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# FROM THE MANSE



Edinburgh City Centre

*Dear Friends,*

**‘MINISTER TALKS RUBBISH!’** No, not the front page headline of the latest newsletter of the Richard Dawkins Appreciation Society, or some mutterings at the door of the church after last Sunday’s service. Just an honest reflection of what the eye cannot escape from seeing, nor the nose from smelling. Our city is engulfed in garbage. Twelve days of strike action for refuse collection has brought the nickname ‘Auld Reekie’ back to a grim reality.

The timing aims at maximum impact as thousands of tourists swarm into the city for the Festival and Fringe. Whether you agree with the actions of the union members or not, there’s more to this than meets the eye (or assaults the other senses). When we consider as Christians, and as a church, what is all around us in our communities and society, and what our response should be, there are perhaps three questions that we need to ask: ‘What is going on?’ ‘What is behind what’s going on?’ and, ‘Where is

God in what lies behind?’ Not just observing the two-dimensional ‘face value,’ the stark reality of grossly unpleasant piles of trash, the public health risks that might result and the damage done to the city’s global image, but also thinking about the causes. At the risk of an analogy too far when we’re ‘talking rubbish,’ it’s about what lies ‘upstream’ as well as ‘downstream.’

Of course, we all hope very much that the situation gets resolved as soon as possible, and our city can return to its normal beauty that recently saw it named by *Time Out* magazine as the best city to live in throughout the whole world. But the current mess might lead us to ask questions that go a little beyond boiling anger, or a frustrated cry of, ‘When is all this going to end!?!?’

We might ask, ‘What is behind what’s going on?’ Irrespective of whether the motives or the actions of the strikers should be applauded or condemned as a response, the root cause of the strike is



fear of hyper inflation and an ongoing cost of living crisis, with all the worries that brings for our day to day living both now, and for all of us over the winter as fuel costs are set to escalate further. Whilst our political leaders hesitate to act, I know that there is genuine concern among many about how life is going to be over the next six months, and whether we can stay warm and well-fed this winter.

So, 'where is God in what lies behind?' When we've been exploring in recent weeks in church what it might mean to be made in the image and likeness of God, we've reflected that on one level it must mean something beyond our physical appearance – it's a beauty that is more than skin deep. Instead, it might involve a somewhat tarnished and distorted remnant of God within us.

But God is still with us, calling us towards a better life and a broader consciousness through God's grace. The remnant of His image leads us to be able to seek and find God's presence and for faith to grow, and also calls us to live in peaceful community with one another, respecting fundamental human rights. So, on one level, whilst it causes so many immediate practical problems and a feeling of shame whilst the eyes of the world are upon this wonderful

city, like God's view of each one of us, the issue might go beyond what we can see in front of us. Instead, it may be with where God will be in what 'lies behind', with what is 'upstream' rather than 'downstream.'

And where might God be in all of that? There are certain key ideas in Scripture that might lead us towards answers:

- *Presence – whether we are trying to cope in our working lives or at home with the consequences of the strike, or we are worried about how we will deal with the costs of heating our homes this winter, God is with us, in the heart of those struggles. He is there, waiting in prayer, to help us to use our reason and conscience to find solutions, to give us strength to go forward, to calm our fears, to provide comfort and solace.*

- *Equity and fairness – God's vision of society, and how it is ruled, is one of equality in how we are each treated, no matter who we are or what our views are, and for the peaceful and just resolution of conflict. Through God's eyes, the present dispute, and indeed the cost of living crisis across the country, would be resolved in a way that is equitable and fair to all of those involved – be it refuse workers, local and central government, utility companies and, perhaps most importantly, the citizens who have to live with the consequences of decisions that others make.*

- *God of the weak and the marginalised – Jesus Christ heralded God's preferential focus for the support of the poor, the widow, the orphan, the outcast and the excluded – 'the last shall be first' – the banquets should be prepared. Whatever happens over the next few months, those who might suffer as a result would be God's top priority and so should be ours.*

Above all, this is a God of hope and a future. Let us pray for a just resolution rather than further confrontation in the current strike, and for wisdom and determined action now from our national leaders to help those who might suffer this winter.

Mayfield Salisbury is also here to try to help practically in any way we can. If you or anyone you know is having trouble this winter to stay warm or fed, or has real difficulty in meeting utility bills, feel free to speak to me or our Pastoral Assistant, Kay McIntosh, in confidence, and we will look to help you to find a solution.

In forty years of following the men's Scotland football team, I have got well acquainted with the chant, 'What a load of rubbish!'. We can certainly hum it to ourselves when strolling anywhere in the city these days. I'll leave it up to you to



Rankellor Street

decide if it applies also to what you've just read - if 'Minister Talks Rubbish' does indeed have a double meaning!

Keep safe and God bless,

Sandy

## MESSAGE FROM THE HANNAY FAMILY

Sheila Hannay and family would like to say many thanks for the love and thoughtfulness shown to them following Alf's death.

Your kind words and you support at the funeral have been a great comfort and are much appreciated.

The  
Hannay  
Family

Photo: Alf as an Office Bearer of 'Mayfield and Fountianhall Church' as we were known in 1958



# PASTORAL CARE

Our pastoral care team visitors are one of the unseen ministries going on within our church. From week to week they visit or phone friends that they have been allocated to. It's a two way process and they and the person being visited agree to it happening.

Perhaps you would like to join our visitors or would like a visitor? Please contact me so that I may organise that for you.

Blessings

*Kay*

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# COFFEE AND BLETHERS



We only have two dates left in 2022: 8 and 22 September. If you haven't already joined us and have meant to do so, now is the time: 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Bill McDonald Hall. A great chance to meet for a chat in a safe and relaxing atmosphere. A big thank you to all of our volunteers.

# NEWS

## FORTHCOMING SERVICE TIMES

Please note we return to two morning services from Sunday 4 September: 9.30am All-Age Worship and 10.45am Traditional Service.

## FROM SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

On the second last Sunday of each month, there will be a single joint service at 10.30am. Additionally, on these dates, there will be an Evening Service (time 7.00pm). See page 23 for the full worship diary.

## MAYFIELD MILERS



Jean MacGilchrist

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join our walking group. We organise short walks of 2 to 3 miles and longer walks of 5 to 8 miles in and around Edinburgh.

Our group is not restricted to church members and we try to cater for all levels of walking. Our main aims are to get out in the countryside, and to enjoy the company of friends. We travel where possible by bus but our car drivers are always happy to offer lifts.

For more information please contact me by email at [jbleitch@gmail.com](mailto:jbleitch@gmail.com) or 0131 477 6648 or 0771 021 3754. AGM and Planning Meeting Thursday 15 September at 7.00pm in Church House.

## GIVING QR CODE



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Today you will see we have added a QR code to this Order of Service and larger versions near the exit doors. Our Quick Response code is a handy way of using your smart 'phone or tablet's QR app to link you to our Giving Page. Once you have joined the Giving Page all the usual protocols and safeguards are still operative.

The Kirk Session wishes to express its continuing gratitude to those who support the Church's work through their offerings. Covid restrictions have prevented circulation of the 'plate' during services but those who would have wished to use it may make use of the bowls marked 'Plate Collection' situated in the vestibule and halls entrance, at the close of the service .

Regular and one-off donations are possible online at [www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853) or please contact our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville.

## STAFF DAYS OFF



Sandy Forsyth has changed his day off to Mondays therefore the staff days off are as follows:

**Minister:** Monday **Pastoral Assistant:** Friday & Saturday  
**Youth Worker:** Friday & Saturday  
**Church Manager:** Monday-PM & Friday



# STUDENT WELCOME



**'CURRY AND CONVERSATION' EVENING** We still have some places available to welcome new postgraduate divinity students at New College at our Curry and Conversation evening on Wednesday 14th September from 6.30 to 8.30 pm in the Bill McDonald Hall.

**WELCOME HOSTS FOR STUDENTS** We are grateful to those individuals and families from Mayfield Salisbury who have volunteered as 'welcome hosts' to these students, but we would really like some more. Examples of hosting activities include inviting the students for a meal,

showing them the local sights or joining them at church on a Sunday morning. Please consider this opportunity to offer a warm Scots welcome to these students which is much appreciated and very rewarding.

If you would (1) like to attend the meal on September 14th and/or (2) volunteer as a student host (or learn more about what's involved) please contact Alastair MacGilchrist on a.macgilchrist@gmail.com or 07931730805.

*Alastair MacGilchrist*

## 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
8	Jeremiah	9,10	/	John	4



The war in Ukraine is causing global food prices to rocket. East Africa is facing crisis on crisis. Millions of innocent children, women and men in East Africa are taking desperate measures to survive in the face of extreme hunger, caused by failed harvests, livestock deaths and water shortages.

**How it got this way:** The severe conditions are being made worse by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has amplified an increase in global food prices that has turned a tough situation into a dire crisis.

**It's not too late to save lives and prevent a devastating famine.** Working through local partners, Christian Aid is responding to the severe drought in Ethiopia and Kenya and helping over 300,000 people by:

- repairing wells
- handing out water purification kits
- providing cash support
- trucking water to drought affected communities
- providing fodder and medicine to keep valuable livestock alive

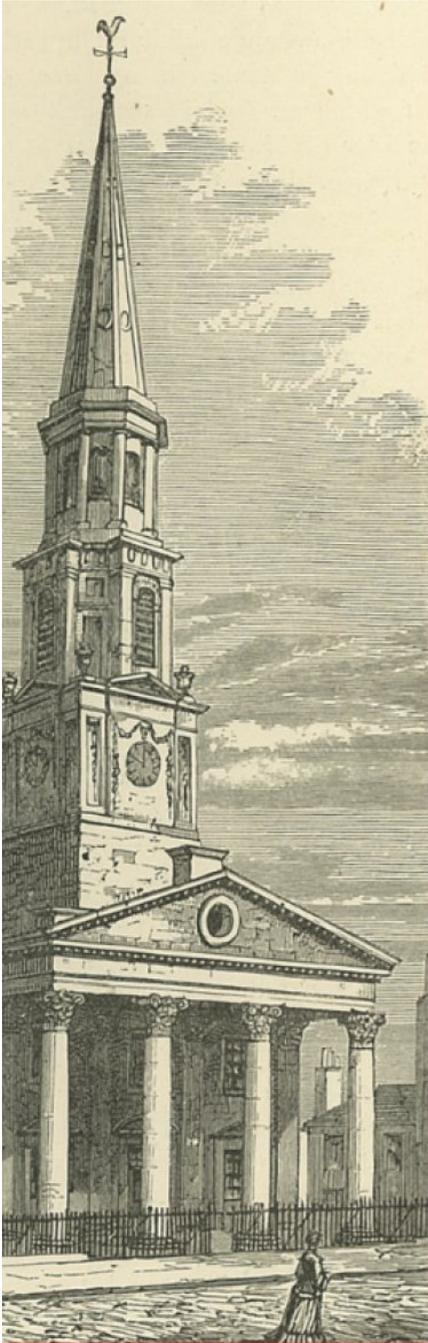
## How you can help

**Give:** With your gifts, we can help stop this widespread malnutrition and hunger, and help people build a life free from poverty and injustice. You can donate online at [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/east-africa-hunger-crisis-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/east-africa-hunger-crisis-appeal) or by phone on 020 7523 2269.

**Act:** Sign the petition. The East Africa Hunger Crisis petition calls on the UK Government to:

1. speed up the process to deliver the funding that has already been promised
2. reverse cuts to international aid and ensure all humanitarian and development funding supports local actors who are best placed to respond quickly.

For more information and to sign the petition, follow this link: [www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/east-africa-hunger-crisis-petition](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/east-africa-hunger-crisis-petition)



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# SALE OF PICTURES & SCOTTISH BOOKS

**18 – 22 OCTOBER 2022**

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY** 10am – 5pm

**THURSDAY** open until 7pm

**SATURDAY** 10am – 3pm

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**SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**

10am – noon

Enquiries to 07714 186 754

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# STAMP APPEAL 2022

This year, the proceeds from selling them will be used to support pastors in Lebanon. They are employed by the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), which is a partner of the Church of Scotland. The economic crisis in the country has struck hard and the Synod is struggling to pay salaries. Pastors are key people supporting the spiritual and institutional life and ministry of the Synod. Despite the hardships experienced, they are reaching out to the needy in their congregations in a sacrificial way, and have even set up a scheme where they give half of their salary to a relief programme for the most disadvantaged families. The desperate situation has prompted the Synod to ask its partners around the world for support. This year the Stamp Project aims to raise enough funds to pay a pastor a full year's salary. You can be part of this simply by passing on your used stamps.



National Evangelical Synod  
of Syria and Lebanon

During the 2021 financial crisis pastors in Syria and Lebanon donated half of one month's salary to start a fund to support the neediest families.

**HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:** Look out for our red stamp-collecting box on the table in the Halls entrance. If you have a large collection, or stamps which you believe to be valuable, please let me know and I'll be happy to pick them up from you in person. Contact Kate O'Brien [kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk) tel. 0131 667 4362. Thank you!

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# FAREWELL TO REUBEN ADDIS



At the 10.30am morning service on Sunday 29 August, we said a fond farewell and best wishes to our Student Minister Reuben Addis. The service began with a Q&A between Reuben and the Minister where Reuben described his time with us and the helpful support he has received from the congregation. **Note:** the Q&A can be viewed on our YouTube page and website.

Reuben has been at Mayfield Salisbury since September 2021 and now, having successfully completed his studies and time with us, is shortly due to be ordained as an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) - further details to follow.



## A Prayer for East Africa



Loving and compassionate God, When famine stalks the land, nothing grows: plants cannot, people cannot, ideas and dreams cannot; Everything withers and dies. It is a violent aberration of your will for the world and it is multiplied now by conflict, climate change and Covid. God of the flourishing field, there is enough to feed us all. Call us to that sacred sharing, neighbour to global neighbour, of your gifts of food, water, a chance to live the life so delicately crafted by your divine spirit. We will not turn away but turn towards each other with generosity and a justice-driven compassion that searches for solutions. Famine stalks the land. So may our outrage grow, may our determination steel itself, may our solidarity spur us into action. God of the flourishing field, help us feed each other. Amen

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS A POSITIVE FREEDOM TO LIVE

EXODUS 20:1 - 17 AND MATTHEW 22:34 - 40



*'To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.' Nelson Mandela*

In the wake of the horrors of the total war on the Eastern Front and of the Holocaust, the battered and ravaged nations that formed the newly established United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in December 1948. Its adoption recognised human rights to be the foundation for freedom, justice and peace, just as the first international war crimes trial at Nuremberg two years beforehand recognised for the first time in human history that there might be 'crimes against humanity': offences that transcended nations and borders, that were globally despicable and offended every human person no matter their colour, creed or nationality. The Universal Declaration states in Article 3, '[Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.](#)' The notion of human rights, innate, objective, part of what it means to be alive and human, had been set out on the world stage and recognised as part of our collective conscience.

But what do these words actually mean?

Who says that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security? Where does such a right come from? And can it somehow take us from here to there - from a world still battered by violence, war, oppression, and injustice, and all of their global fallout in bitter human experience, towards a world where peace, human flourishing and common life, life in all its fullness that Jesus said he was bringing, might become more of a lived reality?

When we want to find the best way of getting from one place to another, we look for directions, guidance, wayposts along the way. Now that the old-fashioned route of rolling down the car window and shouting at locals has faded by the wayside, there are still two options that are alive and well to find the best way of going from A to B.

You can go old school with a map. What you would of course find is a depiction of different roads and different directions, and your task is to work out what way is the

best. Draw a line mentally or with your finger, and go for it, wrong turnings and confusions often included.

It's all made easier in the new technological method with the Satnav on your phone, which gives you the best route, taking into account accidents, floods, congestion or football traffic, handily guided by your own smooth-voiced commentator.

When the people of Israel, who had escaped from slavery in Egypt, were in their third month of wandering through the desert, searching for the land promised to them by God, they came to Mount Sinai in the middle of the wilderness which was enveloped in smoke. And at that place, their leader Moses was summoned by God to go to the top of the mountain to meet with Him. God gave Moses some clear directions, a map for the way ahead, some guideposts for the road, to pass on to the chosen people when he went down the mountain: What we know as the Ten Commandments, the law of God that the people had to obey. But when you read them, they sound very negative, very restricting, not at all the honey voiced Satnav and more like a strict, harsh schoolteacher, or an angry parent: 'Thou shalt not, thou shalt not... do not do this, do not do that, or I'll put that smile on the other side of your face, sunny Jim!'

In road terms, what we seem to have is a large sign saying – NO ENTRY! – shutting down the route. A negative – a detour. A wall in front of us.

A month ago, I went through the concrete wall that separates the areas of Israel/Palestine controlled by the security forces of Israel, from the small, overcrowded enclaves for the Palestinians, such as the 'little town of Bethlehem', so still we do not see thee lie...

The separation walls in Israel are five times longer than the Berlin Wall, punctuated by checkpoints and watchtowers, with the debris of tear gas, shock grenades and



rubber bullets that have been fired from their heights all around. As soon as you go through the Bethlehem checkpoint, you encounter the 'Walled Off' hotel, financed and designed by the famous street artist Banksy, some of whose work can be found along the wall.

Banksy has said in reflecting on this scene that, 'The greatest crimes in the world are not committed by people breaking the rules but by people following the rules. It's people who follow orders that drop bombs and massacre villages.'

Can rules really be a roadmap for life? Are they not more like the restrictions of a barrier wall? Are rules more dangerous to life than allowing ourselves to be free, unrestricted, open to make our own decisions, our own moral choices?

John Lennon's song 'Imagine' dreams of a world where there are no rules, 'no religion too,' and somehow believes that will be a world where we will be 'living life in peace.'



The Christian writer Francis Spufford in his book *Unapologetic* describes John Lennon's words as the 'My Little Pony' of philosophical statements!

Without religion Spufford argues, 'peace is not the state of being we return to, like water running downhill, when there is nothing external to disturb us.' Instead, he says, peace between people is an achievement, peace is not the norm, peace is rare; without rules or a moral framework like Christianity or others, we are more likely to destroy each other than to live life in peace.

But many people do think that being a Christian is all about negative rules and obedience; signing up to a life-denying, stultifying code that prevents you from expressing yourself; a top-down overbearing authority that limits your free choice, that patronises and criticises, even abuses and justifies evil, and loads on dollops of guilt whenever you fail to live up to its exacting standards.

Rules, rules, rules. Are they not just there

to be broken?

With the Ten Commandments, God gave yet another set of rules to a group of people who had known nothing but slavery and servitude all their lives in Egypt. Their whole lives had been governed by rules. Rules about whom they'd work for, where they'd work, how long they'd work, how hard they'd work, and how much they'd produce when they worked. These people had been surrounded by rules. And now they were free.

But for the people of Israel, wandering in the desert for three months their freedom had turned sour. They'd started to complain, fall out, question their leaders. Desperate for the way forward, they had turned against themselves and their God, stuck in dead ends and along perilous side roads.

The answer for God? Surely not - God gave them more rules, more ways to live. But these rules were different: for the service of

the people not the service of the master: the guideposts, the gateway for a promised land of the heart and the soul. When you think of the Ten Commandments a little more deeply, they are the map that the people of Israel needed; a map of positive ways of loving God and each other. Where there are different routes and choices you could take in life, God's laws in the Ten Commandments show us too where the accidents and the congestion are – where we will find trouble and frustration and despair, and guide us on a path towards a freedom to live.

Jesus said in our passage in Matthew 22 that everything in the law hangs on two commandments only: 'love the Lord your God with all your with all your heart, and all your mind and all your soul' and, 'love your neighbour as yourself.'

When we look back at the Ten Commandments we can see how the first four are all about 'love the Lord your God': there are no other gods but me; no worship of other gods; no taking God's name in vain; and keep the Sabbath. And then the next six commandments are all about 'love other people,' as Jesus said: honour your parents; no killing; no adultery; no theft; no false testimony; no envy for what others have.

This is the creation of the path of true freedom for life for the people of Israel and for us. We can take the 'You must not's' and understand them for the signs that they are, the foretaste of God's Kingdom, the foundations that they might bring of a more joyous life where Jesus' two great commandments of love are fully realised:

*'You shall have no other gods before me' becomes 'Put God first and foremost in all of your life.'*

*'You shall not make for yourself an idol' could be 'Let your relationship with the living God be shaped by an uplifting experience of who he really is.'*

*'You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord' is 'Glorify God in the way you speak of him.'*

*'You shall not murder' becomes 'Celebrate the dignity of every human life.'*

*'You shall not commit adultery' implies 'Let your love bring faithfulness to one another.'*

*'You shall not steal' tells us 'The rights of everyone, including the poorest and the weakest, must be protected and safeguarded.'*

*'You shall not bear false witness' points to 'There is beauty in being truthful in all you say and do.'*

*'You shall not covet' might be 'Be satisfied and grateful for all that God has given you.'*

As we think of what they uphold and protect for human flourishing, to 'Celebrate the dignity of every human life.' and that 'The rights of everyone, including the poorest and the weakest, must be protected and safeguarded.', it's a small step to considering the value and worth of every person, made in His image, and to explore as we will in coming weeks the meaning of being alive and human in God's eyes: what is often called 'theological anthropology.'

And to frame that too in the language of 'human rights.' Where do we start?

**(Micah 6:8)** 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

**(Proverbs 31:8-9)** 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'



*Eleanor Roosevelt with a poster of the UDHR, 1948*

**(Colossians 3:11)** 'Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian or Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.'

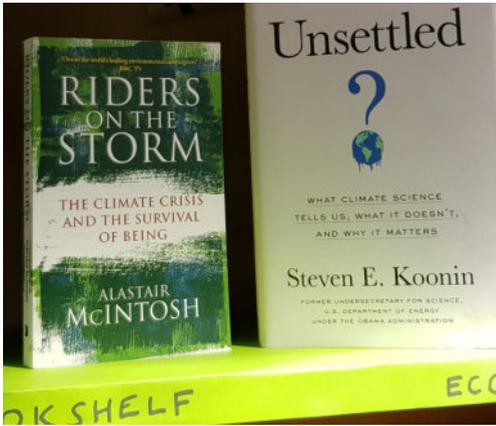
Perhaps in Scripture there is a framework to explore in humbly walking the ways of justice and mercy, a roadmap in the Christian understanding of the sanctity and equality of human life, and its marriage to the concept of 'human rights' that can help us find the words to address the wall in Palestine, to consider the horror of war in Ukraine and the plight of its refugees, to seek peace through non-violent action.

For although the idea of human rights was not created by Christianity nor is it exclusive to it, and indeed sometimes so-called Christians have been its greatest violators, the concept of human rights chimes deeply with many of Christianity's central ideas, and with the life and witness of Jesus Christ himself. As we live through

yet more bloodshed and violence in the world, from Ukraine to mass shootings in the USA, faith and human rights might not be the instant answer, but at least they could frame our responses.

Rules, rules, rules, and 'thou shalt not'. I think Banksy is wrong, at least in part. The greatest crimes in the world are not caused by people following the rules. They are caused by people obeying the laws and commands of humanity that tend suffocate and shatter God-given love and respect, or flouting the ones that support it. For not all rules break our freedoms, perhaps they enshrine or even create them along a God-given path. Not blocking the way, but opening it up. The Universal Declaration states in Article 3. 'Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.' God surely says so too – His map, His Satnav towards the flourishing of the Kingdom, and to the life in all its fulness that Jesus promised. Amen.

# ECO GROUP BOOKSHELF



small, but growing collection of books which you are very welcome to borrow.

These have been lent by members of the Eco Group and we simply ask that if you take away one of the books to read, that you write your name and the title of the book in the notebook on the shelves.

If you have relevant books of your own that you would be willing to share, please do add these to the bookshelf. You may want to write your name inside so we know who it belongs to.

For more Eco tips and news, don't forget to look at our noticeboard too.  
Happy summer reading!

*Alison Bogle*  
on behalf of the Eco Group

Next time you're on your way to the Bill McDonald Hall for coffee after the Sunday service, take a few minutes to look at the Eco Group's bookshelves. You will find a

## JEAN'S KILTWALK

### For Edinburgh Street Pastors

Hello! On 18 September, I'm taking on a Kiltwalk to raise funds for Edinburgh Street Pastors. We patrol the city centre streets from 10.00pm to 4.00am on Friday and Saturday nights caring for homeless people. We provide hot drinks, blankets, woolly hats (many of which have been knitted by our own Kristin Tulloch) and a listening ear.

We also look out for vulnerable young adults when the night clubs empty out in the wee small hours, sometimes providing flip-flops and lollipops! We try to make sure everyone remains happy, and gets home safely. Any donation you can spare will be very gratefully received by Edinburgh Street Pastors and go to helping vulnerable folk on our city centre streets.

To make a donation please visit [www.justgiving.com/EdinburghKiltwalk2022-JeanLeitch](http://www.justgiving.com/EdinburghKiltwalk2022-JeanLeitch)

Thank you! *Jean MacGilchrist*





We returned to our favourite camp site near Carrbridge and had another wonderful summer camp with a reasonable spell of weather.

Activities included hikes, patrol challenges, working on fences to protect capercaillie, mountain biking, paddle boarding, swimming in the river, bushcraft and survival techniques. We also paid a visit to Inverness to the Aquadome and stopped off at Culloden Visitor Centre on the return journey.

Throughout the camp, whilst living and working as patrols, the scouts learned teamwork, resilience, new skills, how to face challenges and all the essential areas of personal development that is so unique to the opportunity of being a scout.



**28th Braid Scout Troop**

*Alan Dickson*

Scout Leader

**Headquarters**

Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church  
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Scottish Charity No SC006141

# The only thing missing from our team is you.

Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Come and give it a try with any of our Sections - Beavers 6-7 years, Cubs 8-10 years or Scouts 11-14 years.

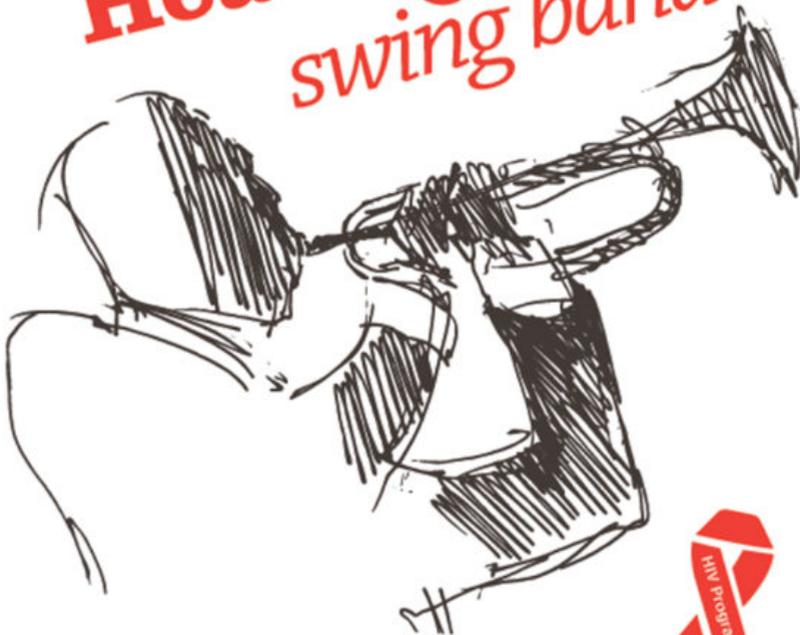
**Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.**

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## 28th Braid Scout Group - Mayfield Salisbury Church



# Heart & Soul swing band



Join us for a foot tapping evening with  
the

**Heart and Soul Swing band**

**Friday 16 September**

**7.30pm**

**Queensferry Parish Church**

**Donations to the HIV programme**



**FAIRTRADE**

# MARY PALMER'S TAPESTRY



At the fairly recent service of thanksgiving for the life of Kenneth Palmer and refreshments afterwards, I was introduced to Kenneth's in-laws, several members of Mary Palmer's family. Mary died too soon in 1987.

I talked to her relatives about one of Mary's 'bequests', the tapestry which hangs in the South transept of our sanctuary. I discovered that they knew of it, but had never seen it.

With the help of Boyd and William, it was made possible for them to go back into the church to view it. It set me wondering; how many of our existing congregation had looked at it, let alone knew its story.

I know many of you will not have known Kenneth really, far less Mary. They were both very private people, and showing off was not in their make-up.

About 1985, Mary was told that her illness was terminal. She was still fairly well however and she hit on the idea of a tapestry depicting the many aspects of church life, one square at a time. Not for Mary to sit around; she saw this as part of her service to her Beloved Lord.

If you study the names of those who sewed a square, Mary's name is there, but there is no reference to it being her idea.

Many contributors have moved away, or have died, but there are still several people who are still with us who will be able to give a more accurate account of the tapestry's story, and tell of the lovely lady who was Mary Palmer.

*Rosemary Currie*

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## SEPTEMBER 2022

### Sun 4 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)  
10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 6 10.00am Morning Prayers

Thu 8 2.30pm Coffee and Blethers

### Sun 11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)  
10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 13 10.00am Morning Prayers  
2.30pm Afternoon Service of Holy Communion (SF)

### Wed 14 6.30pm Student Welcome Evening - see page 8

Thu 15 7.00pm Mayfield Milers AGM and Planning meeting

### Sun 18 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.30am Joint Service of Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)  
7.00pm Evening Communion Service (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

**Also - Jean's Kiltwalk - see page 18**

Tue 20 10.00am Morning Prayers  
7.30pm Kirk Session

Thu 22 2.30pm Coffee and Blethers

### Sun 25 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)  
10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 27 10.00am Morning Prayers

## OCTOBER

### Sun 2 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)  
10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

Tue 4 10.00am Morning Prayers

### Sun 9 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)  
10.45am Traditional Worship (Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth)

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## Death

Alf Hannay

## Departures

Heather and Andrew Cubie

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