

Magnificat

A lit candle with a bright flame, centered in the frame against a dark background. The candle is white and the flame is a vibrant yellow-orange. The background is black, making the candle and its light stand out prominently.

November 2017

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour,
for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly
servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
You, the almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our forebears,
to Abraham and to his children for ever.

(from Luke 1)

Dear friends,

November is a month that is full of the action of remembering. We begin the month with our celebrations of All Saints and All Souls, and we then take our part in remembering all those killed in the wars of our last century on Remembrance Sunday. The month will end with a very different act of remembering as, at our Annual General Meeting after the service on November 26th, we look back at the previous year in our life together at this Cathedral.



Remembering is a central and vital element to our humanity; we are formed by our memories, by the stories we tell about ourselves, the world and society we inhabit, those who preceded and shaped us. Such remembering is not straightforward, however. Memories can make us simply nostalgic, longing for our golden years back then, rather than helping to shape us for the time ahead

of us, the risky and unknown future.

Remembering is at the heart of the church: we are re-made through gathering around the stories of the people of Israel and of Jesus and his disciples, re-enacting in words and deeds a tradition to which we are heirs. Saints have from earliest days been a central part of that remembering: people who in their lives fleshed out the following of Christ to which all are called. All Saints is an opportunity once again, to be inspired and challenged by their example of simplicity of life, of prayer in the midst of ordinary living, of actions to relieve the suffering of others. On All Souls we remember those who have particularly helped to shape us, loved ones whose memory we treasure, and whose faith in us we often seek to repay. On Remembrance Sunday, our remembering of the dead deepens our longing for peace and our conviction that we must do all we are able to avoid the tragedy of war.



Above all, our remembering is central to our following of Christ. Our Eucharist is testament to the truth that without our common remembering, we would not recognise Christ in the world around us; without our re-remembering, our bread and wine remain bread and wine. The act of remembering puts flesh on **the bones of our memories and enables us to receive Christ's body and blood** given for the life of the world.

That receiving draws us into living out of Christ's life, death and, above all, his resurrection – that act of God which breaks open the endless cycle of violence and recrimination, a cycle often dependent on the cherishing and holding of long memories, memories that can foster division and bitterness. The resurrection reveals a God who turns our memories around, whose forgiveness, received and offered to others, breaks the hold the past can have over us. The church holds and hands on the memory of Jesus, because, in this man, we find our true home and identity; in the light of his memory, our memories are judged, and through being judged, not condemned but healed. Memories can both trap us (in nostalgia, in the longing to be somewhere other than here and someone other than who we are), or they can free us (by giving us an identity, a sense of self and a place in a larger story). May our remembering this coming month help us all into that freedom.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John" with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

From the Registers

Marriages

Mirley Sanchez & Ashley Smith
Emma Woodward & Michael Bilbe

Funeral

Jeanette Cameron-Maw

News from the Belfry (or should I say Sitting Room?)



The bell ringers have been very sad not to be ringing on Thursdays and Sundays. **However it has been really heartening to hear so many of St Mary's** congregation expressing how much they have missed the sound of the bells ringing out each week, and we do appreciate that very much.

In order to keep our ringers together as a group, and to keep up our ringing **skills, we have been welcomed at the other towers in Edinburgh (St Cuthbert's Church and St Andrew's and St George's West both have regular weekly practices) and also further afield at St Mary's Haddington and at the Town Hall** in Berwick-upon-Tweed. We thought it would also be good to keep up a regular commitment to our Thursday evening practice, so we have been having a handbell practice at our house each week. Up to eight people have come along who can now ring Plain Hunt in hand (with two bells each) and three people are learning Plain Bob. It is easy to ring handbells, but not easy to master the mental challenge of ringing a method with two bells! The advantage of having a practice at our house is being able to reward ourselves with tea and cake afterwards (we have some very good bakers!)

Meanwhile, up in the tower, the joiner has started work on the repair to the rope guide. In addition, we have received new ropes (which we were due to have before the damage was done) for all the bells. We have also been able to inspect the fittings of the bells and remove some of the pulley blocks which have become quite worn over many years. We will get them replaced while the bells are not being rung, and this will all contribute to the bells being slightly easier to ring.



Thank you to everyone for your support and interest while we have not been ringing. We hope it will not be too long before the bells ring out again.

Barbara Bell

THE GREAT COMMUNITY MURAL

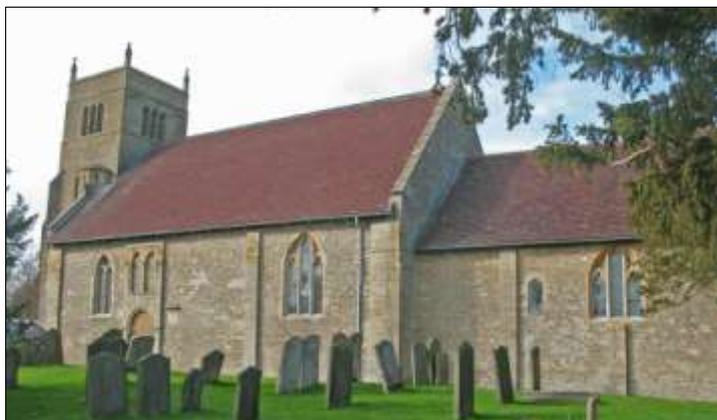


For five days in November the Cathedral will host The Great Community Mural, the largest piece of community art of its type ever produced in the UK.

Standing at 10m by 3m, the giant mural will be on display in the Resurrection Chapel 11-15 November; it features artwork by the winning and runner-up churches who entered Ecclesiastical Insurance Group's annual **Church Competition**.

Michael Angell, church operations director at Ecclesiastical, said 'The Great Community Mural has been developed as a visual celebration of the relationship between church and community, with contributions submitted by parishes up and down the UK. We've been hugely impressed by the quality of the entries that we received, which showcase the incredible work that churches do in their local communities all over the country.'

The winner, chosen from over 270 entries, was the small parish church of St Edmund King and Martyr, Stoulton (Diocese of Worcester) (right), whose entry *Phoenix Rising* (above) was combined with those of the four runners-up to create the final mural.



Michael Angell added 'We know that there is already a huge amount of work being done by churches all over the UK, however our research recently found that three quarters of UK adults couldn't name any of the activities that take place inside their local church other than regular services and religious festivals. We've seen all manner of activities represented in the artwork; from helping the elderly and the lonely to running youth clubs, mother and toddler groups, and advice centres that support those with alcohol and drug problems. Much of this work goes unnoticed and we hope that this competition sheds some light on the important contribution churches make to society.'

The Great Community Mural will be at St Mary's 11-15 November.



The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral

AGM and Lunch

The AGM of the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral will take place on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, at 2.15pm in the Chapter House.



This year the AGM will be preceded by a lunch at 12.45pm in the Walpole Hall to welcome our new Provost who also chairs the Friends. We are inviting representatives from other churches in the Diocese to the lunch and we hope that members of the Cathedral congregation will also attend.

This lunch will be hosted by the Friends of the Cathedral. All members of the congregation are welcome. The lunch will be prepared by caterers and we need to give them an estimate of numbers by 3rd November. So if you would like to attend please contact the Cathedral Office as soon as possible so that you can be added to the list of guests (0131 225 6293). Please note that you

don't need to
contribute any food!



St Mary's Cathedral Retreat Bishop's House, Iona

Friday 14 to Tuesday 18 September 2018

To be led by the Very Revd John Conway, Provost

Iona is situated off the west coast of Mull. Our group will stay in the recently refurbished **Bishop's House**, a short



walk from the ferry landing on Iona, and overlooking the sea.

There is a chapel in Bishop's House which serves the Episcopal community on Iona. There is also a dining room, a quiet room, and a conservatory area with tea and coffee facilities.

Travel is via ferries from Oban to Mull and Mull to Iona, and can be by private car or public transport. If you would like a lift, or if you are able to offer lifts in your car, please note this on the booking form.

The total cost of accommodation, including all meals but excluding travel, will be about £310 per person, depending on the number of people. If you would like to **come to Bishop's House, please complete the booking form** overleaf and return it to the Cathedral Office with a £60 deposit as soon as possible to secure your place. For further information please contact the office.

BOOKING FORM

I/we wish to come to Bishop's House

From Friday 14th to Tuesday 18th September, 2018

Name(s):

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Tel:

Address or email:

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I would like transport to Iona / I can offer ... places in my car.

(please delete as applicable)

Special dietary requirements:

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I am / am not willing to share a twin room

*Please return this form to the Cathedral Office
with a deposit of £60 per person.*

Cheques payable to St Mary's Cathedral



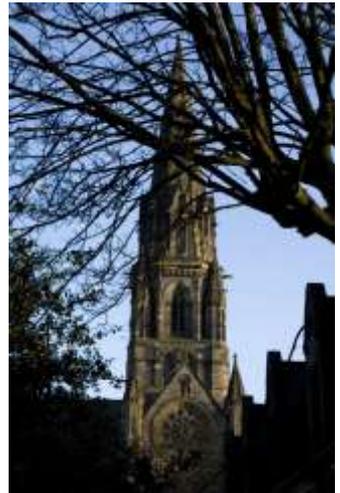
Our Archivist Iain Morrison looks back at events in the history of the Cathedral community:

From the July 1879 Monthly Paper.

Completion of the Spire of S. Mary's Cathedral Church.

On Friday, June 6th, the top-stone and cross were placed on the spire with religious ceremonies, in the presence of several people interested in the work. The regular and amateur choirs assembled for the occasion in the Chester Street Garden, from which the proceedings were attentively watched. The chaplains ascended the spire, accompanied by the Clerk of Works, and other officials and workmen.

The Rev. R. Mitchell-Innes offered the prayer **“Prevent us, O Lord,”** and then spread the mortar – on which the stone was lowered – being laid by the Rev. W. M. Meredith, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Then it was plumbed and found correct, on which he declared it to have been **“duly laid for the completion of the spire of S. Mary’s Cathedral, for the glory of God, and the edifying of His Church.”** After this the Doxology was sung by those below, whereupon the assembly sung the stirring hymn **“Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him.”** All then went into the Cathedral, where a short service of praise was held, thanking God for His preservation of the lives of those engaged in the dangerous work of building the spire, and singing the Te Deum and such special hymns as were peculiarly appropriate to the occasion.



Iain Morrison, Archivist

(image: Colin Dickson)

HARVEST SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR NW EDINBURGH FOOD BANK THANKS!!



At Harvest we give thanks for the many good things we have received in the past year and the Cathedral traditionally marks this by sending a gift to those who are not enjoying a good harvest. In recent years we have collected non-perishable foodstuffs for donation to the NW Edinburgh Foodbank because it responds to local needs in our city where there is a growing and continuing demand for food aid.

As a member of the Trussell Trust the NW Edinburgh Foodbank **operates within national guidelines and gives three days' emergency** supply of food to those who are referred by frontline agencies. The NW Edinburgh Foodbank offers assistance to people of all backgrounds, those of all faiths and of none.

Currently there are 9 centres from where food is distributed; some operate once per week while others are open three times per week. All of them are staffed by volunteers. Unfortunately the demand for food is unceasing and so stocks need to be replenished constantly.

There are many reasons for people having to use a Food Bank – changes in the benefit system, delays in payments, redundancy, or debt - individuals and families can find themselves having to choose between food, electricity and rent. Increasingly people in employment but on low wages and/or zero hours struggle to purchase food when large or unexpected bills appear and they have little option but to use a Food Bank.

Once again the Cathedral congregation was very generous in response to the Harvest appeal and our donations amounted to 289 kilograms. **This was an increase of 54 kilograms on last year's total.**

Donations of cash amounted to £70 and have been passed to the Food Bank to use for purchase of foodstuffs in low supply.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in sharing their harvest to help reduce the effects of food poverty experienced by some of the neediest people in our city.

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please note that our annual collection of Christmas shoeboxes for local young homeless people will take place on Sunday 10 December after the 10.30am service.

As in previous years we invite you to bring along a shoebox covered in festive paper containing a selection of items suitable for a young man or woman aged 16 to 25 years. The boxes will be distributed to the many homeless young people who use the services of the Rock Trust, the Stop-over hostel and Women's Aid Refuges.

Further details will appear in the December issue of *Magnificat*.

Thank you for your support!



Choral Evensong for World AIDS Day

1st December 2017 at 5:30 pm

Sunday Introductions at St Mary's Cathedral
Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

Do join us for the final introductory talk for 2017!
As usual, it will be held in front of the High Altar,
12 noon to 12.45pm

10 December 2017

The Very Revd John Conway, Provost
An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark

(The Lectionary Gospel for the year beginning Advent 2017)

For further information, please
email faithandgrowth@gmail.com
or phone the Cathedral Office:
(0131) 225 6293





Cathedral Knit & Natter Group

This group is open to knitters, crochet-ers, sew-ers and natterers; men and women included! Some of us have knitted for years, others are fairly new, some sew and crochet and all natter expertly! The swapping of stories, laughter, expertise, patterns & know-how is intrinsic to who we are. We welcome newcomers to come and join us. **The St Mary's Cathedral 'Knit & Natter Group' meets in the Cathedral Chapter House on the 2nd Tuesday of the month between 10.30 and 12 noon.**

The next gathering will be on November 14th at 10.30.

Please come and join us, bring your knitting - any level of competence or none is warmly encouraged. Knitting for charities, for family or just for fun, all welcome!

There is a small charge of £1 to cover refreshments & other costs.

Any enquiries, please contact Fran Lovett via the Cathedral office.



ASPECTS OF CATHEDRAL LIFE

New people are always welcome to our sessions where we take a closer look at a wide range of different aspects of Cathedral life.

In September, Joseph Beech, our new Assistant Master of the Music, told us more about his role, in the context of the history of organ music in Britain. He followed this up with a demonstration of the wide-ranging special qualities of the Cathedral organ. As we go to press we are about to have a session on the work of the Faith and Growth Committee.

In November Canon Allan Maclean will be providing an introduction to the intricate history of the Episcopal Church in Scotland. We will be meeting on Thursday 23rd November at 2.30pm in the Chapter House. We will start with tea and coffee as usual.

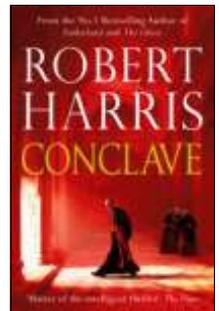


Cathedral Book Group

This month's meeting is a joint gathering of St Mary's Book Group and Palmerston Place Church Book Group on Wednesday 15 November, 7.30pm in Annan House, 10 Palmerston Place, for which we're reading *Conclave* by Robert Harris.

The final meeting of 2017 will be on Tuesday 5 December.

Everyone is most welcome at these meetings, as a regular attender or to discuss one particular book. Further information from the Cathedral Office or email ecumenical@cathedral.net to add your email address to the contact list.



to absent friends ...

a concert by
Edinburgh Brass Band

in association with 

Saturday, 4th November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, West End of Edinburgh
Tickets: Free
Online reservations: <http://www.edinburghbrassband.org.uk/toabsentfriends>
Edinburgh Brass Band: charily registered in Scotland, charity number SC042879

www.edinburghbrassband.org.uk

Meditation

There are meditation sessions in the Cathedral Chapter House 12.20 - 12.50pm on Tuesdays,

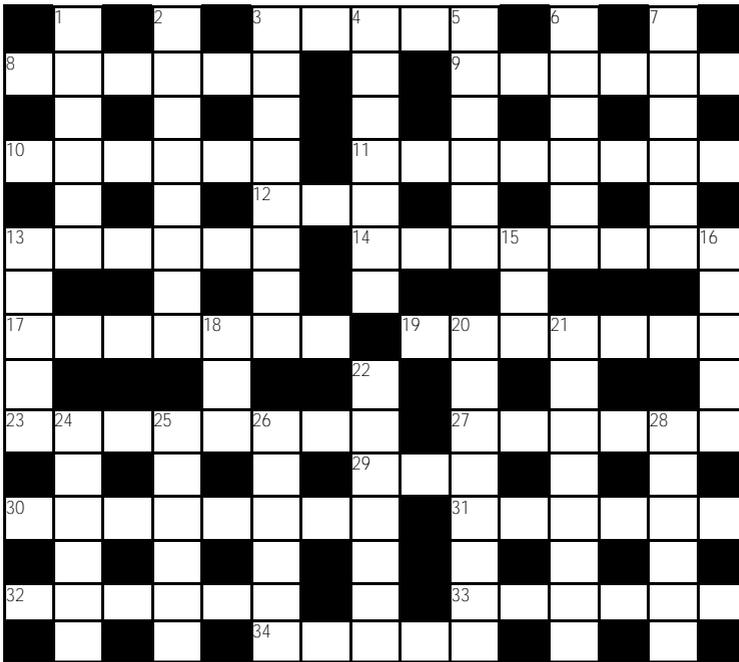
The new Edinburgh Zen Group usually meets in the Walpole Hall at 7-8.30pm on the first and third Mondays of the month. All are welcome - please contact edinburghzengroup@gmail.com for more information.



Men's Group and Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Group now meets at 8pm on the first and third Monday of each month in the Chapter House.

The Men's Prayer Group meets on the first Sunday of each month at 9am in the Chapter House. More information from Andrew Reddish (07460 980 159; email pelican2@btinternet.com).



Crossword set by Elaine McCulloch Smith

Solution in the December/January Magazine

Clues (**Scripture clues are always to be found in King James's Authorised Version**)

Across

- 3 First British Christian martyr (5)
- 8 Tribute paid to a lord out of the belongings of a tenant (6)
- 9 Highest parts (6)
- 10 The stick used in women's field lacrosse (6)**
- 11 Business relations or transactions (8)
- 12 Newspaper Publishers' Association (by initials) (1,1,1)**
- 13 Made rude and mocking remarks (6)
- 14 Christian name of RFC pilot killed in 1917, old aumbry given in his memory (8)
- 17 First Christian martyr (7)
- 19 Person who chooses to take up and follow a course of action or idea (7)
- 23 Pain affecting back, hip and outer side of the leg (8)
- 27 Passages (6)
- 29 What the Battle of Passchendaele was fought in (3)
- 30 Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for(8) Eccles 44,14**
- 31 Thomas _____, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyred by Henry II (6)
- 32 Male former students of universities (6)
- 33 Apostle said to have been martyred on X shaped cross (6)
- 34 Underground room or vault beneath a church (5)

Down

- 1 Dragon slaying patron saint probably martyred in Lydda, Palestine (6)
- 2 Land where planes land and take off (8)
- 3 Person who is present at something (8)
- 4 Used to bind up a wound or protect injured part of the body (7)
- 5 Member of tribe of American Indians of New Mexico and Arizona (6)
- 6 Conviction (6)
- 7 **Man's name (6)**
- 13 **looked up steadfastly into heaven, and swathe glory of God, and(5) Acts 7**
- 15 **Abbreviation of Miss Nightingale's Christian name (3)**
- 16 The Third battle fought at this place in 1917 where 14 across was killed (5)
- 18 **Tin ____, soldier's steel helmet (3)**
- 20 Exhausted (8)
- 21 This should be added to an address to assist sorting of mail (8)
- 22 **Date of saint's feast after whom a person is called (7)**
- 24 Edith ____, First World War nurse martyred by Germans 1915 (6)
- 25 Rigid structure that surrounds something in shape of first letter of the alphabet(6)
- 26 Relating to devotional painting of Christ(6)
- 28 The hour at which the Armistice was signed (6)

Solution to the October Crossword

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In association with Business Matters, Oasis, Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland,
St Mary's Cathedral & Palmerston Place Church

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WELLBEING IN THE WORKPLACE

Perspective Lectures

This is the third year of the popular lecture series “Perspectives”
Come and hear three different perspectives on the issues affecting
wellbeing in the workplace.

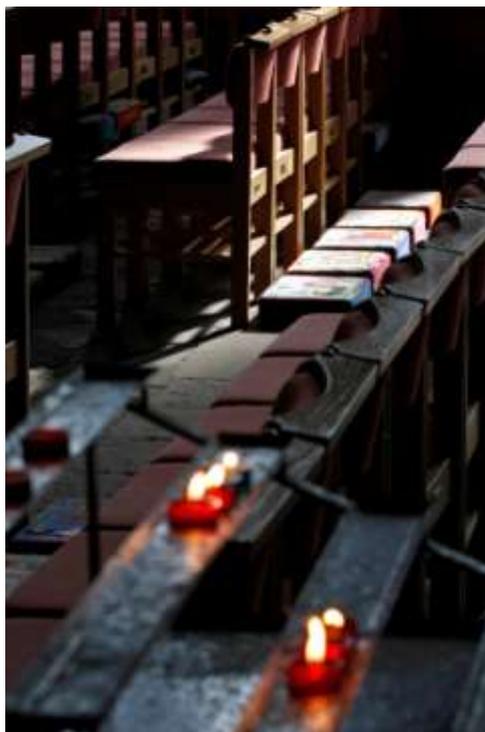
All lectures are at Palmerston Place Church,
12 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AA.
Admission Free.

Thursday 12 October 2017 at 7.30pm
David Craigie, Co-Founder, Craigie Partnership
A Psychologist’s perspective

Thursday 9 November 2017 at 7.30pm
Grahame Smith – General Secretary, STUC
A Trade Unionist’s perspective

Retreat in Daily Life

Going Deeper with God: An Advent Journey in Prayer



This five-week programme of guided prayer offers an opportunity to explore the Ignatian approach to listening to God.

Opening worship: Monday 20th November (Evensong)

Closing worship: Thursday 21st December (Eucharist)

“We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking.” — Richard Rohr

CATHEDRAL DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2017

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| Weds 1 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Thursday 2 Nov | ALL SOULS 7.30am Requiem Eucharist 11.30am Requiem Eucharist 1.05pm Requiem Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Requiem Eucharist: Duruflé <i>Requiem</i> |
| Friday 3 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Saturday 4 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist followed by informal Bible discussion at the Marché Français, West Maitland Street 7.30pm Edinburgh Brass Band 'To Absent Friends' Concert |
| Sunday 5 Nov | TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Readings: Jos 3.7-17; 1 Th 2.9-13; Mt 23.1-12 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist & Sunday Club 3.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Monday 6 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong 7.30pm Mission Shaped Intro (WH) |
| Tuesday 7 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer & Eucharist 12.20pm Meditation 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Weds 8 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer & Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Thursday 9 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 11.30am Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Eucharist |
| Friday 10 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer & Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Saturday 11 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist followed by informal Bible discussion at the Marché Français, West Maitland Street Great Community Mural on display in Resurrection Chapel (today until 15 November) 7.30pm Reid Consort Concert |
| Sunday 12 Nov | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Readings: Jos 24.1-3a, 14-25; 1 Th 4.13-18; Mt 25.1-13 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist & Sunday Club 12.45pm Friends of the Cathedral lunch 2.15pm Friends of the Cathedral AGM 3.30pm Brahms <i>Requiem</i> |
| Monday 13 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong 7.30pm Mission Shaped Intro (WH) |
| Tues 14 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 10.30am Knit & Natter (Chapter House) 12.20pm Meditation 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |

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| Weds 15 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong 7.30pm Cathedral Book Group joint meeting with Palmerston Place Church at Annan House, 10 Palmerston Place |
| Thursday 16 Nov | MARGARET OF SCOTLAND 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 11.30am Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Eucharist |
| Friday 17 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong in honour of St Margaret |
| Saturday 18 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist followed by informal Bible discussion at the Marché Français, West Maitland Street |
| Sunday 19 Nov | TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Readings: Jg 4.1-7; 1 Th 5.1-11; Mt 25.14-30 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist & Baptism 3.30pm Evening Prayer (Choir visit to Paisley Abbey: service there at 6pm) Magazine deadline. |
| Monday 20 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong (Retreat in Daily Life opening service) 7.30pm Mission Shaped Intro 7-8.30pm Zen Group 8pm Men's Group |
| Tuesday 21 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 12.20pm Meditation 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Weds 22 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Thursday 23 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 11.30am Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 2.30pm Aspects of Cathedral Life 5.30pm Choral Eucharist |
| Friday 24 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Saturday 25 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist followed by informal Bible discussion at the Marché Français, West Maitland Street 5.30pm Choral Evensong sung by St Cuthbert's Chapel Choir, Durham |
| Sunday 26 Nov | CHRIST THE KING Readings: Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24; Eph 1.15-23; Mt 25.31-46 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist & Sunday Club followed by Cathedral AGM 3.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Monday 27 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong 7.30 Mission Shaped Intro |
| Tuesday 28 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 12.20pm Meditation 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Weds 29 Nov | 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Evensong |
| Thurs 30 Nov | ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND 7.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist 11.30am Eucharist 1.05pm Eucharist 5.30pm Choral Eucharist |

Growing Together

Growing Together: Edinburgh Diocese & St Mary's

Early in September, Helen Hood and Godfrey Robson attended the Diocesan *Growing Together* roadshow at St Peter's Church in Lutton Place. St Mary's was one of many congregations from all over the Diocese represented in a large and enthusiastic gathering (one church even used the roadshow as its 'vestry away day!').

We worshipped together, were addressed by Bishop John and Revd Annie Naish (Bishop's Enabler of Mission), listened and discussed in workshops and still had plenty of time to meet and chat with friends and new acquaintances at coffee time and over a generous 'bring-and-share' lunch.

The *Growing Together* theme was developed in several ways. A subtitle for the day was *Growing Congregations across South East Scotland, living our faith and revealing God's love*. Bishop John extended the metaphor in his address with the acronym SEEDS.

Called into being by God the Creator, we are Christ-centred communities sustained by the Spirit to make a difference in this world. We belong to each other, celebrating our diversity, growing in unity, working for transformation and rooted in a common heritage. Our life together will be shaped by trust in *God who gives the growth*, as we plant and tend five specific priorities:

- Serving our Communities
- Engaging all generations
- Enabling Ministry
- Developing Disciples
- Sharing Faith

The question of how we *grow together*, tending these priorities, is one which **perhaps applies to us at St Mary's Cathedral particularly in our relationships** with the rest of the Diocese. For us too (ecumenism was hardly mentioned at the roadshow day) there is a determination to *grow together* with Palmerston Place Church.

As a congregation, we have of course been pursuing the theme of *Faith and Growth* for many years, guided by a committee with that very name which aims to promote and encourage our *growth*, both as individual Christians and *together* as a community.

As part of the *Growing Together* process, Annie Naish is leading a course entitled *Mission Shaped Intro* on six Monday evenings (7.30-9.30pm, 6 November to 11 **December**), **hosted by St Mary's in the Walpole Hall**. **A small group, including** the Provost and/or Vice Provost and some members of the Faith and Growth Committee, will be attending these evenings. Please support us with your prayers, and by being open to new ideas and possibilities for *Growing Together* which we hope to bring from the course.

God, our Father,
you call us by your Spirit
to Grow Together in your Son;
make us one in heart and mind,
generous in giving,
faithful in serving,
and bold in proclaiming
the hope of a world made new;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Helen Hood





You are warmly invited to a unique opportunity to hear Katharine Hayhoe from North America, a well-known evangelical Christian and climate scientist named in TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World 2014 and Fortune's 50 World's Greatest Leaders. She will be in conversation with Alastair McIntosh, Scotland's celebrated author and human ecologist, in a discussion chaired by leading mediator John Sturrock QC, at CCE The King's Hall, Edinburgh November 19th at 7pm.

Climate change is one of the most hotly debated issues today. And between Trump, political posturing and increasing climate disasters, it can be really hard to know how to respond... and all too easy to look away. Is the evidence solid? Are proposed solutions viable? What does it ask of people of hope and faith? Is belief sometimes part of the problem?

This important conversation between two of the world's highest profile climate leaders, both Christians, will untangle the issues behind global warming and our awareness, highlighting the key role faith and values play in shaping attitudes and actions at this crucial time.



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AUTUMN CONFERENCE

Capturing the Vision: A Vision for the
Church in 21st Century Scotland

Edinburgh, Saturday 4th November 2017

Date: Saturday, 4th November 2017, 10.30am - 3.15pm
(registration from 10 am). A light lunch will be provided

Venue: City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, Nicolson Square,
Edinburgh, EH8 9BX

Speakers:

- **Rev Dr George Whyte**

Principal Clerk, Church of Scotland

- **Ms Miriam Weibye**

Church Relations Officer, Scottish Episcopal Church

- **The Rt Rev Mgr Philip Kerr**

Vice President, Office of Ecumenism, Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Convener, Action of Churches Together in Scotland

- **Dr Anette Hagan**

Senior Curator of Rare Book Collections, National Library of Scotland
and Church of Scotland Elder

The Conference will focus on the above theme taking into consideration the
changing church landscape in Scotland and the challenges and opportunities
this presents for churches together.

To register:

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Please include your full name and address and any dietary or other special
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The Cathedral Walkers

DO YOU LIKE TO WALK? DO YOU LIKE TO TALK?
Why not join the Cathedral Walkers where we do both!

The 'Walk and Talk' group meets once a month usually on the first Thursday of the month and the purpose of the group is to provide Cathedral people with the opportunity to get to know each other while enjoying a walk together.



Our walk on Thursday 5th October 2017 was from Cramond Brig to South Queensferry through the Dalmeny estate. There were 8 participants who enjoyed a lovely day for walking through the estate and at the end we were rewarded with great views of the three bridges over the Forth. Everyone completed the walk which was just over 6 miles. We enjoyed a snack lunch together in South Queensferry before catching the bus back to Edinburgh.

Left and below are some photos from the walk.

Our next walk will be on Thursday 2nd November 2017 when we will be walking from Hillend via Swanston village towards Braidburn Park and then through woodland to The Stables, near Mortonhall Garden Centre. We undertook this walk in November 2015 when the autumn colours were stunning so hopefully there will be a repeat. Overall the paths are good but there are a few slightly rougher areas and also a few inclines. The distance from start to finish is just under 5 miles. There are 'escape points' near bus stops for those who feel unable to complete the whole walk.

As usual I will be sending out details closer to the date to those on my email list.

Newcomers always are welcome so please let me know if you would like to join us.

John Spencer



LIGHT A CANDLE

REMEMBRANCE

Prayer scratched on the wall of a prison cell in Cologne during the Second World War:

I believe in the sun,
even when it does not shine.
I believe in love,
even when I cannot feel it.
I believe in God,
even when he is silent.





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Please consult the Clergy before any arrangements are made for Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals.

We are always delighted to hear of boys and girls, men and women who:

- Would like to be trained as Servers
- Would like to help with the Sunday Groups for children
- Would like to help with coffee
- Would like to help as Stewards or at the Welcome Desk
- Would like to train as bell-ringers
- Are interested in helping with flowers
- Are thinking about doing some visiting
- Have some gifts they would like to offer to the Cathedral.

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