusade to get one for Dunbar Leisure Centre, coming soon!

## Church – it's Child's Play!

Throughout this summer, St Anne's is to play host to the Edinburgh Diocese Play Church. This is currently (but not for much longer, as another diocese has recently caught on to our idea!) the only Play Church in the UK. It offers children exactly what it says on the tin: an opportunity for young people to explore and engage with church 'things' for themselves. A beautifully crafted child-sized altar and myriad accessories including the items used in Holy Communion, Weddings and Baptisms, as well as vestments and even a Bishop's mitre and crook! In fact, there is everything that children might need to make themselves at home and create their own sacred space in play.

The Play Church idea came from churches in Scandinavia, and was brought to reality in Scotland by a team of clergy and laity led by Claire Benton-Evans, the Diocese's Children and Youth Officer. Churches across the Diocese have

contributed beautiful items, and care has been taken to create and resource Play Church so that it offers an immersive, tactile play experience. The idea is in sympathy with the Montessori method of learning through play and with Godly Play, a well-received way of introducing children to sacramental spirituality. It seeks to "include children in the whole worshipping, praying, bread-and-wine-sharing life of the Church, because children are fellow disciples with us on a shared journey of faith."<sup>1</sup>



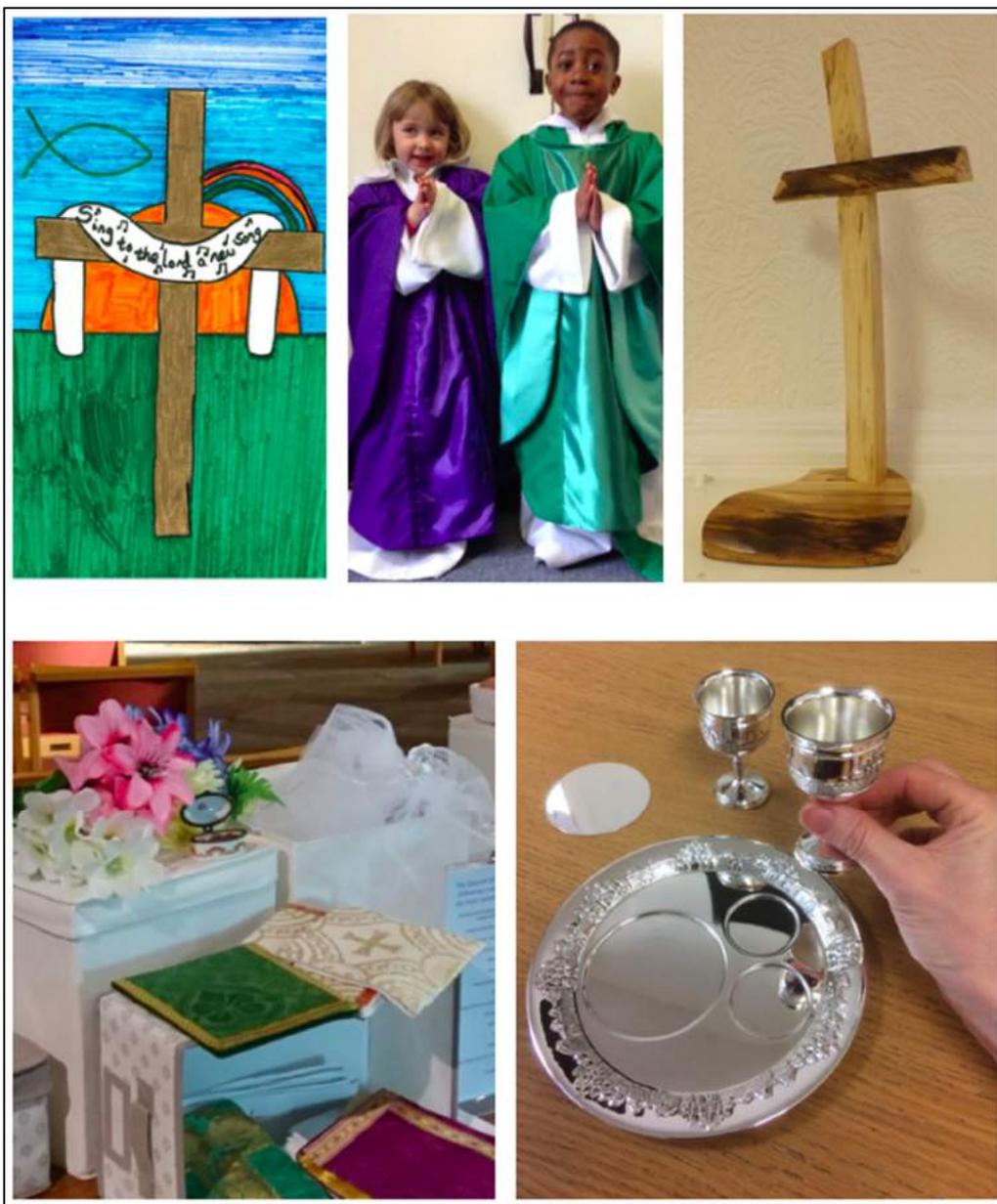
The Play Church has been blessed, and Communion celebrated at it, by

<sup>1</sup> <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/how-play-church-was-made/>

Bishop John. It has already visited several churches in the Diocese, but we are one of only three lucky enough to have it in 2019.

When Play Church arrives, please give the children lots of time and space to explore it. If grown-ups would like to 'explore' the Play Church, please invite a young person to show and explain it to you – it's primarily for them, and they are its experts!

We will be arranging special events where everyone including adults will be able to enjoy the Play Church. Please also feel free to invite friends, neighbours, and family to come and enjoy it too. There will be at least one service at which we will celebrate communion using the Play Church altar. Please keep a look-out for further details being advertised.

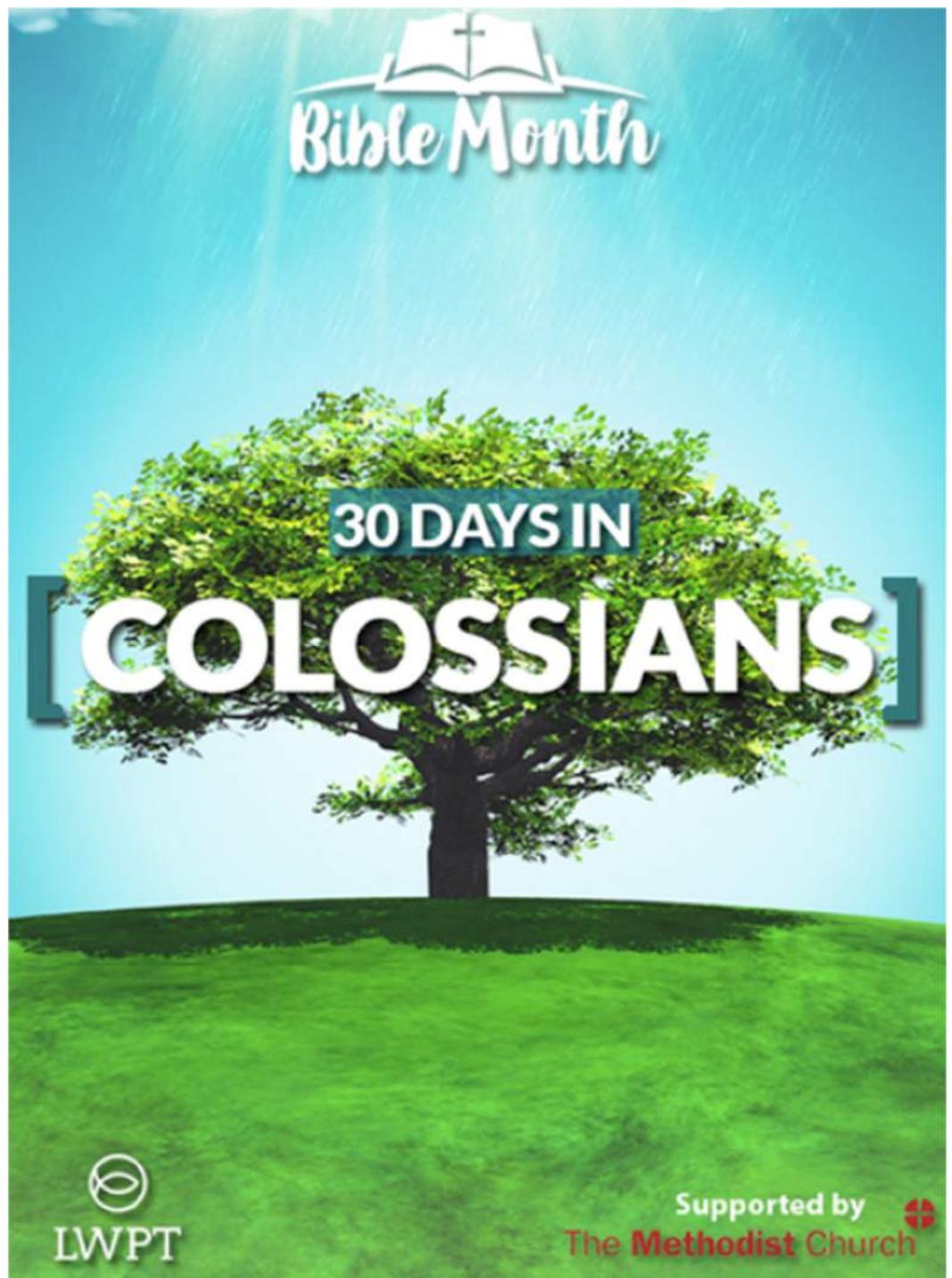


# Bible Month

*Off the top of your head, I wonder what you can say about the book of Colossians?*

This July at St Anne's we'll be taking part in the Methodist Church initiative, Bible Month. Throughout the month we'll be studying Colossians together. It's an opportunity to look at one small section of the Bible in greater detail, learning about its historic context and more importantly how it might speak into our lives today.

There will be sermons on Sundays, and some bible notes and reflection questions for you to take away each week. Our midweek discussion group (11am – 12 noon on Thursdays, after the quiet Communion service at 10.30) will give space to ask questions and to discuss the topics the book raises in more detail.



## **Sunday Readings for June & July**

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

Thank you.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> June – Easter 7**

Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26

### **9<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, 25-27

### **16<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15

### **23<sup>rd</sup> June – Trinity 1**

Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

### **30<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 2**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 8:26-39

### **7<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 3**

Colossians 1:1-23; Luke 1:67-79

### **14<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 4**

Colossians 1:24-2:15; Luke 9:28-36

### **21<sup>st</sup> July – Trinity 5 – All Age Worship with Baptisms**

Colossians 2:16-3:17; Luke 12:22-34

### **28<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6 – Methodist Worship**

Colossians 3:18-4:18; Luke 17:1-10

## Rotas for June & July

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Sidesman	J Rea
Reading	J Rea
Coffee	J Ramage
Chalice	S Morgan
Intercession and Gospel	J Fleming

### 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Sidesman	G Harley
Reading	C Kavanagh
Coffee	A&S Dickerson
Chalice	G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel	G Wilson

### 9<sup>th</sup> June

Sidesman	M Ling
Reading	S Ritchie
Coffee	J Ramage
Chalice	G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel	G Wilson

### 30<sup>th</sup> June

Sidesman	A&S Dickerson
Reading	J Fleming
Coffee	A Swan
Chalice	S Morgan
Intercession and Gospel	S Morgan

### 16<sup>th</sup> June

Sidesman	J Fleming
Reading	M Cockburn
Coffee	R Ling
Chalice	Liz G
Intercession and Gospel	J Fleming

### 7<sup>th</sup> July

Sidesman	J Rea
Reading	J Rea
Coffee	R&M Ling
Chalice	D Mumford
Intercession and Gospel	D Mumford

## 14<sup>th</sup> July

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

## 21<sup>st</sup> July

Sidesman A&S Dickerson  
Reading M Cockburn  
Coffee A Swan  
Chalice Liz G  
Intercession and Gospel G Wilson

## 28<sup>th</sup> July

Sidesman A Crowhurst  
Reading G Wilson  
Coffee J Ramage  
Chalice Liz G  
Intercession and Gospel Liz G

## Occasional Communion

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Mary Magdalene



## 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 pg23 for details*

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