



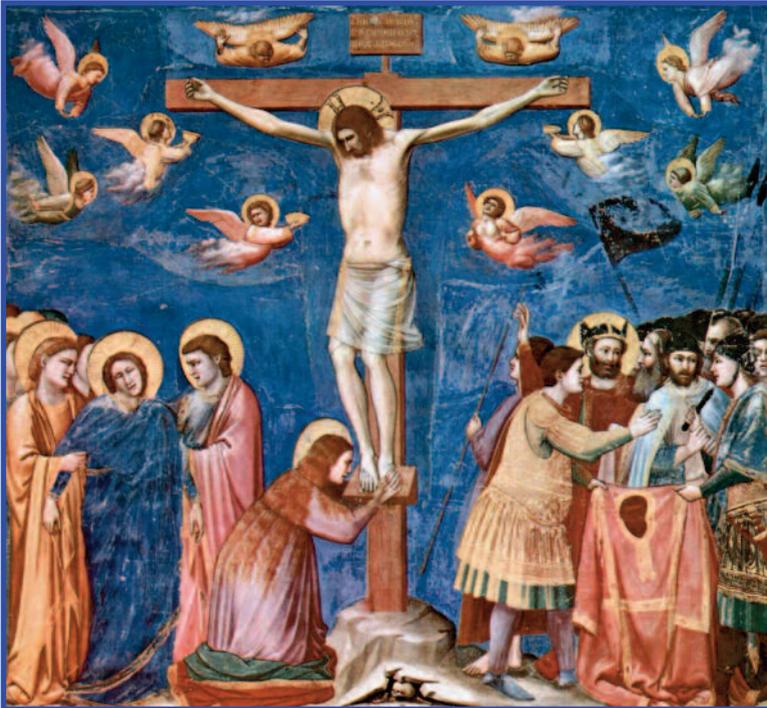
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# FROM THE REVD HELEN ALEXANDER

*Dear Friends,*

Over a decade ago I spent a happy couple of years or so as a minister in the centre of the South Australian city of Adelaide. It's often referred to as 'the city of churches' because of the variety of spires that can be seen rising to the sky from the streets and squares. The same could be said of Edinburgh, and an interesting pastime atop Blackford Hill can be that of trying to match various city spires to their respective church buildings, often more familiar to us at street level than when viewed from the skyline.

I'm always struck by the spire of Mayfield Salisbury as I approach the church by car or on foot. For several months now, its doors have been locked alongside those of our sister churches in the city and across the country. While this has been a necessary and inevitable result of the coronavirus, shuttered churches have seemed not only sad but also an almost obscene contradiction in terms, for the message of the church at its truest is that of openness and welcome. Of course, we know that the church is more than its buildings. Nonetheless buildings carry important symbolism, and we've had no choice but to see a broken sort of symbol over the past few months.



Gladly, we can now cautiously open up again, in line with churches all over the country. Recently a few of us have appreciated re-entering Mayfield Salisbury for Five Minutes' Peace which continues to provide a restorative space in a world that's rapidly speeding up again.

And on 6 September we'll be open for worship on Sunday morning and we trust, on Sundays thereafter. While the numbers will be restricted, and a number of regular worshippers may not feel it's wise for them to come to church right away, I'm sure we shall all give thanks for this visible sign of recovery and hope. And to keep us all together, the weekly online service will continue meantime alongside that offered Sunday by Sunday in the building.

I'm only too well aware how much work and planning has gone into what might appear to be a relatively simple process of re-opening. It has required much thought and effort with safety provision and the inevitable form-filling to the fore. For this we are particularly grateful to the church's Covid-19 Committee and not least to the church Manager William Mearns who has undertaken a rapidly rising work-load with his customary calm, good-humoured willingness.

It will be very good to meet some of you again soon, and to all I send my very good wishes in these strange unsettling times.

*Helen, Locum Preacher*

**From the Church of Scotland website:**

The Moderator of the General Assembly is teaming up with an ecumenical charity to explore the ‘biggest question of all time’. Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair will lead a series of three online discussions on the relationship between science and faith on

Tuesday 15, 22 and 29 September from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

He is collaborating with **Grasping the Nettle**, which is organising the event.

The Moderator said: ‘We live in an era when very little can be taken for granted. People today are increasingly conscious of the need to ensure that the information they consume is factually correct and based on the truth. Therefore, it is absolutely right that we should put our most dearly-held beliefs and assumptions to the test. This is exactly what I propose to do in these sessions and I want to open for public debate, the biggest question of all time – **The God Question.**’

The discussions will be based on short extracts from the ground-breaking international TV series ‘The God Question’.

It brings together scientists, philosophers and others to answer one of the most important questions people face today: Is it reasonable to believe in God in a scientifically aware world?



Believers and sceptics alike are welcome to join in the discussion, which has been organised by Grasping the Nettle. For joining instructions email [office@graspingthenettle.org](mailto:office@graspingthenettle.org)

Grasping the Nettle was formed over five years ago to promote dialogue within the church and society at large about belief in God, especially in relation to science. Its founders and steering group include key Church of Scotland figures such as Dr Fair, Very Rev Dr John Chalmers and the current chair, Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison.

Produced in Scotland by Kharis Productions Ltd, The God Question programmes have been screened around the world and viewed by millions.

Find out more about The God Question series of television programmes: [www.thegodquestion.tv/explore](http://www.thegodquestion.tv/explore)

Find out more about Grasping the Nettle at: [www.graspingthenettle.org](http://www.graspingthenettle.org)

Find out how to join the discussions by emailing [office@graspingthenettle.org](mailto:office@graspingthenettle.org)

# WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY



You will no doubt be aware that communal worship in the church will start on **Sunday 6 September**, though with limited numbers. This is an important and reassuring step in our return to some form of normality and will be welcomed by many but is not necessarily suitable for all. We will all need to adjust to the new conditions and restrictions, and be ready for periodical changes, but what follows is a brief summary of some of the main practical points to note. Details will also be available on the church website.

**1.** There will be a single Sunday service, at 10.00am. Please enter by the ramp at the West Door, keeping a 2m distance from anyone in front or behind. You will be welcomed, as usual, and please follow the directions of the Welcome Team to a seat. To ensure physical distancing, each seat will be marked with an order of service placed on the pew. A maximum of two people may sit at each space, but only if they are from the same household. (A small child may also sit with two adults, but please consider whether in such cases it would be better for the two adults to sit separately, with the child with one of

them.) There will be a great temptation to go and speak to others, but please resist: a wave will be taken as a Hello!

**2.** A one way system, which is clearly marked, means that you will leave by the door beside the pulpit and then out of the West Mayfield door. Again, please respect physical distancing. Masks must be worn at all times inside, except for those with a medical exemption.

**3.** There is a limit on the number of people who may be in the church for worship. In our case it means that there is a strict limit of 42 in the congregation (including children). Those who attend will need to leave contact details, for the purpose of the Test and Protect scheme. (A privacy notice will be displayed at the entrance and on our website.) At least initially, we will be introducing a booking system, which you can use either online (via Eventbrite) or by phone. Full details are given below. As we cannot exceed the permitted limits, if demand is heavy we would ask you to consider attending only every second week.

4. The congregation will be seated throughout, without the comfort of pew cushions (which have been removed, as soft furnishings are harder to clean) and there will be no singing. At the end of the service there will be no access to the halls and you must leave the premises without staying to chat; no coffee/tea can be provided; and the toilet can only be used in an emergency (so as to reduce the burden of cleaning).

5. There will be some provision for children present. Over the next few weeks, this will take the form of a worksheet to fill in; this will be included in the order of service at each allocated seat. A limited supply of pens will be available but it would be much better if those with children brought their own! You are asked to take your order of service and worksheet away with you at the end of the service.

6. We have taken out a professional cleaning contract with a company whose team is already cleaning the church regularly. With your cooperation (eg by using hand sanitiser) we will keep ourselves and others safe. It goes without saying, however, that each of us, and particularly those who fall within a vulnerable group for Covid-19, or who are

## Important! Booking system

**We only have limited spaces available - please book your place ahead.**

**Phone:** On Wednesdays, from 11.00am to 1.00pm, you may reserve a space by phoning the Church Office: 0131 667 1522.

**Internet:** We would encourage anyone with internet access to use the Eventbrite booking system, which will be open from 4pm on Wednesdays. The system can be accessed from our website via this link: [www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/attend](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/attend) Names and contact details will be required. While it is possible for a booking to be made by one person for a family, we will need to know how many adults and how many children will be in the group. The beauty of Eventbrite is that not only will we know when our 'ceiling attendance' has been reached, but we will also have the necessary contact details for Test and Protect. If you book but your plans then change please let us know, either by cancelling via Eventbrite or by phoning the Church Office; that way, somebody else will be able to have your space.

We appreciate that this is all rather different from what we have been used to. However, it will no doubt soon become familiar, and we hope that restrictions will be eased over time. Any changes to these arrangements will be publicised as widely as we can, and you can always check by having a look at our website for any updates. But if you have any questions please just ask Charles Garland, or Heather Cubie, our Covid-19 task group chair, or William Mearns in the Church Office.

living with someone in that situation, will want to consider very carefully the point in time at which we wish to resume attending church in person rather than joining by means of the internet or telephone.

Finally, please remember that our online services will continue to be put on the website at 8.00am each Sunday as usual; the prayers and reflection will be largely repeated at the church service.

# MAYFIELD SALISBURY NEWS LISTS

**Stay up-to-date on news, programmes, and events at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church with our news lists**

We hope this finds you well. This magazine has been sent out to ensure all our members are fully up-to-date with the latest parish News. We intend to publish and distribute a further edition for October in a similar format.

Would you like to be on one of our permanent News lists? We maintain several to help distribute information throughout the congregation. They are as follows:

## **Grapevine magazine printed list**

A paper copy of the church magazine delivered to your door.

## **Grapevine magazine email list**

A copy of the church magazine sent to your inbox in PDF format.

## **0930 Service email list**

Information pertaining to the Sunday 0930 All-Age Worship and related events.

## **Youth Newsletter email list**

Hillary Leslie, our Youth Worker, sends out a Youth Newsletter to parents of P6 - S6 youth. This keeps everyone in the loop about important youth-related events and activities

## **Congregational email list**

General information relevant to the entire congregation. This includes general News, notices of lectures & special events and, importantly, updates on the current ministerial vacancy.

If you are interested in joining any of the lists, please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page or contact us direct using the details below. If, after reflection, you change your mind we can remove you from the list quickly - just let us know.

Your information is secure and will not be shared with any third party. All emails are sent out privately to you only in a bcc'd (address not visible to others) email.

If you would like any additional information then please do get in touch. We are always very happy to discuss any aspect of Mayfield Salisbury.

Please add my details to the following news lists:

- Grapevine printed
- Grapevine email
- 0930 email
- Youth Newsletter email
- Congregational email

*Please return this form to; William Mearns, Church Manager 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ; call the Church Manager on 07808011234 or email direct to churchmanager@googlemail.com*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# DIAL A SERMON!

William Mearns

Introducing Mayfield Salisbury Sermons by phone.

Simply call the dedicated phone number **0131 546 4337** and listen on Sundays from 8.00am onwards. Alternatively, the recording may be heard at any other time over the week. *Note: there may be a slight pause on connection!*

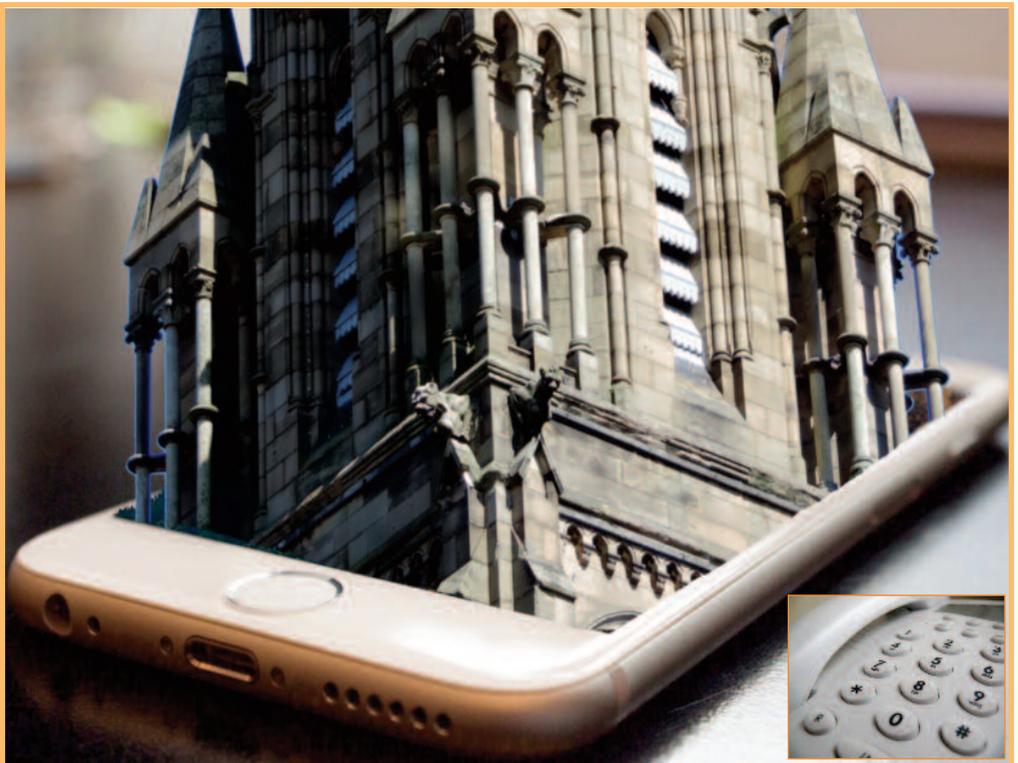
Important intimations regarding reopening of the church buildings, the ministerial vacancy and others will be included when appropriate.

## Important!

**Read this before calling - Call costs!**

This is a local call so local geographic call charges will apply and will, in most cases, form part of any inclusive minutes or call packages you have i.e. standard local call rates may apply. **Please make sure you understand your costs before using this service.**

Please pass this message on in full to those who do not have access to the internet.



**0131 546 4337**

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## FIVE MINUTES' PEACE NOW OPEN

We are delighted to announce that Five Minutes' Peace, opening the Sanctuary of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church to members of the congregation and the wider public for private prayer and meditation, has reopened.

**It takes place every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.**

Strict social distancing protocols will be in operation and visitors must wear a face covering. Come and experience once again the beauty and peace to be found within our Sanctuary.



# 28TH BRAID SCOUT TROOP



A report on our Virtual Summer Camp that was submitted to the Edinburgh Evening News, along with a selection of 5 photographs, turned into a full page spread. The article featured a photo of the Patrol Leaders on a bike journey entering the tunnel of the Innocent Railway. The News headlined the article 'Light at the end of the tunnel as Scouts mark centenary'. It said that the Troop could finally see light at the end of the tunnel following a difficult start to our centenary year celebrations and it summed up our feelings entirely.

We started our new session early to try and catch up on some of the time lost to

the lockdown. Government restrictions meant that we had to stick to small groups outdoors so the Troop was split into two, doing different activities and swapping over the following week. Whilst one group was having fun at Combat Challenge (chasing each other with laser guns in the woods), the other group was learning map and compass work on Blackford Hill in preparation for a series of outdoor meetings in September. Getting outdoors again and seeing friends proved to be a very popular start to our new session.

*Alan Dickson*  
Scout Leader

**'How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!'**

**Readings:** Psalm 133

St Matthew 15: 21 - 28

*This reflection is available to listen to online at: <https://youtu.be/ENI-6YLOsLo>*

**When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.**

The familiar words of the Kohima Epitaph, carved into the stone of a poignant memorial in an immaculate Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in Northern India, remind us that yesterday marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day, when the Second World War in the Far East came at last to an end on 15 August 1945.



*Stone memorial with the Kohima Epitaph, Kohima War Cemetery, Kohima, Nagaland*

*Photo by PP Yoonus - CC BY-SA 3.0*

It was an especially grim phase of the war that had continued relentlessly since VE Day in May, but so far away that those who fought in it felt overlooked, the forgotten army they called themselves, out of sight and out of mind. They included Captain, now Sir Tom, Moore, whose recent fundraising efforts for National Health Service charities captured the imagination of the nation, and reflected the sort of dogged determination that has long been the hallmark of many a Burma veteran, a characteristic once forged by necessity in that distant but deadly cauldron of fighting in the most testing of conditions. Under the current conditions many of the commemorative events planned to mark the anniversary this weekend have not

been able to go ahead as originally planned. In Canongate Kirk, the military church for Edinburgh, we should have been hosting a major service yesterday, elements of which were transferred online

courtesy of the Royal British Legion Scotland. At the time of recording this reflection our city was still due to witness a flypast by the Red Arrows, always a stirring and impressive sight, and a clear signal to the forgotten army that they are forgotten

no more, that we will remember them, both those who in the words of Kohima, came home and those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Of those who came home and are still alive, there cannot now be many who share Sir Tom's strength and vigour even if they share his indomitable spirit. Or indeed that of the woman in this morning's extract from the Gospel according to St Matthew, whose own dogged determination sees her pursue Jesus and his disciples as soon as they cross the border into Tyre and Sidon. Her daughter is tormented by a demon and it is as if the mother has absorbed her pain, shouting and shrieking as she implores Jesus, *Have mercy on me Lord, son of*

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*David.* In turn the disciples urge him to send her away, they have had enough of her and just want five minutes peace, which is probably what they've come to Tyre and Sidon for in the first place, but which we know too they would now find once again at Mayfield Salisbury on a Wednesday evening! Jesus is initially reluctant to engage with the Canaanite woman, who is local and by definition not a Jew. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel', he eventually informs her, but she is undaunted and utterly persistent. She came and knelt before him, St Matthew tells us, saying Lord, help me.

But Jesus is still hesitant. 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs,' he suggests, meaning that his priority is neither her nor her people. But with both wit and wisdom, the Canaanite woman retorts, *Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.* And that at last is good enough for him to oblige. Then Jesus answered her, *Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.* And her daughter was healed instantly. And so was the division between his people and her people, differences are overlooked in the face of need and suffering and what matters most, more than anything else, is meeting the need and easing the suffering.

Once again Jesus reaches out across barriers and divisions, beyond expectations and experiences, and brings his healing touch. And once again proves the Psalmist's assertion, How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

An almost exact contemporary of Captain

Sir Tom Moore was Eric Lomax, born just a year before him in Portobello in 1919 but captured by the Japanese in 1942 and held a prisoner of war until VJ Day in 1945. Forced into hard labour on the notorious Burma-Siam railway the young officer's account of his experiences before and after the war were turned into the film *The Railway Man*. In a powerful scene towards the end of the film he is asked about his eventual reconciliation with his wartime torturer. Sometime the hating has to stop, he says wistfully. Sometime the hating has to stop. How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

The Psalmist knew that sometime the hating has to stop. So did those for whom the war finally came to an end on 15 August 1945. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary challenges us not just to remember the forgotten army, but all those who still suffer today in so many different ways as a result of hatred, and feel themselves forgotten and overlooked. And just as the Canaanite woman brought her daughter's suffering to Jesus, it encourages us to bring their suffering to the One who still reaches out across all barriers and divisions, beyond all expectations and experiences and brings his healing touch that they might eventually know how very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

Now may God bless to us this preaching of his most holy word, and to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

Amen

# NEWS

## MAYFIELD MILERS



Jenny McCallum  
Chairperson  
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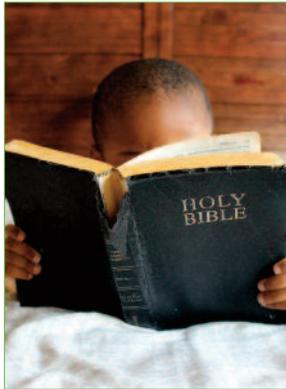
Having talked with several Members, we decided to start walks again this Autumn.

These will be local walks - socially distanced - in small groups, starting from Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church. Our venue is Holyrood Park, which is within easy walking distance from the Church.

It also gives opportunity for different walks so you can choose a walk that suits you.

Members will be contacted in the near future either by email or by paper copy as we have always done. Look forward to seeing you in this 'new normal'.

## READING GROUP WITH MEMBERS OF ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH



Anne Havard writes: 'I am member of St Columba's in Upper Gray Street and some of us are considering forming a small discussion group to consider the human and ecological challenges facing the planet. As a starting point we would read and consider Laudato Si, the letter written by Pope Francis to the whole world five years ago, and which deals with these matters.'

This is a valuable opportunity to think about some pressing issues for us and, more particularly, for future generations, and to do so in conjunction with fellow Christians from a neighbouring church. If anyone would like more information, please contact Anne directly at [annehavard46@gmail.com](mailto:annehavard46@gmail.com). It is very likely that discussions will need to be on Zoom or similar, at least at the beginning. The encyclical can be accessed online but paper copies can be sourced for those who are interested in joining the discussion group and would prefer hard copy.

## ONLINE DONATIONS

Direct link:  
[www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853)

Hugh Somerville, Free  
Will Offerings Treasurer

The Church is very grateful to all those who give by standing order enabling us to maintain a large portion of our income through these difficult times. We now offer the ability to contribute to our work electronically through the 'give.net' facility which appears on the home page of the Church's website. This provides the possibility of adding Gift Aid to donations.

# EDINBURGH DIRECT AID IN BEIRUT



Bordering Palestine and Syria, Lebanon has been struggling for years to cope as host to the greatest proportion of refugees in the world. But in this past year, it has endured a series of unimaginable catastrophes: currency collapse, political turmoil, rocketing inflation and unemployment, the coronavirus pandemic - and now the Beirut explosion, with the loss of 200 lives, 500 hospital beds and 300,000 homes.

Edinburgh Direct Aid, together with German NGO Green Helmets, has brought in a team of Syrian refugees trained in construction at their vocational training centre in Aرسال in north east Lebanon to contribute to the relief effort in Beirut. They are based in Karantina, a poor residential area near the site of the blast, where many homes have been badly damaged. Many of their occupants worked at the port, and may have lost not only friends and relatives, but also their jobs, due to the extensive damage to the

port. The team is using its specialised skills to replace doors and windows, shore up houses and build temporary shelters.

## TO HELP EDA HELP BEIRUT

Donate by:

\* Phone 0131 552 1545

\* Online at [www.edinburghdirectaid.org](http://www.edinburghdirectaid.org)

\* Send a cheque payable to Edinburgh Direct Aid to: EDA, 29 Starbank Rd, Edinburgh EH5 3BY

**PLEASE NOTE:** This appeal is for cash only, not for clothes or other supplies. We are currently unable to ship in any goods to Lebanon. Proceeds from this appeal may also be used for the work of the EDA/GH construction team in Aرسال, a Lebanese town of 35,000 hosting 50,000 Syrian refugees, building shelters for particularly impoverished refugees.

*Ann Thanisch*

# THOMAS FULLER IN HONDURAS



Thomas Fuller worked as a Project Trust volunteer in Honduras from August 2019 to March 2020, with the help of a grant from the Shierlaw Fund. Like many others, he had to return home earlier than intended because of Coronavirus, but as his report below shows, he was still able to make a worthwhile contribution and enjoyed a rewarding experience. Thomas writes:

I lived in a small village called Punta Gorda, in the impoverished Eastern side of an island called Roatán. Roatán is located in the Caribbean Sea, and is a beautiful tropical island surrounded by the second largest barrier reef in the world. Due to this, the island is a tourist hotspot.

The western half of the island is often flooded with tourists. This has led to a major financial divide between the affluent Western side and the more rural Eastern side. Very few people living in Punta Gorda have full time employment. Most available steady jobs are related to tourism which placed a lot of importance on my teaching, as the locals generally had a poor level of English. Punta Gorda is a very pretty coastal village mostly inhabited by the Garifuna ethnic minority. Garifuna people are descended from Africans who were being brought over to America as part of the slave trade. They have their own unique language, derived from African and French roots, and some delicious, unusual food dishes (for example, chicken foot soup).



Project Trust paid a local Garifuna lady, Mary-Lou, to prepare meals for me and my partner twice a day so I always felt very well looked-after. My relationship with Mary-Lou also provided an invaluable way into the community as she would tell us about upcoming events and various do's and don'ts. She even taught us some Garifuna language and cooking styles.

The school where I worked is located in the centre of the village. Project Trust have been sending volunteers to Punta Gorda since 1983 so I felt very integrated almost instantly. Teachers were seen as fairly significant figures within the community and so a lot of respect was shown to my partner and me by the locals, who knew who we were even early on due to our pale Scottish complexions!

I taught English to grades 1-9 (pupils ranging from 5-16 years old). I also taught the occasional kindergarten class. Weather permitting, I taught classes every weekday from 7am to 5:30pm. My teaching responsibilities involved both the designing and implementing of a curriculum for classes from Grade 1 to Grade 9.



The lack of many materials or resources initially made this a very challenging task; however, by the end of my time away I had made a full curriculum for every grade that lasted until August when I was originally due to depart. I left the curriculum there in the hopes that future volunteers could use it. I taught grades 1-3 two times a week. I tried to incorporate as many fun activities and songs as possible when teaching the younger kids as they tended to have a short attention span and they often misbehaved when disengaged.

I taught grades 4-9 three times a week. These lessons, while still relying on songs and dances to ensure the kids had a good time, also relied on more structured note-taking that prepared the students for exams. I wrote exams for every grade based on what I had taught them.

I also held a Scots Day where my partner and I dressed in our kilts (much to the

younger kids' amusement). We gave a presentation on Scotland so we could help the kids to understand where we came from. The day was a major success and afterwards everyone wanted a photo with us. Another big day in Honduras was Dia de Niño (Day of the Child), an annual celebration on the 10 of September. On this day students come into school as usual; however, instead of lessons the teachers put on a show for them.

My partner and I chose to play our guitars for the students which (seemingly) went down well. I tried to be very easy going while always remaining 100% focused on teaching. I loved my time in Honduras and, despite the bittersweet ending, it is always a time I will look back on with great fondness and pride.

I was able to volunteer in Honduras due to Project Trust, a non-profit charitable organisation which has been supporting overseas gap year volunteers since 1967.

# NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN AID

*Sally Foster-Fulton, head of Christian Aid Scotland, writes:*

*Rebuilding. Rebooting. Rethinking. Renewing*  
We've heard these words so many times in the last couple of months. A lot of energy is being spent on working towards a better future in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. We've been doing a lot of thinking at Christian Aid too.

There's no denying that the whole of humanity – you, me, our family, friends, neighbours and crucially our global neighbours - is at a crossroads. Our next steps have never been more important. In the months ahead, fundamental decisions will be made about the kind of world we want to live in. Failure to seize the opportunity to build back better will be far more costly than any recovery plan.

What does a better future look like? We are in an era of unprecedented neighbourliness. Communities across Scotland have rallied together during this crisis, looking after our sisters and brothers in new and innovative ways. We need to keep on looking out for our global neighbours too.

In India, 80 million migrant workers have lost employment in cities, leaving them hungry and homeless and their families without income. In parts of Afghanistan, wheat prices have risen by 20%.

Routine healthcare, such as immunisation and maternity care, has been severely disrupted. In many countries, the

disruption to non-COVID-related healthcare could cause more deaths than the virus itself.

We need to build back better with justice. We need to build back on firm foundations so that the structures which keep people poor are replaced with a framework which supports people to flourish.

That means relieving the crippling debt of the world's poorest countries. It means divesting from fossil fuels. It means continuing to care for our global neighbours who are reeling from the social, political and economic impact of coronavirus.

This is a big moment. But it is not beyond our reach. This Autumn, let's take one more step along the road.

*In the past few months Mayfield Salisbury has supported Christian Aid Week, with its focus on Climate Change, as well as appeals for emergencies including the destruction of the Amazon Rainforest; the South Asia Cyclone; the Rohingya Crisis (especially its effect on children); Coronavirus and, most recently, the crisis in Lebanon. We would like to say a huge thank-you to members of the congregation for their consistent generosity.*

Donations to all aspects of Christian Aid's work can still be made via the website at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) , or by telephone on 020 7523 2269.

The Christian Aid Committee

## PASTORAL CARE

September is upon us and the signs of Autumn are beginning to be seen in the leaves on the trees in and around our parish. As I drive home, I can see the farmers in their fields harvesting their crops. A busy time for them cutting and storing and preparing for the winter.

This morning our five pastoral care coordinators and I had a Zoom meeting to discuss the way forward for the coming months.

We are aware that, as restrictions are lessening, many of you are visiting each other in the spirit of friendship and fellowship.

We thought we should remind you that, if you are visiting church friends, you should always be considerate in order to keep yourself and others safe. If inside wear a mask and keep cleaning your hands. Remember to keep a note of who you have seen and where you have been; just in case Track and Trace needs to know the details. Current government guidelines advise that people should not mix with more than 2 other households at once or visit more than 4 other households in one day.

If you know of anyone who is unwell or perhaps celebrating a special anniversary

then please let someone on the pastoral care team know. Don't assume that we do know as we would rather be told a few times than not at all.

We are very much looking forward to seeing some of you at worship in the coming weeks.

Do you need help to access the online worship (viewing the service over the internet)? I can't promise an instant response, but I will do my best to get you help.

If I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Contact details for PV co-ordinators:

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Kay McIntosh, Pastoral Assistant.

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Deaths

Dorothy Barbour and Kenneth Palmer

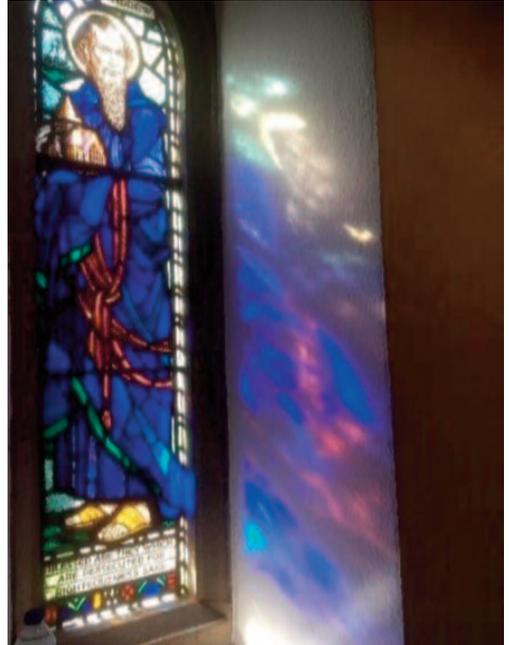
# AFTERNOON SERVICE

Dear Afternoon Service Congregation

Greetings to you all from the members of the team who, under normal circumstances, offer transport, welcome you, officiate, play the piano for our hymns, and then after Worshipping together serve us tea while we chatter to friends around the tables.

We hope that you are keeping safe and well and that you are nourished in faith with special memories of some of the Tuesday Afternoon Services you have attended over the years in The Bill McDonald Hall.

Had we been able to meet on 8 September as planned, we would have been sharing in Holy Communion together as we did at our last gathering six months ago on 10 March this year. The world is such a different one now, isn't it? Sadly we cannot meet this month or in November at the planned mid-week Remembrance Service. So, let us hope that by March 2021... 'we will meet again'.



We are missing you as much as you must be remembering friends you met at these intimate round-the-table afternoons with worship and fellowship. Do you remember the sunflower-themed meeting in September last year? This is the beautiful Gaelic Blessing we said together then, having just heard that Scott was likely to be leaving us in October.

**May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm  
of His hand.**

*Gaelic Blessing*

Blessings to you all from the  
*Afternoon Service Team.*



# THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

## September

- 1 Song of Songs 5,6 / I Timothy 5
- 2 Song of Songs 7,8 / Psalms 99-101
- 3 Isaiah 1,2 / I Timothy 6
- 4 Isaiah 3-5 / II Timothy 1
- 5 Isaiah 6,7 / II Timothy 2
- 6 Isaiah 8,9 / Psalm 102
- 7 Isaiah 10-12 / II Timothy 3
- 8 Isaiah 13,14 / II Timothy 4
- 9 Isaiah 15,16 / Psalm 103
- 10 Isaiah 17-20 / Titus 1
- 11 Isaiah 21,22 / Titus 2
- 12 Isaiah 23,24 / Titus 3

- 13 Isaiah 25,26 / Psalm 104
- 14 Isaiah 27,28 / Philemon
- 15 Isaiah 29,30 / Hebrews 1
- 16 Isaiah 31,32 / Psalm 105
- 17 Isaiah 33,34 / Hebrews 2
- 18 Isaiah 35,36 / Hebrews 3
- 19 Isaiah 37,38 / Hebrews 4
- 20 Isaiah 39,40 / Psalm 106
- 21 Isaiah 41,42 / Hebrews 5
- 22 Isaiah 43,44 / Hebrews 6
- 23 Isaiah 45,46 / Psalm 107
- 24 Isaiah 47,48 / Hebrews 7
- 25 Isaiah 49,50 / Hebrews 8

- 26 Isaiah 51,52 / Hebrews 9
- 27 Isaiah 53,54 / Psalms 108,109
- 28 Isaiah 55,56 / Hebrews 10
- 29 Isaiah 57,58 / Hebrews 11
- 30 Isaiah 59,60 / Psalms 110,111

## October

- 1 Isaiah 61,62 / Hebrews 12
- 2 Isaiah 63,64 / Hebrews 13
- 3 Isaiah 65,66 / John 1
- 4 Jeremiah 1,2 / Psalms 112,113
- 5 Jeremiah 3,4 / John 2
- 6 Jeremiah 5,6 / John 3
- 7 Jeremiah 7,8 / Psalms 114,115

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September

**Wed 2 6.30pm to 8.00pm Five Minutes' Peace** - Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Sun 6 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity** Revd Helen Alexander  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Dial-a-Sermon  
10.00am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

**Wed 9 6.30pm to 8.00pm Five Minutes' Peace** - Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Sun 13 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity** Revd Helen Alexander  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Dial-a-Sermon  
10.00am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

**Wed 16 6.30pm to 8.00pm Five Minutes' Peace** - Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Sun 20 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** Revd Helen Alexander  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Dial-a-Sermon  
10.00am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

**Wed 23 6.30pm to 8.00pm Five Minutes' Peace** - Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Sun 27 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity** Revd Helen Alexander  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Dial-a-Sermon  
10.00am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

**Wed 30 6.30pm to 8.00pm Five Minutes' Peace** - Private Prayer in the Sanctuary

### October

**Sun 4 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity** TBC  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website  
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Dial-a-Sermon  
10.00am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

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