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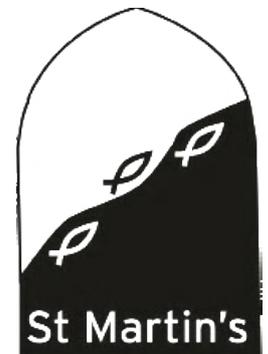
# St Martin of Tours

Diocese of Edinburgh

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Living our faith in our community  
through prayer, reflection and action



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## Newsletter

Lent  
Holy Week  
Easter  
2017



# St Martin of Tours Episcopal Church

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## Who are we?

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**Dear Friends,**

The season of Lent, a period of self-reflection, confession and a determination to start again in new ways, feels both timely and necessary. We live in anxious times, and the faithful response to such anxiety must include finding ways to get back in touch with what properly anchors us, where our sources of life and hope are found.

I hope some of you will use the opportunity of the Lent Groups that we run jointly with St Michael's (details of the groups are elsewhere in this newsletter), to do that reflection and anchoring. We shall be using material produced by Christians in Germany, called *Crossing Barriers*. The material helpfully offers sources of reflection from the German experience: the material uses the fact that 2017 is the 500th anniversary of what is often seen as the start of the Reformation, to draw out the key themes for Luther and his contemporaries. In particular the theme of reconciliation, and the calling of all Christians to that ministry of reconciliation is explored, in all its costliness and possibility. At a time when barriers, and the fear and anxiety that builds them, are very much dominating the news, that is an important focus for reflection. The material asks questions of us today – if God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself, why are the signs of division and separation still so evident? And what are the tangible acts that we might be called to that will mark us out as agents of reconciliation? I hope you will use this opportunity to deepen our reflections together this Lent.

And of course our Lenten journey concludes with the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter – celebrations that will plunge us, anew, into the costly, sacrificial, life-giving action of God among us. May your journey on that path be blessed.

## Letter from the Rector



John

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH**

# **Lent Study Groups**

**Wednesdays at 11:00am - St. Martin's  
Sundays at 7:30pm - St. Michael's**

**Wednesday 8th & Sunday 12th March  
*Sacrifice as Friendship***

**Wednesday 15th & Sunday 19th March  
*Sacrifice as Love***

**Wednesday 22nd & Sunday 26th March  
*Sacrifice as Submission***

**Wednesday 29th March & Sunday 2nd April  
*Sacrifice as Renewal***

**Wednesday 5th & Sunday 9th April  
*Sacrifice as Reconciliation***

**ALL WELCOME**

## Cleaning Rota Church to be cleaned for Sunday...

5 Mar	George & Elizabeth	9 Apr	Penny & Bob
12 Mar	Frank	16 April	George & Elizabeth
19 Mar	Roderick	23 April	David
26 Mar	Monika & Liz	30 April	Frank
2 Apr	Stuart & Kate	7 May	Roderick

## Volunteering at St Martin's

The rotas for March, April and May start this week. However we are always ready to accept new or existing volunteers performing these roles. Below I have given a brief detail of each, so if you would be willing to offer your time and talents please speak with the clergy (John or David), the Church Wardens (Kate or George) or with Stuart, and they can explain further.

**READER** - reading the Old Testament and Epistle in Sunday service.

**GOSPELLER** - reading the Gospel in Sunday service.

**PRAYER** - preparing and leading the Intercessions in Sunday service

**BAKER** - providing bread for Sunday service

**LOOP** - setting up the microphones for Sunday service & clearing away after.

**WELCOMER** - getting ready for Sunday service (hymn books, hymn board etc.) and being at the door to welcome the congregation.

**COUNTING** - counting and banking the collection after the service.

**TEA SERVER** - making and serving tea and coffee at end of Sunday service.

**CHILDRENS CHURCH** Helping or organising the Sunday session.

**CLEANING** - Vacuuming, and general tidying up the worship area and vestibule ready for Sunday service.

Your help in any or all of these would be much appreciated.

**Stuart Campbell** (who produces the rotas)

# St Martin's Strollers

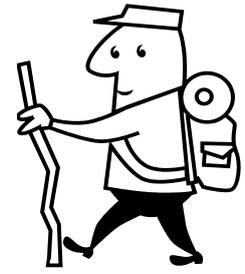
The walks planned for March and April are:

Saturday March 25 Penicuik

Saturday April 29th Riccarton Campus

More details nearer the time or ask Peter/ Liz Moir or George South.

Copies of the programme of walks for the year can be found on the noticeboard in Church or on the St Martin's website.



**Peter Moir**

# Edinburgh International Harp Festival

31 March - 5 April, 2017 at Merchiston Castle School, 294 Colinton Road.

Come and have a taste of world-wide harp playing, with concerts, including Catrin Finch, workshops and classes. At any age, come and learn to play with beginners provided with a harp for the lessons. Concerts are Saturday to Wednesday at 3pm and 7.30pm. I'm doing a 'come and try' Gaelic song class on the Saturday afternoon and a course on harp music from the Isles, though much tempted by the Italian, Irish, Welsh and Breton.....and I'm playing in the Wednesday afternoon concert with Na Calrsairean, the local harp orchestra, joining a harp orchestra class with people from all over the world and of all ages. Find out more from [harpfestival.co.uk](http://harpfestival.co.uk) or ask me.

**Jenny Brockie**

# Locum Chaplaincy in Portugal

We have been invited to do a locum in Portugal during March.

St James', Oporto is a very old chaplaincy. It has an interregnum at present, with different chaplains helping out in a congregation of around twenty. The theme for Sunday 5th, Lent 1, is 'The temptations of Jesus'. Following Sundays are based on John's Gospel in chapters 3 (Nicodemus), 4 (the Samaritan woman at the well), and 9 (the man born blind). For the last of these, on March 26th, we have to go to the north of Portugal where a monthly Eucharist is celebrated. There is a mid-week Eucharist in the Chaplaincy flat, and we'll run a short Lent course.

We'd value your prayer support. Thank you.

**Stuart and Jenny Robertson**

# Eco-Congregation News



When St. Martin's was assessed for its second award from Eco-congregation Scotland, one of the recommendations from the assessors was that we should apply for status as a Fairtrade Church. They thought that, already, St. Martin's was promoting Fairtrade values, and was, perhaps, "hiding its light under a bushel."

The letter confirming Fairtrade status arrived this past week along with a certificate. Copies of this will be appearing around the building so that all users will be aware that St. Martin's is a Fairtrade Church. As such, we have committed to use Fairtrade tea and coffee for all meetings for which we have responsibility; move forward on using other Fairtrade products; promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities where possible.

What is Fairtrade? It is a global movement with a strong and active presence in the UK, represented by the Fairtrade Foundation. Fairtrade is a movement for change that works directly with businesses, consumers and campaigners to make trade deliver for farmers and workers. The international Fairtrade system (of which the Fairtrade Foundation is a part) represents the world's largest and most recognised fair trade system. It is a global organisation working to secure a better deal for farmers and workers.

Fairtrade is a growing movement with enormous success thanks to support of consumers and efforts by organisations like ours. In the UK there are more than 7500 churches, mosques, temples and synagogues, which have now pledged to use and promote Fairtrade.

In Britain there are over 5000 Fairtrade certified products ranging from coffee to flowers and from cotton to dried fruit; in 2015 sales in the UK of products carrying the Fairtrade Mark reached an estimated £1.67 billion; for 1.65 million farmers, workers, and their families worldwide, Fairtrade is a lifeline enabling them to survive difficult times and invest in a better future. Producer groups from around the world including Sri Lanka, Egypt, Ghana, Bolivia and many more beside, are all benefiting from selling to the UK Fairtrade market.

When you buy products with the Fairtrade Mark, you support farmers and workers as they work to improve their lives and their communities. The Mark

means that the Fairtrade ingredients in the product have been produced by small-scale farmer organisations or plantations which meet Fairtrade social, economic and environmental standards. The standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment, payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price and an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.

This year's Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27 February to 12 March.

Weblink: <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/in-your-community/faith-groups/fairtrade-churches>

**George South**

## News from Jordan

Thanks to Sonia Squires we are able to bring you occasional updates about the work of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf. In the Winter 2016 newsletter Brother Andrew emphasizes the way in which students help and support each other. Obaidah, who is deaf, has become a supportive friend for Issa, who is blind and aphasic. "We thank God," he writes, "that in his vulnerability, Issa has awakened so much of Obaidah's thinking, compassion and personality." What Issa "has to give" might seem very little but he has had "a tremendous and positive influence on Obaidah." Brother Andrew goes on to reflect that much the same could be said about the entire Deafblind Unit. This is not only a context in which staff and volunteers help students. "Do we challenge them or are they a challenge to us? Who is helping whom? The answer probably is that we simple help each other!"

The Institute's Annual Report offers news of former students who have gone on to study Special Needs Education or Counselling and Psychology at universities. The Vocational Training programme has led to some former students working for Nissan in Amman. The Outreach Team is continuing to work with Syrian refugees in the massive Za'atari Refugee Camp.

All of this work is being carried forward by an organisation which is Christian in its origins and ethos and is part of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Most of the work happens in an Islamic context. The Annual Report explains:

“It is important to develop and maintain good and respectful relations with the Moslem and other communities around us. As children of Abraham our mutual heritage lies at the root of this concept. We wish to break down walls of misunderstanding.”

Weblink: [www.holyland-deaf.org](http://www.holyland-deaf.org)

**Next issue**      The next issue, covering May and June 2017 will be distributed on Sunday 30 April. Copy to David Warnes by **Sunday 23 April** please.

## Calendar

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### March

1 Wed	7.30pm	<b>Celebrating Communion for Ash Wednesday</b> Preacher: John Conway
3 Fri	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service at St Michael's
5 Sun	10.30am	<b>Celebrating Communion - Lent 1</b> Preacher: John Conway
7 Tue	7.45pm	Vestry Meeting at St Martin's
12 Sun	10.30am	<b>Celebrating Communion - Lent 2</b> Preacher: David Warnes
	6.30pm	<b>Celebrating Communion</b> Monika's & Sonia's lounge (14 Morrison Crescent)
19 Sun	10.30am	<b>Celebrating Communion - Lent 3</b> Preacher: John Conway
26 Sun	10.30am	<b>Celebrating Communion - Lent 4/Mothering Sunday</b> Preacher: John Conway
	6.30pm	<b>Evening Service at St Michael's</b> Theme: Celebrating Healing

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## April

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| 2 Sun  | 10.30am     | <b>Celebrating Communion - Lent 5</b><br>Preacher: David Warnes   |
| 9 Sun  | 10.30am     | <b>Celebrating Communion - Palm Sunday</b><br>The Passion according to St Matthew                                       |
|        | 6.30pm      | <b>Celebrating Communion</b><br>Monika's & Sonia's lounge (14 Morrison Crescent)  |
| 13 Thu | 7.30pm      | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> - including footwashing<br>and Commemoration of the Last Supper<br>Preacher: John Conway |
| 14 Fri | 12 noon-3pm | <b>Good Friday</b> - Church open for Good Friday reflections<br>including a short service at 1pm                        |
| 16 Sun | 10.30am     | <b>Celebrating Communion - Easter Sunday</b><br>Preacher: John Conway   |
| 23 Sun | 10.30am     | <b>Celebrating Communion - Easter 2</b><br>Preacher: John Conway  |
| 30 Sun | 10.30am     | <b>Celebrating Communion - Easter 3</b><br>Preacher: John Conway  |
|        | 6.30pm      | <b>Evening Service at St Michael's</b><br>Theme: Celebrating New Life   |
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