



St Martin of Tours

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



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Dear Friends

Jesus gives us a new commandment:

‘A new commandment I give you: Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’ John 13: 34



Jesus leaves the disciples with his last instruction, his last will and testament, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’. This is the heart and soul of his message. In the law of Moses, the Hebrews were called to love God with all their soul, heart, mind and strength, and to love their neighbours as themselves. Here Jesus is calling his disciples not only to love others as they love themselves, but to love others as Jesus himself loves them. This is what’s new about this commandment. He is creating a holy, sacred agreement or contract between them.

They are being called to live in communion with each other, to share with one another, to serve one another in simple acts of love and caring, not judging, or condemning, but forgiving. They are being called to love as Jesus loves.

So here is a question to reflect on:

Why do you go to church?

We would all express the answer in different ways, but I think most of us would answer by saying that we go to worship God, to be part of his community, the Church, and to be put in touch with some big realities about ourselves and the world.

But what if we also thought that coming to church meant learning to be a follower of Jesus, learning how to be his representatives in the world, what greater focus would that give us?

How might it change us and how might it change the world around us?

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter season.

Rev Yousouf Gooljary

Prayers based on the Canticle of Creation, St Francis of Assisi

Contribution from Jenny Robertson

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, praise, glory, honour, and all blessing belong to You.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; you give light through him. He is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour, bearing the likeness of you, O Most High.

Lord, bring the kindly light of Brother Sun to all who sit in darkness. Bless and strengthen every effort world- wide to reduce our carbon footprint and temper the effects of warming oceans and holes in the ozone layer.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, you formed them in heaven clear and precious and beautiful.

Lord, Mother Church, like Sister Moon also reflects your glory. We pray for your church throughout the whole world, especially where there is need and persecution as well as in our secular society that adores the false sparkling stars of celebrity and wealth. Bless our church leaders and give them and us great wisdom to respond to the challenges of our times.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Lord, you give sustenance and we bring damage. We pray for the people of Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe whose homes and families have been drowned or buried in mud. Please bring speedy relief and help survivors rebuild their broken lives.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Lord, in the name of your dear Son Jesus who cried on the cross, "I thirst", we pray for those who live in parched desert places, for those whose water supplies are polluted and for all who thirst and have nothing to drink.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night; he is beautiful and playful and strong.

Lord how much we need heat and energy to cook our food and warm our homes. Please help us to use the gift of warmth wisely and well. We ask you to bless every true endeavour to find sustainable energy on our planet

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and produces varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Lord, we bless you for dear Mother Earth and pray for her preservation and salvation. We pray for those who farm the land, grow fruit and fish the seas on an industrial scale and ask for wisdom and moderation. We ask you to bless the Eco congregation here in St Martin's and also the work of food banks and the people and families who use them.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Lord at this time of Lent we ask you to make us merciful, praying now for ourselves and for all who need to learn to let go of bitterness and condemnation. We pray for families and nations torn apart and we pray for all whom we know and love who bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

We pray for the troubled nations on our planet, not least our own. Give peace in our time, O Lord, and make clean our hearts within us.

Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, who opens to us a gateway to new life.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

Quiet Space

Quiet Space Prayers date to be advised starting at 09:45 in the meeting room, downstairs in St Martin's. We gather together to share 30 – 40 minutes of silent prayer. Afterwards, tea and coffee are available.

All are welcome.

Liz Moir (Ms.)

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Ladies Tea Party

The ladies tea party this year will be held on [Saturday 22nd June at 3pm](#). Ladies and gents please put this date in your diary. We will be holding a raffle so if you have anything suitable please let me have these items nearer the time. If you wish more information please see me.

Mrs Liz Moir

Elinor's Orphanage raised over £600 - an amazing amount of money from an amazingly kind and generous congregation and friends. The lunch together was lovely - lots of chatting over delicious soup and cheese and scones and cakes. The home baking stall, plants, books and crafts, private donations and other fundraising events all contributed to this fabulous sum. WOW! On behalf of St M's Eco Congregation Group, many, many thanks to everyone who gave so generously and supported, wholeheartedly, this amazing project.

Liz Moir

St Martin's Strollers

The May walk will take place on 25th May Bo'ness to Blackness.

The June walk will take place on 29 June and is to Pittenween.

More details nearer the time



Peter Moir

JUNE 15 2019

T H E B I G S I N G

St Mary's Cathedral, EH12 5AW 11am start (coffee from 10:30am) 3pm Afternoon Tea 4pm Evensong

For more details email bigsing@dioceseofedinburgh.org or phone 0131 538 703

Eco congregational workshop Saturday 1st June 2019

Run by Rev Andrea Price and Rev Yousouf Gooljary

On Saturday 1 June 2019 two workshops inspired by “Zero Waste Scotland” will take place in St Michael’s from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Together we will ask: What can we do to save the planet? Come along to both workshops or one of them and see what you personally can do to help save the planet by the way we stop producing food waste and tend to the contents of our wardrobes.

Programme: 1.30pm – 3.30pm Love Food – Hate Waste and Love your Cloth

The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf

Sonia has received a letter from Tim Martin with thanks for the donation she sent for their work.

Taize Service at 5pm Sunday 19th May in lower meeting room

St Martins Resource Centre. We hope to be singing Taize chants for 40 minutes or so in a reflective way, accompanied by recorded music.

Gorgie Festival at St Brides on 14th June 12 noon-2pm free community lunch, all welcome. St Martin’s Church invited to produce cakes for a stall if they wish.

CANAL FESTIVAL

Canal Day 15th June Lochrin Basin 12-4.30pm

The Team at Re-Union have been organising the Edinburgh Canal Festival and Raft Race since 2009 and it has become a very successful annual event. The event is a mix of water and land based activities. There is something for everyone, last year we ran free canal boat trips, pony rides and there was great food on offer. This event attracts up to 7000 attendees (depending on the weather!).

Eco congregation Stirling Workshop :attended by Rev Gooljary

In February 2019 I attending a workshop on reducing food waste, run by eco congregation Scotland. Here are some of the points from the workshops.

Food facts

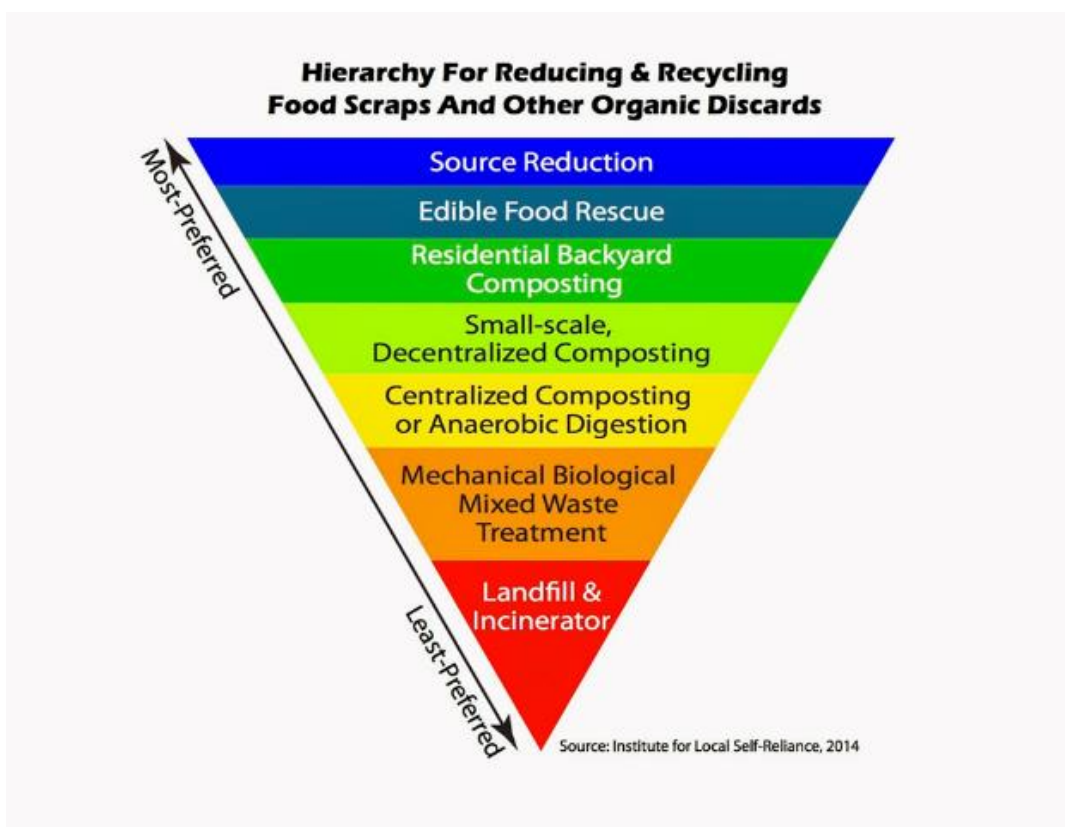
Did you know?

Almost 50% of all food waste in Scotland comes from households. We throw away **600,000 tonnes** of food and drink from our homes every year in Scotland, and **more than half** of this is food and drink we could have eaten.

Wasting this food costs the average household £460 a year, the equivalent of around

£38 a month.

The food waste hierarchy: Ideally don't have any food waste in the first place (source reduction)





Did you know?

The waste of good food and drink is associated with **4%** of Scotland's total water footprint.

Food waste: The big picture

- 1/3 of the world's food is wasted
- Producing, distributing, storing and cooking food uses energy, fuel and water
- Each of these emits greenhouse gases contributing to climate change
- Food waste sent to landfill gives off methane gas – **25x** more damaging than carbon dioxide

If we all stop wasting food that could have been eaten, the benefit to the planet would be the equivalent of taking **1 in 4 cars off the road.**

Why is food wasted?

There are two main reasons why we throw away good food: we cook or prepare too much or we don't use it in time.

The foods we waste the most are fresh vegetables and salad, drink, fresh fruit, and bakery items such as bread and cakes.



Did you know?

We throw away more food from our homes than packaging in Scotland every year

Calendar: May- June 2019

May

Sun 5 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Easter 3**
Preacher: Sarah Kilbey

Sun 12 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Easter 4**
Preacher: Stuart Robertson

Sun 19 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Easter 5**
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

Sun 26 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Easter 6**
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

June

Sun 2 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Easter 6**
Preacher: Sarah Kilbey

Sun 9 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Pentecost**
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

Sun 16 10.30am **Celebrating Communion Trinity Sunday**
Preacher: Stuart Robertson

Sun 23 10.30am **Celebrating Communion –**
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

Sun 30

10.30am

Celebrating Communion –
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

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

May

Sunday 5 Penny and Bob

Sunday 12 Frank

Sunday 19 Roderick

Sunday 26 Monika & Sonia

Church to be cleaned ready for Sunday	Cleaners
02/06/2019	George & Elizabeth
09/06/2019	Stuart & Kate
16/06/2019	Penny and Bob
23/06/2019	Frank
30/06/2019	Roderick