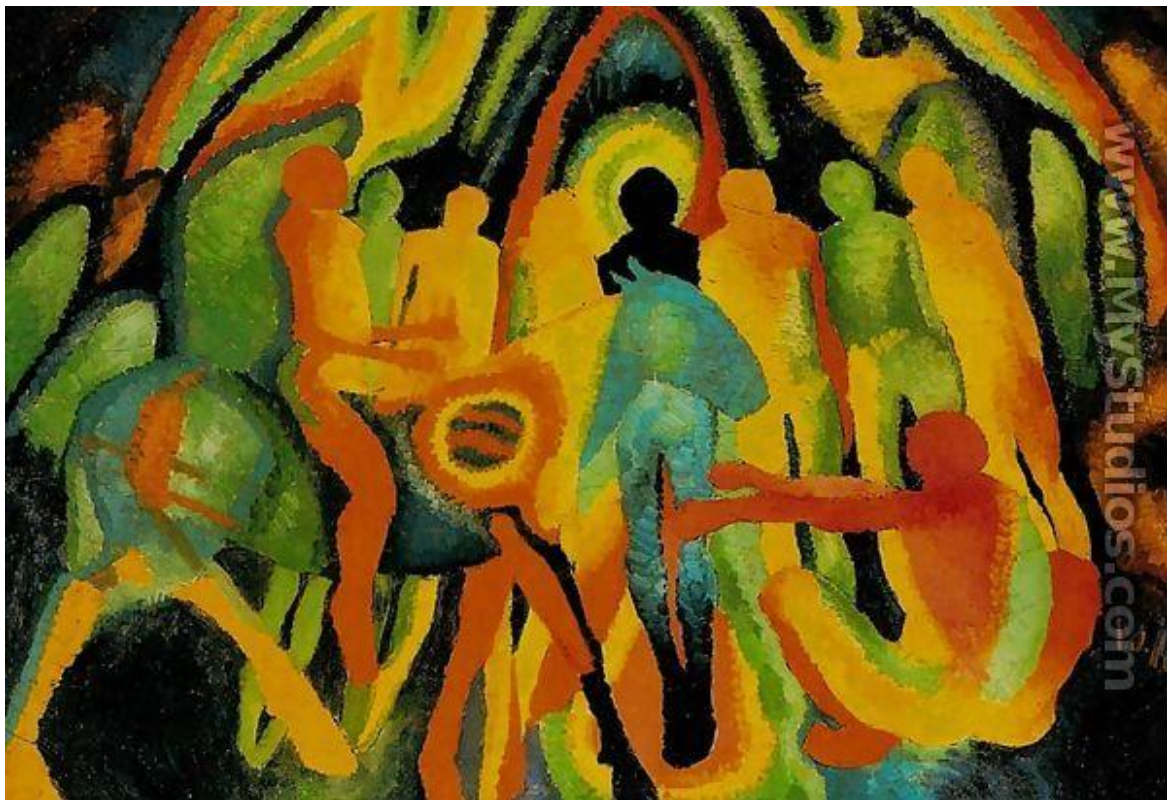




St Martin of Tours

Diocese of Edinburgh Scottish Charity No: 011137

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



March - April

Lent 2019

St Martin of Tours Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends

As we approach the season of lent, I would like to offer this reflection as part of our preparation for this time. Please consider it or reflect on it as you find helpful.



Who was Jesus? What lay at the heart of his message? Why had he come? What did it all mean? These and a host of other questions must have teemed in the minds of all those who glimpsed anything of the earthly ministry of Jesus. No one who heard his words or witnessed his actions could have been untouched by the experience, for here was a man who spoke and acted with an authority no one has ever matched. The result may have been more questions than answers, as much rejection as acceptance, but one thing is clear: when people came into contact with Jesus they had to decide for themselves just who it was they were dealing with. As we read and reflect this on the words of scripture and reading below the same challenge is put to us.

Matthew 13: 54 – 58

You are invited to read this story and consider the reflection at the end.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom, and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ and he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

‘Meditation of a resident of Nazareth’ Do you know what they are saying about him? You’re not going to believe it! There are all kinds of rumours flying about – that he’s Moses, Elijah or another of the prophets – but some are now actually claiming he’s the Messiah, the one we’ve waited for all this time, God’s promised deliverer! I said you wouldn’t believe it, didn’t I? Yet plenty do, apparently, a great multitude always around him, hanging on to his every word, applauding his every action, following his every move with open adulation. Barely back five minutes, and there he was in the synagogue interpreting the scriptures. Well, he may have. We’ve watched him grow up, you see, followed his progress, from when he was a bundle in his mother’s arms, and we knew exactly who we were dealing with. Oh, he’d always been a nice enough lad, I’m not denying that, never any trouble like some I might mention, but he was just an ordinary young man, Jesus the carpenter’s son, from the back streets of Nazareth, a local boy. We knew all about this man the crowds were flocking to. –I hear fresh reports about him day after day, and it’s always the same story – Healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, even raising the dead. There must be an answer somewhere, mustn’t there? Probably right under my nose if only I could see it. But it’s no good – we know the truth – don’t we? We’ve seen it with our own eyes, so, whatever else, the fault can’t lie with us. It can’t, can it?

Who is Jesus to you. What do you understand to lie at the heart of his message and why do you feel he had come?

Yousouf
Rector, St Martin of Tours

The next Vestry meeting is on **Tuesday 12th March at 7.45pm** in meeting room downstairs.

“The Way Through Lent”

an ecumenical journey together

Monday 11th March: Embracing Comfort

St Martin’s Community Resources Centre;

8pm - 9pm

Reflecting on Bible texts

Wednesday 20th March: Stepping Out

Polwarth Church; 7pm – 9pm

Walking a candlelit labyrinth

Tuesday 26th March: Becoming Friends of Jesus

GDS Saltyard, 158 Dalry Rd; 7pm – 9pm

Informal café style worship

Wednesday 3rd April: Encountering God

St Cuthbert’s Church; 7pm

Walking the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 10th April: Receiving Fresh Strength

St Michael’s Church; 7pm – 9pm

Reflecting on our experiences in song, prayer and action

The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf

We have received a thank you note for the donation from St Martin's of £150 from the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf.

The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf (HLID) in Salt, Jordan, is a Christian and Church-affiliated foundation that extends a helping hand to deaf and deafblind children in Jordan and the Middle East, regardless of their social, religious, political or economic backgrounds.

The institute enables them to obtain a meaningful place in family and community and to make their unique and valuable contribution to civic society.

The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf believes in a world in which all are seen as equal, both in the eyes of people as well as of the Creator, the Lord our God".

And seeks to enable deaf, hard-of-hearing and deafblind children, as well as people with other sensory and physical disabilities, for inclusion and participation in their families and communities in a meaningful way, and to make their valuable contribution to civic society – in the Middle East.

It is unique. Everybody is created in the image of God. All people, including Deaf people and those who are deafblind or otherwise disabled, are important for society.

Being a neighbour: We want to live the lessons and examples of Jesus Christ in our daily walk, decisions and activities. We see an important role for diaconal service, that is: to be an altruistic neighbour because of the Creator and his loving plan for this world. The Arabic words 'Allah Kariem', meaning 'God provides', bind us together. The way God cares for us, so we care for each other.

Together with the Islamic community:

Most of our work is located in an Islamic context. It is important to develop and maintain good and respectful relations with the Moslem communities around us. As children of Abraham our mutual heritage lies at the root of this concept and we wish to break down walls of misunderstanding.

Church network

As part of the local Church (the Arab Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East), the Institute and its local and international partners represent one of the diaconal activities of the Christian communities worldwide.

Calendar: March - April 2019

March

Sun 10	10.30am	Celebrating Communion - Lent 1 Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
Sun 17	10.30am	Celebrating Communion - Lent 2 Preacher: Sarah Kilbey
Sun 24	10.30am	Celebrating Communion - Lent 3 Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
Sun 31	10.30am	Celebrating Communion - Mothering Sunday Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

April

Sun 7	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Lent 5 Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
Sun 14	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Palm Sunday Preacher: Stuart Robertson
Thu 18	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
Fri 19	10.30am	Good Friday
Sun 21	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Easter Sunday Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
Sun 28	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Low Sunday Preacher: Stuart Robertson

Cleaning Rota

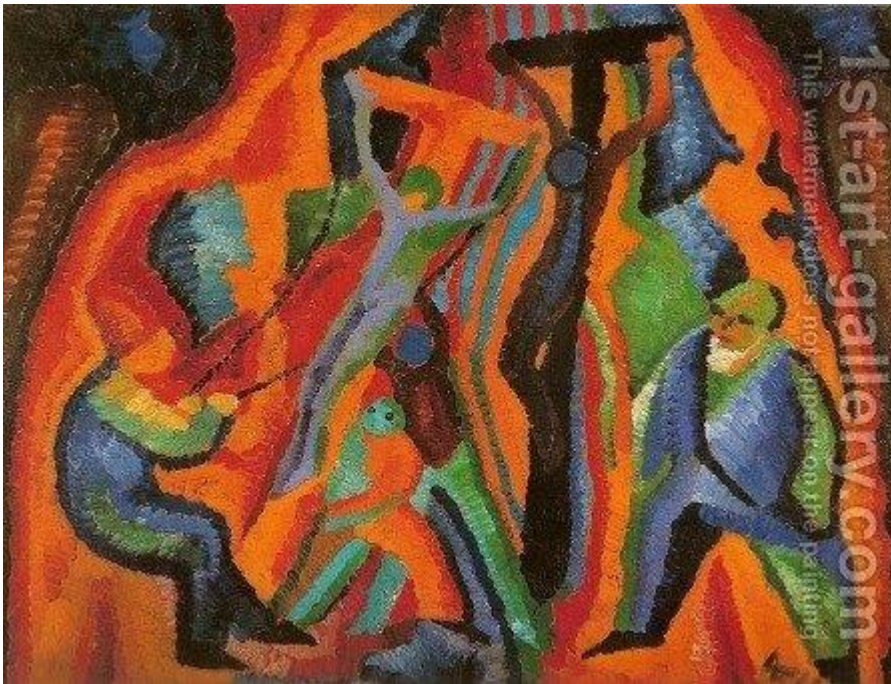
Church to be cleaned ready for Sunday...

April

Sunday 7 Frank
Sunday 14 Roderick
Sunday 21 Stuart and Kate
Sunday 28 Monika and Sonia

May

Sunday 5 Penny and Bob
Sunday 12 Frank
Sunday 19 Roderick
Sunday 26 Monika & Sonia



Paintings:

Entry into Jerusalem by Wilhelm Morgner (front cover)

Raising the Cross (Kreuzaufrichtung) (above)