



St Martin of Tours

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



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Next issue

The next issue, covering December & January, will be distributed on Sunday 2 December. Copy to David Warnes by **Sunday 25 November** please.

Dear Friends



Letting go

I remember when we were going through the adoption process with my first son, we were asked to bring something of a precious nature to the session. We were told it had to be precious and something of very high value to us.

I only had one such thing in my possession, and this was my wedding ring. It was a simple, fairly inexpensive gold ring. But it meant the world to me. It never came off my finger. Was I to give this in. What would they do it? Would I ever get it back?

After much deliberation I decided to bring the ring in (as it was already on my finger). Another couple on the course had similar difficulties and one of the partners did not bring anything in. She was subsequently asked to delay her adoption process.

The ring when I gave it in was placed in the rubbish bin. We were asked to feel the feelings of the children who have to give up everything in order to move on. To be a vibrant creative agent in renewal, particularly in the church, we need to embrace the 'moving on' and the need for development for the future and welcome the process to work on this together. In the Iona Community we were reminded that it wasn't 'I own a community' so, as successive leaders moved on, we were called to.

And the same thing can happen in churches, organisations, community groups, and community centres. We need to always keep in mind that development is for the benefit of those we serve.

At this autumn time when we see the glorious changes in nature as the season starts its inexorable move to winter. I wish you all a hopeful season and I pray that God may treat any changes that you are facing to strengthen you for the future. God Bless.

Yousouf

Rector, St Martin of Tours

Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting is on **Tuesday 13 November at 7.45pm**. The venue is the **Rectory, 15 Ardmillan Terrace**.

Vestry Report for the 2018 AGM

Introduction by the Rector

Through regular meetings with the clergy team, the worship at St Martin's has been continuing to develop. The Pastoral Companions have been active in dealing with the needs identified in the congregation. The active involvement of the congregation in leading intercessions, Sunday readings, chalice bearing, the cleaning rota, preparing the church for Sunday worship and engagement with the Children's Church is most valued and is indicative of the hard work put in by members of the congregation to sustain worship at St Martin's. Voluntary work provided to Good Morning Gorgie, the Gorgie-Dalry Toy Library, Toddler Martians, work with Dalry Primary School, community centre management and other voluntary projects such as Sunday Funday, all show the way the congregation seeks to outreach to the local community. The Arts Festival, the work to create the beautiful wall panels behind the altar and the concert by Dalry Primary and Tynecastle School, showed how our links with the community can bring others together to celebrate achievement and creative activity.

St Martin's has been and continues to be in a phase of transition to consolidate, sustain and expand the work of St Martin's Community Resource Centre. The flourishing of the congregation and its commitment to mission are vital to the success of the Centre. The partnership between the congregation and the Community Resource Centre is providing services for different groups in the community, across all age groups. There is a need to reach out to the many single adults and young couples who live in the area. The church is an inclusive community and the church has stressed its willingness to embrace the turning of a page and open a new chapter of its story in Gorgie-Dalry. The Rector is working in partnership with local groups to improve the sense of community and further enhance the spiritual, social and emotional well-being of local citizens.

My warmest thanks go out to all those who are involved in the work and worship of the Church and the Centre and all the hidden work that goes on and is unmentioned to enable St Martin's and the Centre to be a place where the out-workings of the Gospel message, of expressing God's love and neighbourhood church can be seen in practice.

I wish you all every blessing for the coming year in our mission here in Gorgie/Dalry.

Reverend Yousouf Gooljary

Rector St Martin of Tours

Phase 3 completed

In March 2018 members of the congregation and representatives of the groups and organisations which use St Martin's Community Resource Centre gathered to celebrate the completion of Phase 3 of the Transformation Project, which included the downstairs toilets.

Wardens' Report

The People's Warden is elected by the Annual General Meeting, The Rector's Warden is appointed by the Rector. Kate Campbell was the People's and George South the Rector's Warden for the year from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018.

John Conway's final Sunday was 3 September 2017. Then began discussion and decision with Bishop John Armes, to find and appoint a new Rector. He gave permission for us to advertise for a new Rector, appointed William Mounsey as our Interim Pastor, and said that he would arrange for Dean Frances Burberry to oversee the required process. A Congregational Profile, including a job description and budget projection was completed by mid-February, and job was advertised. Interviews were held mid-May. Yousouf Gooljary was appointed and Bishop John installed him as Rector on 19 July 2018.

The Rectory needed substantial repairs and refurbishment. Again, the Diocese was an immense support in helping this to happen. Almost as soon as the Conways moved out, contractors moved in to deal with major outbreaks of rot and damp; the discovery of asbestos in the downstairs walls and ceilings. The entire electrical system was replaced, new kitchen fitted, bathroom upgraded, and a new combi-boiler installed. The whole interior of house was redecorated, new carpets fitted, and hardwood floors re-sanded and sealed. All this took a long time and a lot of our money, but Yousouf was able to move into an 1877 house with a safe, modernised interior.

With so much happening last year, the Wardens and Vestry agreed to meet more frequently to progress work towards a new Rector and a renewed Rectory. The Wardens would like heartily to thank the Vestry for all their extra time and support, as well as say how grateful we are to David Warnes, William Mounsey, the Dean and the Bishop.

Kate Campbell and George South

Eco-Congregation, Craft Group, St Martin's Strollers

St Martin's congregation continued to be a paid-up, registered member of Eco-Congregation Scotland (ECS) for the year from August 2017 to end of July 2018. During the year we had four shared lunches over which we discussed green issues and planned activities.

The first lunch, in the latter half of August 2017, was the last Eco-Congregation

meeting attended by soon-to-be-departing, John Conway. The former Rector was key in encouraging us down the road to becoming an Eco-Congregation. He was warmly thanked for all his support.

In a congregation our size, there is a lot of overlap of the same people doing complimentary activities. The Craft Group's angels, made from recycled wool, for example, were used to "Yarn-Bomb" local parks' railings before Advent Sunday. The Craft Group meets on Saturday afternoons at Fraser Court. Each angel wore an invitation to services at St. Martin's and they were quickly adopted by local people.

Similarly, the new altar panels, an idea originating from Eco-principles, involved many people and are a beautiful use of recycled materials.

At the beginning of 2018, the St. Martin's Strollers participated in a community clean-up of the Shandon Railway Path and Harrison Park. The monthly walks organised by the Strollers are much enjoyed and it has been good to welcome friends from St Michael's to walk alongside us.

In early April we had the Coffee Morning for Eleanor's Orphanage in Liberia which raised £350.

Mid-April the St. Martin's Strollers were at it again, this time pausing to collect plastic waste on Gullane Beach. The rather disturbing findings of our brief survey were sent to FIDRA, the organisation that keeps tabs on the problem with plastics around Scotland.

Late in April we attended the Annual Gathering of ECS, participating in workshops on environmental concerns with members of congregations from across Scotland. One of our number continues as a member of the Board of ECS. We continue to work towards an ECS Gold award. Thank you, St. Martin's, for being an active Eco-Congregation.

George & Elizabeth South

Art Show

Our Art Show this year was as exciting and nerve-wracking as always. Exciting due to the unknown and unexpected when we unveil all the art and craft exhibits on the day we set up. Nerve-wracking due to the need to display the works in a suitable and pleasing manner to satisfy our exhibitors and take the attention of visitors.

Very happily, we had an increased number of visitors this year. More parents came in for the Schools' concert; other people came because they saw, from the bus, the wonderful banners that Bob puts up; there were visitors from local churches; friends of exhibitors and even some foreign visitors. Hopefully they all enjoyed it and spread the word.

There were several new exhibitors this year and two notes of interest for next year. One of these is a young girl who brought in her portfolio to show me. Her work was amazing and I'm really excited to see what she may submit next year.

Work for next year begins very shortly after the end of a show with the setting of dates and the booking of the display boards for the next year. Planned dates for 2019 are Sunday 25 August to Saturday 31 August.

Of course this show could not happen at all without all of you. There is a huge amount of work involved for a lot of people and without the help and support of you all it simply could not happen.

So thank you everyone. I hope you are available next year again!

For those who like figures:

Exhibitors – 41

Volunteers - 31

Visitors – 362

Total Income: £2022.

Total expenditure: £1157.76

Café & Coffee Morning – £451.83

Home-baking – £120.30

Donations - £72.66

Refunds (wine + display boards) - £104

Art & Craft sales – £1273.50

(Expenditure includes cost of display board hire; postage; printing; pianist; wine & payments to exhibitors for work sold less 20% commission)

Surplus to St. Martin's - £864.53

Lynn Dailly

St. Martin's Altar Panels

Design:

Rethinking the St. Martin's altar space emerged out of changes to the nature and use of our building, and an idea from the Eco-Group to create something beautiful to decorate our altar space and represent the congregation's faith and practice.

Meeting as a large group with Carol Marples, an artist experienced at working with church groups, the congregation was given opportunities to make suggestions for images and themes to include in an art work for the altar space. Key themes included our liturgical practice, the seasons (both in nature and

liturgically) and the Trinity. Key images were fish, bread and wine and the congregation.

Process:

The imagery and the form of the altar panels has been worked on collaboratively over the course of three years, led mainly by the Altar Panel Group but with input from many others. We began by thinking about the design together, then collecting donations of fabric from the congregation, with the hope of building the panels from recycled materials. Next we worked on the circular panel, working out our methods as we went.

Imagery:

The circular panel represents for us the Trinity and is made up of colours that reflect the air and sky. The shapes for the three parts of the Trinity are borrowed from an upper area of the windows to the left and right of the altar, described affectionately as ‘angels’ by a member of the congregation.

Seasonal themes are represented by the colours chosen for the three long panels: Spring, Summer and Autumn from left to right. The fish ‘swimming’ in from the left panel represent new life and new members joining the church. The fish ‘swimming’ out of the right-hand panel bring to mind those who move on, leave or pass away. The fish shape is also present in the central panel, but here it represents the congregation as the body of Christ – ourselves as the bread that we bring, offer, and share.

Mai Gorringe

Ladies’ Afternoon Tea Party

For the seventh (we think) consecutive year, the Ladies’ Afternoon Tea Party has taken place. It has become a firmly-featured event in the calendar, and it shows that fund raising can be an enjoyable. This year’s profit of £960 reflected the generosity of many in both money and talents.

Penny Allen & Kate Campbell

Children’s church

Despite a small number of children and an even smaller number of leaders, Children’s Church still survives! It is important that this little group continues and we hope it makes the children feel wanted and that coming to church is an enjoyable event. The shadow puppet Nativity play was a triumph and hopefully reminds us that there is a place for everyone.

Penny Allen & Kate Campbell

Toddler Martians

The Monday morning session for babies, toddlers, parents and carers run by a very small and very dedicated team of volunteers from the congregation continues to flourish. At the most recent session we counted 28 adults and 33 children, and we are very grateful to the volunteers who run the Gorgie-Dalry Toy Library for helping us to keep an eye on them. Publicity for Toddler Martians is done jointly with the Toy Library, a separate community organisation in which some members of the congregation are involved as committee members and as volunteers, and the Toy Library bears the cost of that publicity. Donations by parents and carers more than cover the cost of the refreshments that are available to them and the snacks that are served to the children, and much of the tea, coffee, fruit and bread sticks are donated by volunteers. Since Toddler Martians resumed at the beginning of September the sing-song which ends each session has been greatly enhanced by Yousouf's guitar playing.

David Warnes

Chalice Administrators

In a short ceremony at the beginning of the service on Sunday 16 September, Yousouf, as Rector, commissioned Frank Alexander, Penny Allen, Monika Bowker, Lynn Dailly, Hugh Donald, Diana Gilligan, Mai Gorringer, Tom Jamieson, Roderick MacKenzie, Felicity Murdanaigum, Walter Savory and Elizabeth South as Chalice Administrators and presented them with certificates of authorisation from Bishop John.

Introduction

People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission these chalice bearers today, we join with them as disciples of Christ to renew our commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people.

Reading

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: Whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

(1 Peter 4:10-11)

Rector addressing authorised chalice bearers

Your ministry is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him

wherever you may be; and, according to the gifts given to you, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take your place in the life, worship, of the Church.

I present these certificates as a token of the authority vested in you by Bishop John.

Prayer said by all:

Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage; for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Rector and Vestry are grateful to Hugh Donald for agreeing to organize the rota of Chalice Administrators.

Street Theology 7



The Russell Road billboards are a regular and valued stimulus to theological reflection. This one had the steam coming metaphorically out of my ears. Firstly it seemed to me to be unacceptably sexist in its portrayal of a young woman as bowled over by the possibility of purchasing furniture, as though women are merely starry-eyed shoppers and no man ever is. Secondly it equates love - the highest thing to which we broken humans can aspire - with a retail transaction. We are, of course, all guilty of devaluing the word love. It would be better to say “I very much like ice cream” rather than “I love ice cream” in

order to reserve the word “love” for our closest and deepest relationships and for the practical help and support that we try to give to those who need it, but we don’t. As C.S. Lewis pointed out in *The Four Loves*, a single English word has to carry multiple meanings, and that has led to a good deal of misunderstanding of the New Testament, which was written in Greek.

The poster does not, however, say “I love furniture”. Rather it suggests that love is a quality that can be found by shopping in an out-of-town retail park and that it is somehow embodied in furniture. It is complete nonsense but it is not harmless nonsense, for it is coupled with the promise that at Fort Kinnaird one can find love “for less”, as though love can be obtained by a transaction, and that it can be found in a bargain basement. Relationships are often transactional, but they are not at their best when they are, and if transaction elbows out gift in a relationship then the relationship may become abusive.

Love in the sense that St Paul used the word (in Greek *agape*) is most definitely not transactional. Read the whole of *1 Corinthians* 13 fully to be reminded of that. If I were a graffiti artist, the Pauline phrase I would be tempted to spray across the Fort Kinnaird poster comes from *1 Corinthians* 5, where the Apostle asserts that:

“love...does not insist on its own way.”

What is misleadingly known as “Retail Therapy” (and I have been known to indulge in it) is, however you try to disguise it, a form of insistence on one’s own way, a transaction in which one gains ownership by handing over money. The love of which Paul writes is not transactional, neither is it selective or acquisitive. Rather it is about gift, about giving and not counting the cost, as St Ignatius Loyola put it in a famous prayer.

That’s a reminder of the extent to which Christianity is counter-cultural, for the poster reflects a significant aspect of contemporary culture. It is designed so to do, for all advertising is based on careful research into how people react to images, symbols and words. So, sadly, is much of our political discourse. Both have come to rely on focus groups and on the compromises and evasions which are inevitable when the primary consideration is “will this sell?” or “will this be popular?” rather than “is this conducive to the common good.” It was love in the sense of *agape* that Jesus lived and taught and that Paul hymned in his first letter to the Corinthians, and that is the love, the gift-love which builds community and fosters the common good.

David Warnes

Eco-Congregation News



At the last Eco-Congregation Annual Gathering we were introduced to two books written by one of the speakers. They are both an excellent read for Christians looking to live well in today's global society.

Just Living by Ruth Valerio

From the book jacket: "Globalisation and consumerism affect every area of our lives. But it's not just about shopping; these powerful forces shape our personal lives, how we relate to one another, how we view the world - and they are having a seriously detrimental impact both on the lives of the global poor, and on the health of the planet itself. Every Christian in every generation down through the history of the church has had to work out what it means to be a follower of Jesus in their particular culture; for us in the twenty-first century, we must think about discipleship in a globalised, consumerist context. Environmentalist and theologian Ruth Valerio examines these issues in a book that is intellectually rigorous yet practical, and as inspiring as it is challenging."

Beyond the publisher's description, this is an accessible and encouraging book which looks at serious issues but also offers some practical ideas for making a difference. Valerio is an active Christian so she relates what she writes to Scripture, worship and prayer. *Weblink:* arochoa.org.uk/livinglightly

Finding Oiko
Fishes IN Water
-integrated environmental commitment for everyday Christians -
Edinburgh Network Event

With Eco Chaplain
Rev David Coleman
@ St Andrew and St George's West
13 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2PA
November 22nd 7.30 pm

eco congregation Scotland

L is for Lifestyle: Christian Living that doesn't cost the earth by Ruth Valerio

This book is easy to dip into, as it has 26 brief chapters on aspects of living more responsibly, each starting from a letter of the alphabet: E is for Energy, J is for Jobs, T is for Tourism, and so on. Valerio outlines the issues around the topic, looks at where the damage to the environment is occurring or might occur in future, and helps us to see how as Christians we might adapt our behaviour. Each chapter finishes with some suggested action points. Her writing is well rooted in what we read in Jesus' teaching, how we live in fellowship with others, and the importance of prayer in helping us to discern how to act.

Another interesting Weblink: BBC Plastic Watch:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/11CnCQR0GJfkdGJs57sR5Ps/plastics-action>

Elizabeth South

St Michael's News

On Sunday 7 October the congregation heard the Revd Andrea Price preach as Sole Nominee for the vacant charge. The vote following the service saw Andrea elected by a substantial majority of 82 for and 3 against.

Andrea is currently Associate Minister at St Columba's Church of Scotland in London, following a ministry in Orkney. She and her husband Neil will move in to our new Manse in late November and she will be Inducted as Minister of St Michael's on Tuesday 27 November at 7.00pm. A formal invitation will follow but I look forward to seeing many of you for the Induction.

Andrea has sent the following message.

Dear all,

It has been said that strangers are people waiting to become friends. I certainly hope this is true for you and me.

I feel honoured to have been elected to be Minister of St Michael's and that over many years ahead we will become friends, brothers and sisters in Christ on our road together as people of faith in a modern world.

My husband Neil and I very much look forward to meeting you and to explore together how to celebrate, sing, speak, live and work out our faith together.

I love music and singing, storytelling and art of all kinds, kindness and laughter to help us in the task of witnessing God's grace in modern times.

God bless you all and I am looking forward to Tuesday 27 November.

Andrea Price

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 17 November from 10.30-12.30.

Douglas Bannatyne

City of Edinburgh Lions Club

We would like to thank everyone from St Martin's Church for their donations of used glasses from July 2017 to July 2018. A total of 117 pairs was donated. The glasses go to the Lions' Recycle for Sight scheme. Volunteers clean them, sort them by prescription strength and then package the glasses which are distributed to people in need at home and abroad.

Weblink: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/health/sight/eyeglass-recycling.php>

Lions Tom & Beth Jamieson

Mass for Five Voices

Introit:

He dances in the desert.

Come, my loves to my dancing,

“Here is my flute,” sighs the reed:

My love went to the desert

after the storm.

Rough winds had died away;

the sun shone warm.

And lo the reeds that lay

flattened by storm,

rose up again, ah rose,

like love reborn

Gloria:

Let our harps praise you, let our mouths sing,

Let your hands beckon, let our songs ring,

Let your love blossom, let ours begin:

And our feet will follow your dancing.

Sanctus:

Let torch-flare glow.

He has come to the garden where grey olives grow.

From there let him pass

to a harsh furrow, a rough wooden cross.

Benedictus:

Here are five roses to garland his brow:

cherries in blossom on every gnarled bough.

Agnus Dei:

Our table is spread with grape and with bread.

Come now and eat, make our dance complete.

Jenny Robertson

Community Activities

Breaking Barriers Scriptural reasoning session

on Sunday 11 November 2018 between 2-5pm at Alwaleed Centre, Edinburgh University. Inter-faith Event.

Gorgie Dalry Community Forum

meeting on Monday 12 November 2018 at 4pm at Tynecastle High School Community Wing.

Gorgie Dalry Community Council

on Monday 12 November 2018 at 7pm at Gorgie-Dalry-Stenhouse Church.

Quiet Space Prayer

Our next gathering for Quiet Space Prayer will be on Saturday 3 November 2018 beginning at 09:45. I'm happy to lead this.

Thank you to Hugh Donald and Elizabeth South for accepting the invitation to share in leading. I look forward to hearing from others.

See you on Saturday 3 November.

Liz Moir (Ms)

St Martin's Strollers

The final walk of the year will take place on **Saturday 3 November** with a walk around Kirknewton. More details nearer the time.



Peter Moir

Cleaning Rota

Church to be cleaned ready for Sunday...

November

- Sunday 4 Frank
- Sunday 11 George & Elizabeth
- Sunday 18 Monika & Sonia
- Sunday 25 Stuart & Kate

December

- Sunday 2 Roderick

Calendar: November 2018

November

Sun 4 10.30am **Celebrating Communion - All Saints & All Souls**

Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

Sun 11 10.30am **Celebrating Communion - Martinmas & Remembrance**

Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

6.30pm **Celebrating Communion - Monika's & Sonia's lounge**

Tues 13 7.45pm **Vestry Meeting - at the Rectory, 15 Ardmillan Terrace**

Sun 18 10.30am **Celebrating Communion - Pentecost 26**

Preacher: David Warnes

Sun 25 10.30am **Celebrating Communion - Christ the King**

Preacher: David Warnes

Commemoration of All Saints & All Souls

Sunday 4 November 2018. Please indicate the people you wish remembered to the Rector by a note.

Family Fun Day

Sunday 4 November 2018: 12.30-2.30pm: Arts and crafts, parachute games and inflatable in the Church hall.

Bring and share lunch

to celebrate Church Life on Sunday 18 November 2018. The invited guest will be Carol Marple of Leith School of Art who kick-started the Panel Project. Please contact Mai Gorringer and Elizabeth South for details.

Advent Reflection Group

The same course will be running, based on the book *Walking Backwards to Christmas* by Bishop Cottrell, on Tuesdays at the Rectory at 7.30pm, starting on Tuesday 27 November and on Thursdays at St Martin's Church at 10.30am. starting on Thursday 29 November Free book available for early booking.