



St Martin of Tours

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



February -March 2020

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Who are we?

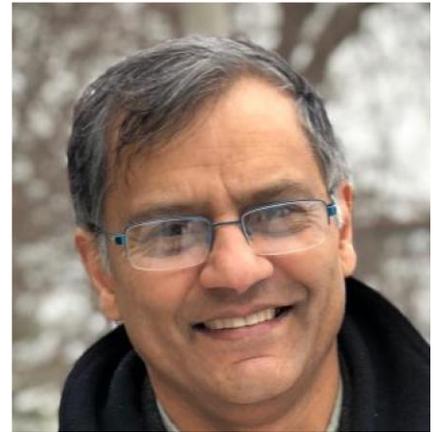
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Leave of Absence

I have received an email from The Bishop that The Rector's leave of absence has been extended until the end of February 2020.

Roderick
Vestry Secretary



Moving On

We've been in limbo at St Martin's for the past four months, while our Rector has been on long leave of absence, and it's been a rather strange time. When we first knew it was going to happen, David Warnes gave me some very wise, sound advice. "Don't try and do too much; forget about Advent groups, Ecumenical Services, whatever. If you attempt too much you'll get tired and anxious, and nothing will go really well. Instead, concentrate on the Sunday Eucharist, making it as good as it can be, and make sure you all take care of one another, so that no-one is left out or forgotten. All this we have tried to do, and I am full of praise for the way everyone has pitched in, volunteering, encouraging one another and helping.

But we could stay put forever and now that Lent is approaching, it seemed good to the Vestry that we should begin to move forward, and Ken agrees. There will be a Service in Church on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7pm which Ken will lead. We hope that many of you will want to keep this day and be present.

Ken also is planning a healing Eucharist for the First Sunday in Lent, March 1st which I'm sure will be helpful for all of us wounded soldiers!

In addition, we're decided to revive the Sceptics group which will meet on the First Sunday of the month, straight after the service. Those who would like to join a discussion around the sermon should get their coffee quickly and come into the circle near the piano. During Lent this will happen each Sunday as a small way to get into training, as it were, so that we can be ready and prepared to celebrate the great and joyful Festival of Easter. The gatherings will close at 12.30 and should provide us with a good opportunity to discuss, share ideas and grow together.

Finally, a 3 hour Service is being planned for Good Friday from 12.00 to 3.00pm. It will be informal and broken up into 20 minute slots, each one focusing on one of the seven words from the Cross. Each slot will be led by someone different; there will be some point of focus, a very short interpretation and then plenty of time for silent prayers. It should be quite easy to come and go to suit yourself, without any embarrassment. Do think about coming on that day.

We hope that these will provide us with some small steps to help us move on.

Sarah Kilbey

Church Rotas

During February we will be scheduling the church rotas once more. This last year has been a drain on St Martins resources and congregation members are less committed, but the work still needs to be done. I was inspired by recent sermons suggesting our faith prompts us to use the resources and talents provided to us. The automated rotas were established for two reasons. Firstly, to save clergy time and effort, but importantly also for members of the congregation to engage in worship and use their abilities to do what they feel is needed. We have 12 roles (besides the clergy) to be filled, some of which need two people, and this amounts to over 200 jobs in any three month period. As usual we have more work than workers. I hope you will think honestly about how you involve yourself. Please do help St Martins by volunteering where you can? If you need any further information please ask me or any vestry member or clergy.

The following are the roles we fill:

READER

GOSPELLER

PRAYER

BAKER

LOOP

WELCOMER

COUNTING

TEA SERVER

CHILDRENS LEADER

CHILDRENS HELPER

CLEANER

CHALICE BEARER

Stuart

(Rota Administrator)

Stuart Campbell

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Quiet Day

Saturday 29 February 2020

Led by: Revd Andrew Bain Priest-in-charge, St Salvador’s, Stenhouse & St David’s, Pilton At: St Salvador’s Episcopal Church Saughton Mains Street, Edinburgh EH11 3HH 11am -3.30pm

“Be not afraid”

An invitation to keep Lent in the company of Jesus

“Be not afraid”: An invitation to keep Lent in the company of Jesus Reflecting on the Lent Gospels, we’ll explore what Lent can mean for us as we follow Our Lord’s journey through a series of encounters -with the tempter in the desert, with aged Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman at the well, and a man born blind. For our own desert times these stories offer us living water, renewal and refreshment. As a popular hymn says: You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way. You shall speak my words in foreign lands and they will understand. You shall see the face of God and live. Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest. This quiet day is an opportunity to listen to Christ’s voice in the encounters of our own lives and in this time which we set apart to be with him.

Cost: £10, including tea/coffee on arrival and soup at lunchtime (please bring your own sandwiches) To apply for a place, please complete and detach the form opposite and send or hand in to the Cathedral Office, St Mary’s Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AW by Monday 17 February at the latest. Please enclose £10 in cash or by cheque payable to ‘St Mary’s Cathedral’.

Enquiries: please email ecumenical@cathedral.net

I would like to book a place for “Be not afraid”: An invitation to keep Lent in the company of Jesus on Saturday 29 February 2020. Name:..... Email and/or phone

contact:..... Please

tell us to which church congregation you belong (if

any):..... I enclose

cash/cheque* for the £10 cost(*please delete as applicable) The soup at lunchtime will be vegetarian. Please let us know of any additional dietary requirements:

There are no parking restrictions at St Salvador's. On street parking available. Buses via Calder Road: 3, 30, 33, 25, 300 (disembark at HM Prison Saughton, cross to opposite side and Church spire is visible beyond Stenhouse Primary School). Buses via Stenhouse Cross roundabout: 1, 22 (disembark first stop after roundabout opposite Tesco's. Church spire is visible, looking west from bus stop).

St Mary's Cathedral Diocese of Edinburgh www.cathedral.net

0131 225 6293 Scottish Charity No.

Eco- Congregation matters.

Tip for this month, interdental tooth picks are available at Boots the Chemist with bamboo handles.

People-coloured

If I hold my hand against a piece of white paper I can still see it. I'm not white, I'm people-coloured. Same as everybody else in the world. If God had made the earth flat the heat of the sun would have been evenly distributed and we would all be the same colour. But maybe he realised that some of us would fall over the edge. St Martin's is a people-coloured Church and everyone who comes into it is people-coloured. We should start a people-coloured movement.

Diana

Quiet Space

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

Quiet Space Prayer - date for your diary:

Saturday 8th February 2020.

All are welcome.

Liz Moir (Ms.)

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Craftclub

Craftclub has restarted after Christmas at Frazer court. We meet on a Saturday afternoon from 2 till 4 in the lounge on the ground floor. Please join us and if you would like more information please see me.

Liz

St Martin's Strollers

The St Martins Stollers will start new walks in February 2020.



St Martin's Strollers Walks for 2020

February 1st Calton Hill

March 13th (FRIDAY) Ratho

April 4th East Linton to Hailes Castle

May 16th West Granton to Cramond

June 13th Glentress to Peebles

July 11th Bridge of Allan to Dunblane

August 5th (WEDNESDAY) Pittenween Arts Festival

September 12th September Glasgow Transport Museum and the Shoogly Bridge

October 3rd Inzievar Woods

November 7th West Lothian Walk St Martin's

More details of each walk will be given nearer the time

CONTINUE by Maya Angelou

My wish for you
Is that you continue
Continue
To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness
Continue
To allow humour to lighten the burden
Of your tender heart
Continue
In a society dark with cruelty
To let the people hear the grandeur
Of God in the peals of your laughter
Continue
To let your eloquence
Elevate the people to heights
They had only imagined
Continue
To remind the people that
Each is as good as the other
And that no one is beneath
Nor above you
Continue
To remember you own young years
And look with favour upon the lost
and the least and the lonely
Continue
To put the mantle of your protection
Around the bodies of
The young and defenceless
Continue
To take the hand of the despised
And diseased and walk proudly with them
In the high street
Some might see you and be encouraged to do likewise
Continue

To plant a public kiss of concern
on the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirm
And count that as a
Natural action to be expected
Continue

To let gratitude be the pillow
upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good
Continue

To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge your range
And increase your spirit
Continue

To love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing
Continue

To float
Happily in the sea of infinite substance
Which set aside riches for you
Before you had a name
Continue
And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally

Celebrating Women Composers On International Women's Day

Sunday 8 March 2020, 6pm ('St Giles at 6')
St Giles Cathedral
Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH1 1RE

FREE entry, advanced booking is not necessary

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. The Scottish Chamber Choir wanted to mark this day by celebrating the achievements of women composers through the ages. Our programme will include the mystic Medieval plainchant of Hildegard von Bingen, florid Renaissance polyphony of Leonora d'Este, lush French Romanticism of Lili Boulanger, and sacred works by contemporary British composers.

More information

on <https://scottishchamberchoir.org.uk/> and info@scottishchamberchoir.org.uk

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Church to be cleaned ready for Sunday	Cleaners
02/02/2020	Frank
09/02/2020	Penny and Bob
16/02/2020	Roderick
23/02/2020	Monika and Sonia
01/03/2020	Stuart & Kate
08/03/2020	Frank
15/03/2020	Penny and Bob
22/03/2020	Roderick
29/03/2020	Monika and Sonia

Sun 15 10.30am **Celebrating Communion Lent 3**
Preacher: Stuart Robertson

Sun 22 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Lent 4**
Preacher: Sarah Kilbey

Sun 29 10.30am **Celebrating Communion – Lent 5**
Preacher: Ken Webb
