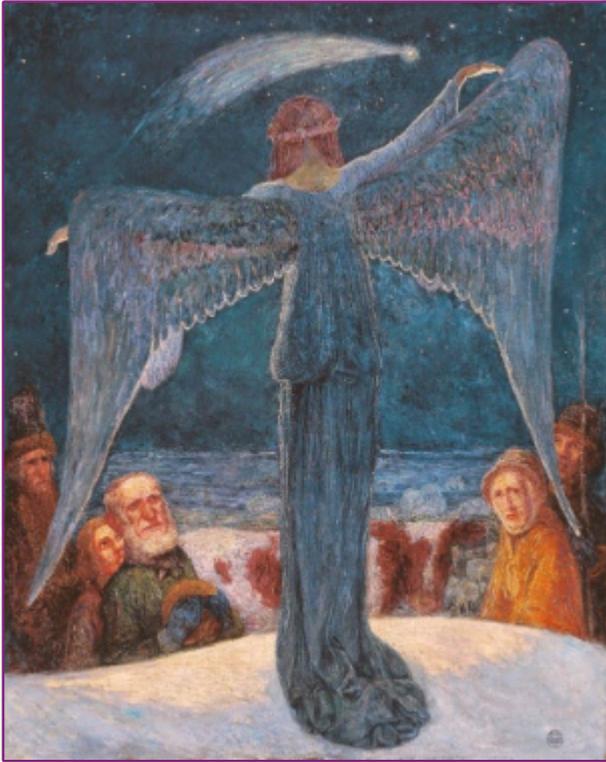




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# FROM THE MANSE



*Abandoned section of Burma Railway in Thanbyuzayat, Myanmar (Burma)*  
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*Dear friends,*

This year in preparation for the Remembrance Services, I was drawn back to the deeply moving account of personal courage, and of forgiveness, reconciliation and hope in the story of Eric Lomax (1916-2012), as set out in his 1995 autobiography, *The Railway Man*. I looked again at his book, which I had read when it was published, and watched for the first time the film version of Eric's story, starring Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman.

As you may know, Eric was born and bred in Edinburgh, joined the army as a signals officer just before the start of World War II, and was captured at the fall of Singapore in 1942. The next three years as a POW were a time of living hell in the construction of the Burma Railway, where Eric was tortured by what would now be called 'water-boarding', on the discovery of a radio that he had helped to construct in the work camp.

After the war, as he wrestled with the terrible enduring memories of those events for decades, Eric came to a realisation: 'Remembering is not enough, if it simply hardens hate. Sometimes the hating has to stop.' With great bravery, he then returned to the scene of his torture, met with his torturer and chose to forgive him. The reconciliation led to an inner peace for both men, and, difficult though it might be to imagine, a strong bond of friendship until they both passed away.

The depth of the inner strength and fortitude that Eric showed, not only during his dreadful War experiences, but especially in his courage afterwards to move away from hate towards forgiveness is inspiring. It speaks to us of the resilience of the human condition, but also the capacity to form good even from the darkest evil. Eric had taken ownership of his pain – he now determined the outcome, and from the release of the anger and hate within him, he was freed.



Eric's courage reminded me of the poem / *Choose to Forgive* by Gerard Kelly (an Anglican priest, not the much-lamented panto actor of the same name!). He wrote:

*Though the walls of my  
heart are broken  
and the centre of my self is  
black-bruised...  
I choose to forgive.*

*And this act alone breaks the cycle.  
This act alone rights the wrpng.  
This act alone ends the evil.  
This act alone makes me strong  
Tears blind hatred with soft sight,  
Kicks the darkness into light  
I choose to forgive*

Above all else, Eric Lomax's story reminds us of the potential of hope. That in the darkest of times, there may still be a light at the end of the tunnel. As we begin the season of Advent, and await the coming to earth of the Christ child, hope is also the key message: Jesus as the greatest gift to the world as an expression of God's love.

Despite the immensity of what the world faces now in the ongoing suffering and emotional toil of the pandemic; in the fear and apocalyptic vision of the climate crisis; and despite the challenges in our personal lives, God speaks to us strongly through Jesus of hope. That He chooses to call through Jesus for a world of love, peace and reconciliation. A world where a Kingdom of peace and justice will reign; a world where tears and troubles will pass away. And for all that we may have done that we regret, the promise too in hope of a God who chooses to forgive. It's what Barack Obama has called the 'audacity of hope'; that in faith we might still see better days ahead.

In 1886, the artist George Frederic Watts painted a figure he called *Hope*, apparently blindfolded and crumpled over the world, trying to pluck a single string on a lyre. When you look at the picture, with its dark, washed-out colours and general air of gloom, the first reaction is that *Hope* is an unlikely title. It should be more like *Misery* or *Desolation!* What could be the 'hope' from this?

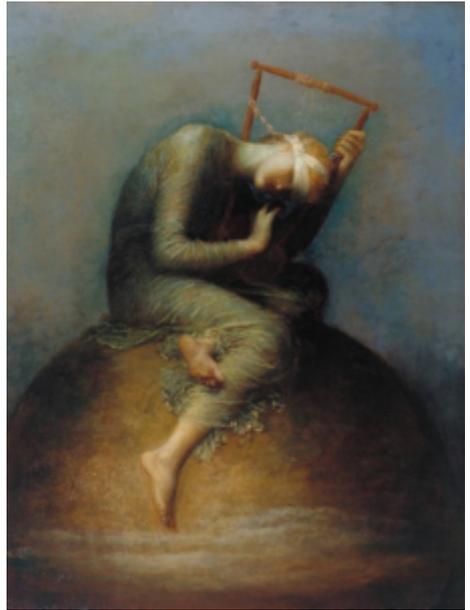
In 1922, a short film drama was made about the picture, starring Mary Astor. In the film, a character asks the artist Watts, 'Is it . . . Hope? All the strings are gone, save one.' And he replies, 'Yes, that is love. As Hope bends low to catch its single note, she counts the rest well lost if that [string] remains.'

No matter the colours of life that surround us, in the single note of love, that often finds an expression in forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, hope will always remain.

May God bless you and your loved ones in this Advent time. May you have a happy Christmas. And may the love, peace and hope of God be your companions in these days, and throughout the coming year.

God bless,

*Sandy* - Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth

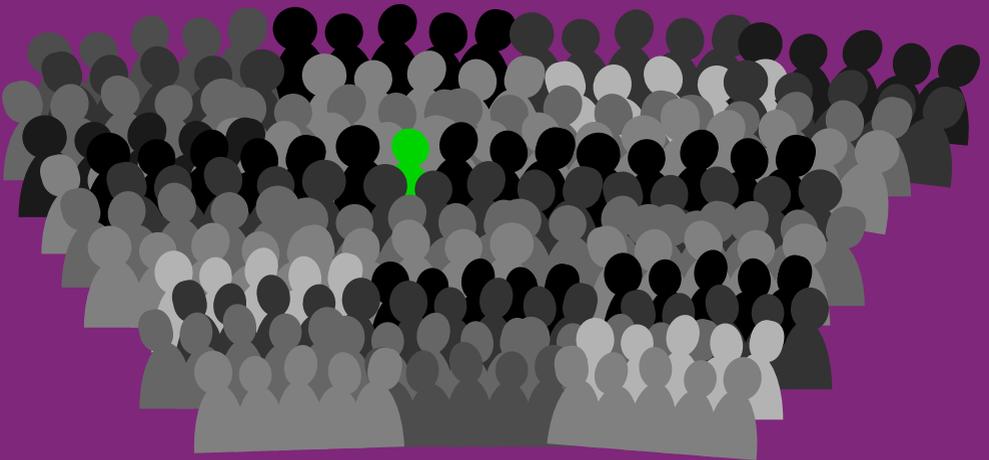


*Hope by George Frederic Watts (1886)*

# CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING

Saturday 22 January 2021

Our Congregational Gathering, combined with a social gathering, will take place on Saturday 22 January from 10.30am until early afternoon. It will help us explore how Mayfield Salisbury might move forward as a congregation in the South Side of Edinburgh. Booking arrangements will follow soon.



# SCOUTS UPDATE



It has been a very busy start to the new session with a good mix of indoor and outdoor activities. Emergencies training, film night and the traditional knotting made up the indoor meetings and it was good to get back into the hall to bring back some of the more formal parts of Scouting.

We had two trips to Bonaly Scout Centre, one for a Friday evening of activities in the dark and then a chilly but dry weekend in November which culminated in the planting of a further 100 trees to add to the 100 planted last year to mark our Centenary. 14 Scouts opted to camp out and this marked the latest in the year that we have ever camped.

To catch up on some of the activities lost to Covid lockdown, we made an Autumn trip to Hawkthirst Scout Camp at Kielder Reservoir in Northumberland. Activities included Bell Boating, Climbing, Crate Stacking and Archery. We also made use of the very dark skies in Kielder with a marvellous hike up the nearby hill to the observation dome, Skyspace. It was a totally clear night and we were able to enjoy

the wonderful sight of the star-filled sky.

We had another Night Hike on 5th November, this time up to the viewpoint of Allermuir Hill in the Pentlands. This time, it was to see the various fireworks being set off around Edinburgh, the Lothians and Fife.

The easing of restrictions allowed us to have our Parents Night again and permission to hold it in the Sanctuary meant that we were able to space the audience out safely. The evening consisted of our video of Summer Camp and the presentation of the Camp and Session awards. It was good to be able to have both of these important elements of Troop life again and we were honoured to have Christine De Luca as our special guest to carry out the presentations.

*Alan Dickson*

Scout Leader

Scottish Charity Number SC006141



# CROSSREACH UPDATE



On Sunday 7 November we welcomed Eilidh Macdonald-Harte, Clinical Manager for CrossReach Perinatal Services (PNS), to our morning worship. We were very grateful to Eilidh for giving up her time to tell us about the work of CrossReach PNS. Eilidh described some of the difficulties of moving to online provision of support to families, while recognising the upsides of things like online counselling which can be accessed without having to leave home with a small baby in tow. She also described some of the new initiatives that she has planned or in progress, including groups specially for fathers, and support to help families bond with their babies.

Eilidh expressed her thanks to the congregation for supporting CrossReach. In case you missed the details, I have included information about the ways to give to CrossReach PNS below. The thing that really struck me from Eilidh's visit was the number of people who came up to speak to her after each service, largely because of connections they had with CrossReach PNS. I took that to be a very encouraging indication of the interest in and concern for CrossReach PNS and the very valuable services they provide.

Ailsa Garland, Co-ordinator of CrossReach committee (Please direct any questions to

me; [Ailsa.garland@gmail.com](mailto:Ailsa.garland@gmail.com) or 07793197858).

**Online giving.** Visit the [crossreach.org.uk](http://crossreach.org.uk) page and click the purple "Donate" button at the top right of the page. This takes you to a Just Giving page which is for general CrossReach donations but there is a box in which you can "Add a message of support" and please would you type in there that the donation is for Perinatal Services (or PNS) which will ensure funds are routed to PNS. Please note that Just Giving automatically adds a platform fee but this can be changed to zero if preferred (with no reduction in the amount that is then routed to PNS). There is also the opportunity to gift aid your donation.

**Postal giving.** CrossReach would be happy to receive any cheques by post which should be payable to "CrossReach" and sent to Supporter Development, CrossReach, Charis House, 47 Milton Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 2SR. If you could send cheques with a covering letter to let CrossReach know that the donation is for perinatal services, and if you wish to Gift Aid then please note that in your letter. In order to Gift Aid, CrossReach needs a note of your name and address.

*Ailsa Garland*

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
PEACE AND RECONCILIATION  
MICAH 4:1 - 4      ST MATTHEW 5:43 - 48**



*Part of 'The Sermon on the Mount' by Jan Brueghel the Elder (Flemish, 1568 - 1625)*

How easy it is to talk of peace and reconciliation between all people. How easy it is to talk about loving your enemies and praying for those who persecute you, rather than despising and seeking revenge on those who threaten you and yours, those who attack you or insult you, and in times of war or terror, try to kill you. How difficult it is to act, given our human nature and our animal instincts to protect and survive. How difficult it is to go beyond mere words and actually do it.

How easy it is to talk of it, but that is what Jesus undoubtedly does in Matthew 5. That God makes the sun rise and the rain fall on the evil and the good alike. That if we love only those who love us, he says, what effort does that require, what reward does that produce, we can all do that. No - love your

enemies and pray for those who persecute you. The most deeply challenging of words, calling for forgiveness and reconciliation with those whom you might hold only in bitter dislike and even hatred.

So be perfect and love your enemies, says Jesus in verse 46, just as your heavenly father is perfect. Perfect, is it? How can we ever aspire to that? Yet God gives us the strongest of visions. We have the vision of the ultimate reconciliation of all humanity to God and each other, the perfect peace of the coming of God's reign on earth. In Revelation 21, it is the vision of a new Jerusalem descending from heaven and a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will

be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away'

We have the vision of the prophet Micah in our Old Testament passage, of a God who reigns over a peaceful and compassionate earth where all people shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

We have the vision of a resurrected Christ who, in his first words to stunned disciples on Easter Sunday, said simply 'peace be with you.'

Vision and aspiration...but reality? This side of heaven, really? This side of a second coming of Christ, can there ever be 'peace in our time'? Can there be reconciliation between enemies who have killed and maimed one another with a feral brutality, laid waste to towns and cities and lives?

Many of us will know the deeply moving story of the Railway Man, Eric Lomax, made famous in his book and the later film with Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman - the Edinburgh signals officer captured in the fall of Singapore in WWII and tortured in the horror of laying the Burma Railway - later to meet, to forgive and be reconciled with his torturer.

His remarkable journey in the aftermath of war from hate to forgiveness to reconciliation is not unique. On 26th September 1944, the town of Kleve, just inside Germany's western border with the Netherlands, was flattened by Allied bombing. Ray Hamley was a 21 year old RAF pilot, who along with his crew, dropped bombs that destroyed the railway station, factories and the town's church. Despite the devastation and loss of life below, it was yet another mission, war was war, and Ray moved on.

At the war's end, he married his childhood



*Cross of Nails from Coventry in the Nikolaikirche, Kiel  
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sweetheart, and eventually became the headmaster of a primary school. Many years later, in 1983, someone handed Ray a newspaper cutting that showed how the people of a little town in Germany named Kleve had now, eventually, fully rebuilt the Church of St. Mary's Assumption (St. Mariä Himmelfahrt.) Something clicked in Ray's memory. He found his old pilot's logbook in the attic, and suddenly realised that it had been his bomb that had destroyed this very church forty years before.

Ray thought about the town, and how the loss of their church must have affected the people deeply. But then he thought to



*The rebuilt nave of St. Mariä Himmelfahrt in Kleve in 2018 - Photo by Aldebaraner - licence CC BY-SA 4.0*

himself, 'Come on, Ray, thousands were the people of Kleve.

killed in the bombing of London and Warsaw; it was wartime; it was years ago; forget it and get on with your life; it's not your concern.' But Ray Hamley could not forget about it. He wrote to the Mayor of Kleve, asking for the forgiveness of the townspeople, and asking that his letter be read by the priest at the dedication of the new church building. Ray got a reply, requesting that he and his family come to see the new church building. But again, those second thoughts took over, how could he ever look them in the eye, and he couldn't answer the letter.

But the parish priest in Kleve now wrote to Ray, this time with a letter signed by 500 parishioners, offering their forgiveness to Ray in the name of Jesus Christ . . . And so Ray Hamley went to Kleve and to its rebuilt church. His visit not only healed the old wounds in his life, but brought about an incredible reconciliation between Ray and

Albert Einstein once said, 'Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.' It is only understanding at a human level, arising out of hatred and enmity, that might bring forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. An understanding that comes from human contact and dialogue. That we have seen in the Good Friday Agreement in Ireland, and in the immediate post-apartheid years in South Africa. In the words of Desmond Tutu, 'If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.'

In his work as Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Tutu put into direct effect the Xhosa concept of ubuntu, which he called 'the essence of being a person.' Tutu said, 'It means that we are people through other people. We cannot be fully human alone. We are made for interdependence... When you have ubuntu,

you embrace others. You are generous, compassionate. If the world had more ubuntu, we would not have war...This is God's dream...Therefore you seek to work for the common good because your humanity comes into its own in belonging." We are all tethered to this earth and this life under the same sun, good and evil. And mutual human love in common humanity is a direct response to God loving us. Showing love for the other is what saves us. It is what gives us hope. It is what makes us truly human.

Nourished by the bread of life and the joy of the Gospel means not retreating into tribes of like-minded, people. The world cannot afford to keep going on that way. It is the curse of populism in our present world, the polarisation to extremes of countries, ethnic groups, religions, into ever escalating barriers and divides based on difference, not on common ground, causing separation, distrust and violence. Building up walls, excluding not including. We try to turn around with Jesus, turn towards the other and reach out in common humanity. In those 'ubuntu moments', we might display just a fraction of the image of God

that can rest within us all. And it is in those moments, that the potential for forgiveness, reconciliation and peace between enemies might lie.

Coventry Cathedral was destroyed by aerial bombing in November 1940. Raking in the rubble, three medieval nails were found, re-shaped into a cross and placed on a remaining wall with the words behind them, 'Father Forgive'. In the post-war years, hundreds of similar crosses were sent out from Coventry to former enemies - many are now in churches across Germany. The Coventry Cross of Nails, so reminiscent of the crucifixion, has become a symbol of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation in common humanity, through Jesus Christ. The ecumenical Community of the Cross of Nails spans 45 countries, dedicated to those goals.

Vision and aspiration in faith, yes, but reaching out too, seeking dialogue and understanding. Maybe this side of heaven, God also gives us the chance of resurrection, and the tools to rebuild and to right our wrongs together. Amen

*The pastoral care team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we send you blessings for peace and good health for 2022.*



If you would now like to have a pastoral visitor or regular phone calls, please contact Kay on 07903 266 307.



## Christmas Appeal

Meet Adut Mairu. Will you stand with mums like Adut this Christmas?

The climate crisis in South Sudan is polluting fragile water sources, killing crops and destroying homes.

Combined with years of conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic, it's forcing mums to make impossible choices for their children.

Dirty water, or none at all? A morsel of food each, or a bigger portion for one? School fees, or materials to rebuild the family home?

Your gifts this Christmas could help families in South Sudan and around the world stand strong, by building more boreholes, providing seeds and farming tools, and giving mums the chance to set up small businesses. With clean water, nutritious food and ways to earn money, mums like Adut won't have to make such impossible choices.

Climate chaos in South Sudan forced Adut to give her three children dirty water. She knew it wasn't safe, but she had no choice.

## Not anymore.

Over Christmas there will be an opportunity to contribute towards this appeal. We anticipate this happening after both the Watchnight and Christmas Morning services. Alternatively, donations can be made via the Christian Aid website at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or by telephone on 020 7523 2269.

## Send the Prime Minister a Christmas Card

Here's a simple action we can all take! Tell the Prime Minister that when it comes to climate justice, the proof is in the pudding. Just follow these 3 simple steps:

### 1. Choose/create your card

You may like to include a drawing or artwork that represents your message.



## 2. Write your message

You can use the message below as a starting point. For even more impact, personalise it and make it your own.

*Dear Prime Minister,*

*My hope this Christmas is that the UK secures more finance for those hit hardest by the climate crisis. You have said rich countries must find this money, but COP26 did not deliver.*

*In 2022, please push for more climate finance and a fund for climate-related loss and damage. Merry Christmas.*

## 3. Post your card

Pop your card into an envelope, and send it to this address:

**The Rt Hon. Boris Johnson, MP, Prime Minister, 10 Downing St, London SW1A 2AA**

**This Christmas, why not send a gift with a difference?**

Choose from tools and seeds, an emergency disaster kit, mosquito nets, sending a child to school, and many other options. By choosing to buy a charity gift, you'll be sending your love around the world to reach out a helping hand to people in poverty. Inspire your friends and family with these life-transforming gifts! You can pick up a copy of Christian Aid's catalogue

from the leaflet rack in the church porch, or from the window sills in the sanctuary – or visit the website.

**And finally ----**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Christian Aid team's Autumn sale. The amazing generosity of all those who produced, donated and bought our delicious preserves raised over £720 for the charity – probably our best result ever!

We still have a number of jams, jellies and chutneys available, and we would especially like to offer these to anyone who finds it difficult to attend church in person. If you're in this situation, or know someone who is, please let us know and a member of the friendly Christian Aid team will deliver the goods to your door! Contact Kate O'Brien; [kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk) Tel. 667 4362, Mobile 07593 768 087, to choose what you'd like to buy and to arrange a delivery. We'll look forward to hearing from you!

With thanks as ever for all your support, and very best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas,

*The Christian Aid Team*

## Prayer Thoughts

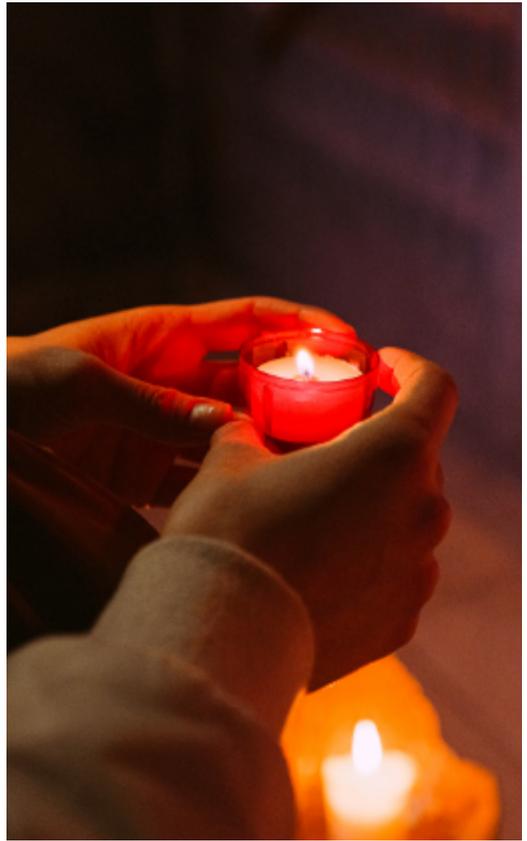
*Give us your perspective, God, on all that has been and is to come, or at least as much as we can handle within the limitations of our finite minds, yet with eternity dwelling in our hearts.*

*Give us your perspective, God, with the grace and courage to listen and wait. To watch and pray, to stand up and lift our voices, to speak out and amplify the call for justice for all the earth.*

*Give us your perspective, God, on decisions made and courage delayed. Unveil the honesty within the rhetoric, call to humility all boastful complacency so your will may be done here on Earth.*

*Give us your perspective, God, on all your creatures and creation. A God's eye view of love for the world stretching from a manger in a stable to the redeeming expanse of the cross.*

*Amen*



## NEWS DISTRIBUTION

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# MORNINGSIDE JUSTICE AND PEACE



The Morningside Justice and Peace Group exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large.

These meetings are open to all and provide a view on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion.

Meetings are held every Wednesday on Zoom. Zoom link will be sent on request. [b.darcy20@gmail.com](mailto:b.darcy20@gmail.com)

## Forthcoming meetings:

### December 1

Sam Wheldon-Bayes, Project Officer, Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI). 'Can Global Finance really be Ethical?'

### December 8

An interview with Richard Holloway, Scottish writer, broadcaster and cleric. 'After the Pandemic.'

### December 15

Tracy McCollin, Head of the Good Food Nation Team in the Food and Drink Division of the Directorate for Agriculture and the Rural Economy, Scottish Government.

'Scotland: Our ambition to be a Good Food Nation.'



# NEWS

## OBERAM-MERGAU 2022

Hilary Watkinson  
hilary.watkinson@btinternet.com

McCabe Travel assure me that the Germans are already rehearsing for the famous passion play next year.

Would you like to join a select party from Mayfield Salisbury led by Kay McIntosh? If so, please contact me and I will deliver a booking form and further information to you.

The dates are 25 May to 1 June 2022.

## FAIRTRADE STALL

Jean MacGilchrist

Last minute Christmas shopping opportunity!

A selection of Christmas cards, biscuits, chocolate, and stocking fillers will be available from the Traidcraft Stall in the Lower Hall on Sunday 12 December.

## CAN YOU?



Anne Robertson  
amr.ar106@gmail.com  
07906871392

A few questions.....

- Can you drive and do you have a current driving licence?
- Are you under 70 years old?
- Do you have a free evening or the occasional Saturday lunchtime once every couple of months?
- Would you like to join our small team of drivers for the Bethany Van?

No special driving requirements or amendments to your ordinary licence is required. The van is electric and automatic.

We desperately need some younger people to help in the team.

Also, we are in need of clothing, jackets, hat, gloves, warm tops and mens' underwear in particular. Just put in box in foyer, anytime. Thanks

If you are interested in finding out more about driving or helping, please contact me.

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## Departures

Tom and Ann Lee

## Deaths

William Nicol  
Peter Lothian  
Eileen Brand



We can now continue to collect clean, coloured screw-tops from plastic milk bottles. Unfortunately, only tops with a 2 or a 4 in the RIC triangle code are suitable for this recycling project. There is a container for you to drop your contributions off within the West Mayfield entrance area.

The tops will be delivered for sorting in Galashiels and sold in bulk to Pegtog, a firm in Jedburgh, who make eco-bricks – 195 bottle tops in one brick! [www.pegtog.co.uk](http://www.pegtog.co.uk) The proceeds of the sale of the tops to Pegtog support charities in the Scottish Borders.

Many thanks to all – and please spread the word !

## SCREW TOPS FROM PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES



Most of those who attend worship support our work through standing orders, but before the first lockdown we also had a plate collection during the service for visitors and those who preferred that form of offering. Covid restrictions still prevent us passing a plate during the service.

Instead we are now inviting those who would have put offerings in the plate during the service to do so at the close of the service. In the halls entrance and in the vestibule you will find a bowl or plate marked Plate Collection.

Regular and one-off donations, are still possible online through: [www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853) or by contacting our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville, on 0131 466 2446 or [hs.somerville2@gmail.com](mailto:hs.somerville2@gmail.com)

## COLLECTION



Warm thanks to all who were able to contribute gifts, cash, vouchers and wrapping paper to the annual appeal.

The boxes were hugely appreciated by our recipients and while we haven't heard from them in formal terms yet, here are a couple of quotes from last year.

*Before your help... I didn't have enough money to get the food and items I needed from the shop for me and my baby, thank you.*

*Women's Aid Service User*

*Through your kindness and generosity, we were able to help eighty-eight families and one hundred and seventy-eight children. My thanks go to you and your congregations for the wonderful gifts that were donated.*

*Organising Officer, HMP Edinburgh*

## GIFT SERVICES



Anne Graham

# MAYFIELD MILERS



## UPCOMING WALKS

If you require further information about these walks please contact Jenny McCallum on [0131 667 2888](tel:01316672888) or [0742 252 9520](tel:07422529520) or Jean MacGilchrist [0131 477 6648](tel:01314776648) or [0771 021 3754](tel:07710213754).

## December

Fri 3 City circular from Rocheid Park 3-4mils Pennie McIntyre [0131 557 8458](tel:01315578458)  
10.00am meet at Church for no 8 bus to East Gate of Botanic Gardens to meet Pennie. Cafe at Dean Gallery.

Tue 7 Christmas Lunch preceded by a short walk. The Christmas Lunch will be held at the Charnwood Restaurant, 47 Buckstone Terrace at 12.30 for 1.00pm. Two courses £23.95 to be paid individually at the Charnwood. Lothian bus routes 11 or 15

If you would like to join the walk beforehand, meet at Church at 11.00am. Led by Morley Sewell

## January

Wed 5 North Berwick Shore Walk 1 - 2 mls Eileen Watson [0131 622 0491](tel:01316220491)  
10.00am Waterloo Place for 124 bus at 10.13am. Cafés available.

Mon 10 A.G.M. and Planning Meeting 7.00pm - Newington Room.

Thu 20 Gifford to Bolton Circular 5.5mils Jean MacGilchrist [0131 477 6648](tel:01314776648)  
10.00am meet at Church for car share. Paths can be muddy - 1 mile walking on quiet roads.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Details of the forthcoming services are noted below. We would like to draw your attention to the arrangements for the **Christingle** and **Watchnight** services. Due to current Covid restrictions and the anticipated high demand for spaces, we must limit the numbers attending to allow for, as much as we are able to, sufficient distancing between households. To attend either of these services, please book a space by either:

- i) Visiting the church website from Wednesday 1 December onwards, [www.mayfieldsalisbury.org](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org) and following the Eventbrite link posted there or:
- ii) Phoning the church office 0131 667 1522 on either Wednesday 1 or Wednesday 8 December between 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

The 10.45am and festive services will be broadcast live on the church website at [www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/online](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/online) Please refer to the website or phone the church office on **0131 667 1522** for up-to-date service information.

## DECEMBER

### Sun 5 Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 1:30pm Newington Churches Together - Carol Singing at Cameron Toll
- 7.00pm Service to Remember Loved Ones' (Sandy Forsyth & Kay McIntosh DCS)

Tue 7 10.00am Morning Prayers

Wed 8 Contemplative Prayer Gatherings - Newington Room (Reuben Addis)

### Sun 12 Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am All-Age Worship :Holy Communion (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 10.45am Service of Worship: Holy Communion (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 14 10.00am Morning Prayers  
7.30pm Kirk Session (On Zoom)

Wed 15 Contemplative Prayer Gatherings - Newington Room (Reuben Addis)

### Sun 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 10.30am Joint Morning Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)
- 6.30pm **Booking Required:** Christingle Service (Sandy Forsyth & Hillary Leslie)

### Fri 24 Christmas Eve

11.30pm **Booking Required:** Watchnight Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

### Sat 25 Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Day Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

### Sun 26 First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Joint Morning Service - (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

## JANUARY 2022

### Sun 2 Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Joint Morning Service - Nine Lessons & Carols

### Sun 9 First Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth & Hillary Leslie)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 11 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 16 Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am All-Age Worship: Remembrance (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth & Hillary Leslie)

10.45am Traditional Worship: Remembrance Sunday (Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 18 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sat 22 10.30am Congregational Gathering

### Sun 23 Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth & Hillary Leslie)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 25 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 30 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth & Hillary Leslie)

10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

## THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

### December

1	Hosea	3-6	/	Revelation	1
2	Hosea	7,8	/	Psalms	137,138
3	Hosea	9,10	/	Revelation	2
4	Hosea	11,12	/	Revelation	3
5	Hosea	13,14	/	Revelation	4
6	Joel	1,2	/	Psalm	139
7	Joel	3	/	Revelation	5
8	Amos	1,2	/	Revelation	6
9	Amos	3,4	/	Psalms	140,141
10	Amos	5,6	/	Revelation	7
11	Amos	7,8	/	Revelation	8
12	Amos	9	/	Revelation	9
13	Obadiah		/	Psalms	142,143
14	Jonah	1,2	/	Revelation	10
15	Jonah	3,4	/	Revelation	11
16	Micah	1-3	/	Psalm	144
17	Micah	4,5	/	Revelation	12
18	Micah	6,7	/	Revelation	13
19	Nahum	1-3	/	Revelation	14
20	Habakkuk	1-3	/	Psalm	145
21	Zephaniah	1-3	/	Revelation	15
22	Haggai	1,2	/	Revelation	16
23	Zechariah	1,2	/	Psalms	146,147
24	Zechariah	3,4	/	Revelation	17
25	Zechariah	5,6	/	Revelation	18
26	Zechariah	7,8	/	Revelation	19
27	Zechariah	9,10	/	Psalm	148
28	Zechariah	11,12	/	Revelation	20
29	Zechariah	13,14	/	Revelation	21
30	Malachi	1,2	/	Psalms	149,150
31	Malachi	3,4	/	Revelation	22

### January

1	Genesis	1,2	/	Matthew	1
2	Genesis	3,4	/	Matthew	2
3	Genesis	5,6	/	Matthew	3
4	Genesis	7,8	/	Psalms	1,2
5	Genesis	9-11	/	Matthew	4
6	Genesis	12,13	/	Matthew	5
7	Genesis	14,15	/	Psalms	3,4
8	Genesis	16,17	/	Matthew	6
9	Genesis	18,19	/	Matthew	7
10	Genesis	20,21	/	Matthew	8
11	Genesis	22,23	/	Psalms	5,6
12	Genesis	24,25	/	Matthew	9
13	Genesis	26,27	/	Matthew	10
14	Genesis	28,29	/	Psalms	7,8
15	Genesis	30,31	/	Matthew	11
16	Genesis	32,33	/	Matthew	12
17	Genesis	34-36	/	Matthew	13
18	Genesis	37,38	/	Psalm	9
19	Genesis	39,40	/	Matthew	14
20	Genesis	41,42	/	Matthew	15
21	Genesis	43,44	/	Psalm	10
22	Genesis	45,46	/	Matthew	16
23	Genesis	47,48	/	Matthew	17
24	Genesis	49,50	/	Matthew	18
25	Exodus	1,2	/	Psalms	11,12
26	Exodus	3,4	/	Matthew	19
27	Exodus	5,6	/	Matthew	20
28	Exodus	7,8	/	Psalms	13,14
29	Exodus	9,10	/	Matthew	21
30	Exodus	11,12	/	Matthew	22
31	Exodus	13,14	/	Matthew	23

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