

Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Edinburgh



St. Martin of Tours

Gorgie-Dalry, Edinburgh



St. Martin of Tours, Dalry Road, Edinburgh

<https://stmartinsedinburgh.org.uk>

Priest-in-Charge (half-time)

Rooted in a common heritage we belong to each other, enjoying our diversity, growing in unity and working for the transformation of individuals and society.

We seek to sow seeds of new life under five priorities:

- Serving Our Communities
- Engaging All Generations
- Enabling Ministry
- Developing Disciples
- Sharing Faith

The Diocese of Edinburgh

Our Diocese is one of the seven dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It covers the eastern side of southern Scotland and stretches from the Firth of Forth to the English border. It includes more than 50 churches with a total membership of 8,500 and a communicant role of 6,000.

The Standing Committee of Diocesan Synod has two main sub-committees, Mission & Ministry and Finance & Management, both of which seek to further God's mission as set out above. Advice and support is available to charges in all aspects of their developing life. This includes work with young people and children, pastoral care and spiritual direction as well as more practical concerns for buildings and financial management. In 2020 we appointed a half-time Ministry Co-ordinator on a one-year, fixed term contract. This is a flexible and innovative role which aims to support the calling and wellbeing of diocesan clergy, in partnership with the bishop, the dean and the Mission & Ministry Committee. The vision is that this will strengthen the clergy of the diocese in their role, leading in mission and nurturing disciples.

The Bishop's Introduction

I commend to you the people of St. Martin's in the city of Edinburgh. You will read here of a deeply committed and resourceful congregation who have resolved to care for their wider community in real, practical and sacrificial ways. You will also learn of the diverse nature of that community and the potential to serve Christ in it.

The congregation has been through a couple of bruising years, they are also, like every church, weathering the storm of the pandemic. But they offer an inspiring example of how a church community can remain united and continue to grow in faith and love through adversity.

We are seeking a Priest who knows from experience how the Good News of Jesus Christ can transform the lives of individuals and communities. Someone who can be both a shepherd of the flock and a leader of a mission that reaches outwards to join in the work God is already doing.

I hold in my prayer all who are exploring the possibility that God may be calling them to this new ministry.

*+John
Bishop of Edinburgh*

St. Martin's Mission:

St. Martin's was established in 1883 as a mission church attached to the Cathedral. In 1982, when their original building became unsafe, St. Martin's congregation moved into the present church building. The decision to transform the building into a community resource centre followed much discussion and prayer. The project required major changes to create an attractive and fully accessible complex.

A key part of St. Martin's mission, therefore, has been the transformation of the church building into St Martin's Community Resource Centre (SMCRC) for Gorgie-Dalry. Fundraising for the project began in 2010 and since then a combination of active and varied fundraising by members of the congregation, generous bequests and grant applications by our committed and enthusiastic fundraiser raised over £600,000. Although fundraising by St. Martin's congregation has now stopped our commitment to SMCRC and to all who share in the life and work of our community remains our priority.

In 2014, Phase 1 of the transformation project was undertaken. This involved extensive changes to the ground floor worship space, the creation of a new kitchen, accessible toilet and office, and the insertion of a new staircase and a lift well. Phase 2, which involved the installation of the lift and structural works on the basement level, was completed by the end of 2015. Building and technical works were undertaken



by contractors, and working parties drawn from the congregation carried out extensive redecoration work and installed a kitchenette on the lower level. Phase 3 involved the installation of an accessible toilet on the lower level, as well as the installation of two further blocks of conventional toilets.

Ladies' Tea Party, a popular fund-raiser

In 2013, with the full approval of the Property Trustees of the Diocese of Edinburgh, the church building was leased for 25 years to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registration number SCO42335, St. Martin's Community Resource Centre (SMCRC). The Property Trustees of the Diocese of Edinburgh stipulated that the Board of the SMCRC should have representation from the St. Martin's congregation, and three others drawn from the local community. SMCRC took over complete financial responsibility for the transformation and future maintenance of the building, for insurance and utility bills, as well as arranging and paying for Quinquennial inspections. Since 2013 the congregation of St. Martin's have been tenants of SMCRC, paying rent for the use of the building on Sunday mornings, for occasional weekday services, and for community activities run by the congregation. Outwith the Covid-19 situation we would normally facilitate the following: Toddler Martians (the Monday-morning Parent/Carer and Toddler group) and the annual St. Martin's Community Art Exhibition which takes place over one week in August during the Edinburgh Festival. Members of the congregation would also regularly engage with 'Good Morning Gorgie' and the Gorgie-Dalry Toy Library (see **Community use of the Building** below for details).

The ownership of the Rectory remains in the hands of the congregation, as does the responsibility for its maintenance and improvement, insurance, Council Tax and the carrying out of Quinquennial inspections.



The west end of the church before and after the Transformation Project.





Above: St. Martin's from the bottom of Ardmillan Terrace.

Below: Gorgie tenements and the Caledonian Brewery.



St. Martin's Community

Gorgie-Dalry is predominantly an area of tenement housing, retail businesses and industry along a busy main road which leads from the west end of Edinburgh's city centre towards outer suburbs. St. Martin's is located on Dalry Road, 1.5 km from the west end of Princes Street. The area is well-served by public transport, including a main-line railway station (Edinburgh Haymarket) which is 0.9km from the church.

Both Gorgie and Dalry have undergone considerable change in the past twenty years, with industries closing down and a growing immigrant population from Poland, other parts of eastern Europe and South Asia.



Most of the housing consists of 19th century tenements which once housed large families in cramped conditions but which increasingly house either upwardly-mobile young couples who have purchased their first property, a diminishing number of elderly residents who have lived there for decades, students in multiple occupation, and couples or singles living in rented accommodation. Dalry also includes extensive new-build apartments.

A Community Audit carried out by St. Martin's and three local Church of Scotland parishes in 2007 involving extensive interviews with local people and the study of Census data, found that the transition from established local communities to dormitory areas with a transient population had increased the need for community spaces and activities. Since then, Edinburgh City Council has cut funding to community projects and initiatives, resulting in the closure of the Gorgie-Dalry Community Association, whose office was located at St. Martin's.

The Community Audit encouraged St. Martin's in its mission to transform the church building into a community resource centre.

Nearby Slateford and Shandon have a different demographic, with housing accommodation more suitable for families, much of which is owner-occupied.

The St. Martin's Rectory is in Ardmillan Terrace, 250 metres from the church, on a road which links Gorgie-Dalry with Slateford and Shandon.

Tynecastle High School, located 0.3km from the Rectory, has modern and impressive buildings and on-site sports facilities.

Dalry Primary School, with which St. Martin's has close links, is 0.5km from the Rectory and is a vibrant multi-ethnic community which has gained national recognition for its creativity.



There are four universities in or close to Edinburgh and the cultural life of the city is extensive and varied throughout the year, and particularly rich during the weeks of the International Festival, the Book Festival, the Film Festival and the Fringe.

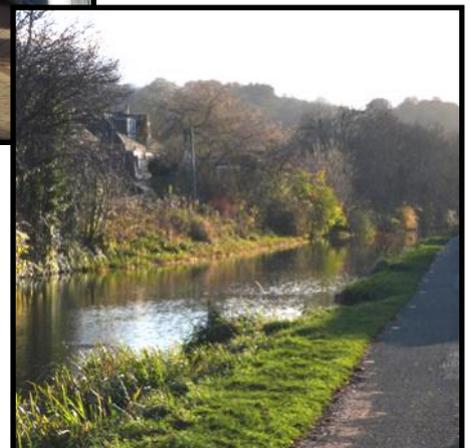
There are two medical practices in the immediate area, one of which (Springwell Medical Centre) is located at 39 Ardmillan Terrace, Edinburgh, EH11 2JL, almost opposite the Rectory. Edinburgh is well served by two major hospitals, the Western General and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and is an internationally recognised centre of medical research.

Local employers include the North British Distillery, the Caledonian Brewery, Heart of Midlothian Football Club, whose Tynecastle stadium is close to St. Martin's, and retail outlets including Sainsburys, Aldi, Lidl and Co-op Foods. Some local people commute the short distance to the city centre to work in the extensive financial services sector or in local or national government.

Tynecastle High School and Tynecastle, the home of Heart of Midlothian F.C.



The Union Canal tow-path at Harrison Park, which is a short walk from the Rectory.



St. Martin's and Covid-19:

St. Martin's congregation, its community and mission has been significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The SMCRC, in accordance with government instruction, closed in March 2020. This meant that the many community groups using the building ceased normal operation. Likewise, St. Martin's congregation, a tenant of SMCRC, was unable to meet in the building for worship. The congregation continued to connect in worship, facilitated by Sunday service sheets including liturgy, hymns and a reflection, made available on the church website. Some members also gathered together virtually by Zoom for both audio and visual involvement in communal worship.

As Covid-19 restrictions changed, we found a need for worship services to be offered in different ways to different members of the congregation, with some members feeling safer to continue with a virtual form of worship, whilst others wished to meet in the church building. Since the end of August, several of the congregation have met in St. Martin's church building for worship conforming with the latest Scottish Government's requirements, joined via Zoom by members connecting from home.

We acknowledge that our current context will not soon return to 'normal', and that we will have to continue to respond to many changes. During these unfortunate times, we will require an additional skill set from a new Priest-in-Charge. Our hope is that they will guide and support us in developing and establishing forms of blended worship such as those we have already begun to explore. We also hope that 2021 will see us all looking forward to re-connecting with people and activities within our community, and a return to the full use of the SMCRC and our mission to meet the varied needs of existing and future members of our congregation and community.

St. Martin's Worship

A person who joined the congregation recently, but before the Covid Pandemic, has written that St. Martin's "...is a place where I find my soul being nourished through the liturgy, the music, the homilies, the prayers and, importantly, the weekly Eucharist." He writes of the emotional response "...experienced from the welcome at the front door to the amazing warmth of the shared peace..." and of "...a sense of calmness, gentleness, compassion and a deep sense of love."



The weekly Eucharist, beginning at 10.30am every Sunday, uses the 1982 liturgy of the Scottish Episcopal Church. In normal times, Children's Church happens during the Bible readings, sermon and intercessions, and the children re-join the congregation for the Peace and then gather round the altar with the whole congregation to receive the bread, but not the wine. Towards the end of the service the children share with the congregation what they have been learning and doing.

Periods of quiet or silence (for example after the sermon) are an integral part of our worship. The style of worship has been described as "a mixture of high church and low church", with strong participation by members of the congregation who read the Old Testament lesson, the Epistle and the Gospel, and are encouraged to devise and lead the Intercessions and to administer the chalice.

Members of the congregation also serve as welcomers, preparers and servers of tea and coffee after services and are active in preparing the church for worship.

We also benefit from the work of a gifted flower arranger.

And in normal times, an informal evening communion service is held on the second Sunday of the month at Fraser Court, a sheltered housing complex close to Haymarket, where members of the St. Martin's congregation, two of whom live at Fraser Court, are occasionally joined by other Fraser Court residents and parishioners from St Michael's Church of Scotland parish in Slateford.

Two members of the congregation have commented on the approach to preaching as follows:

“The Gospel message is expressed clearly without being over complicated and offered in a way which seeks to touch the reality of our human lives.”

“Having a faith where I don't take the Bible literally, I have felt uncomfortable in some churches, as I've felt the assumption is that you do. Even when I feel full of doubt, I never feel hypocritical in St. Martin's and I know that the style of worship and style of preaching won't constantly confront me with my doubts and make me feel inadequate.”

The musical life of St. Martin's is led by our organist, Dr Chris Johnson. In normal times, a group of able singers sits at the back of the church, giving a lead in the singing of hymns and the chants that are used for the Gloria, the Sanctus and Benedictus and, at certain seasons, for the Lord's Prayer. Hymns are taken from the Anglican edition of *Hymns Old and New* and from *Common Ground* as well as other modern hymn books and sources, including Wild Goose and Fischy Music, and a modern form of Psalm chants is used. It is hoped that the Priest-in-Charge will lead and encourage the musical aspects of worship.

Because the church building is leased to SMCRC and is used by a wide variety of organisations and activities through the week, the church is generally unavailable as a place of worship except on Sundays. It is however open for prayer and reflection once a month, and weekday services are held on special occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Space for weddings and funerals is arranged by the SMCRC hall manager.

Working together

Daytime and evening Lent Groups, sometimes shared with our ecumenical partners at St Michael's, Slateford, and Advent Bible study sessions held after the Sunday morning service have provided opportunities for reflecting on faith and doubt. St. Martin's has been fortunate to have the support of two experienced, retired clergy in the congregation, who will support the Priest-in-Charge as part of the Clergy Team.

In recent years the whole congregation successfully worked through the process of reflecting on the challenges and opportunities involved in their plan to transform the building into a community resource centre. Happily, on 14/06/2014, SMCRC was opened to the Gorgie-Dalry community with much celebration and joy.



The refurbished lower hall.

The downstairs kitchenette.



The congregation also listened, prayed and reflected on the proposed changes to the Canon on Marriage (Canon 31). St. Martin's seeks to be an open and inclusive community and after a process of reflection and dialogue, the changes to the Canon on Marriage were supported by Vestry and by the congregation.

The blessing and Eucharist to mark the civil marriage of two members of the congregation of the same gender were a highlight of 2017. An open, collaborative, and listening style of leadership from the then Rector and with support from the Pastoral Companions and Clergy Team, meant that doubts and concerns about such issues could be expressed and taken into account.

In both instances, those who expressed concerns about our capacity for fundraising or the potential conflict generated by proposed changes to the Canon on Marriage, joined enthusiastically in that process.

Community use of the building:

As mentioned above, community use of our building has been severely limited by Covid-19 restrictions. As restrictions ease, the SMCRC will seek to reinstate the many groups which have met in our building in the past, and we imagine that new users may also be found. Since completion, the SMCRC has been used by a wide variety of community groups, with activities such as drama, dance classes, music lessons, martial arts sessions, yoga and Pilates taking place regularly, as well as the meetings of the Cocaine Anonymous group, and Inspire Crafts, a group which runs art and craft classes for differently-abled people. There was a Judo class for children aged 4-14, and a language tuition class. One of the downstairs offices is still rented by the Lothian cycling campaign, Spokes, and the other by Gorgie Collective, a community arts organisation.

Many of these groups simply rented space from SMCRC. There were three regular user groups in which members of the congregation were involved, together with people from the wider community. One was 'Good Morning Gorgie' ;a session for over 55s run by Health All Round, providing social space, talks, events and a simple lunch. It also provided a foot-care service, given by 'Caring Soles' .The two other 'user groups' ran concurrently; Toddler Martians, a toddler group, and the [Gorgie-Dalry Toy Library](#), a not-for-profit community organisation.

The completion of Phase 3 was an important milestone. The withdrawal of Council funding from many community projects heightened the need for the welcoming and well-equipped community space, and this is what we will seek to continue once Covid-19 restrictions have sufficiently eased.



Kitchen
And
Office



Side Notice board advertising
community groups available.



Pastoral Care:

The Pastoral Companions, a team of five people, meet every other month, and have continued to connect with each other throughout the pandemic. They keep each other and the clergy informed of pastoral needs and are involved in visiting and giving support to housebound members of the congregation. Home Communion is celebrated with members of the congregation who are housebound or living in care homes and the custom is for some members of the congregation to join the clergy on these occasions.



Community litter-picking with children, including (right) a class from Dalry Primary School.



Cllr Gavin Corbett unveils the second of St. Martin's Eco-Congregation awards.



Eco-Congregation:

St. Martin's is an Eco-congregation, one of about 500 throughout Scotland registered with Eco-Congregation Scotland, an ecumenical network established in the early 2000s to encourage congregations to take action against climate change. St. Martin's joined in 2005.

Our enthusiastic eco-group, which averages ten people including clergy, promotes activities in the church and the community, including Dalry Primary School, to increase awareness of environmental concerns, especially climate change. We engage with spiritual and practical dimensions; on local and global concerns; on individual and group responses. We received First and Second Awards from ECS and will continue working towards our Gold Award.

Encouraged by the Eco-congregation group, St. Martin's has become a Fairtrade church and has raised money to support sustainable projects in an orphanage in Liberia. In our worship, our activities, and our relationships with the community, we are mindful of caring for creation.

Outreach fundraising:

The challenge of raising over £600,000 for the transformation of the building did not distract St. Martin's from its mission to support charities and church activities beyond Gorgie-Dalry.

For many years the congregation has been linked with the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf through one of its members, supporting its work. In recent years we have established a link with Eleanor's orphanage, a small charity in Liberia which cares for and educates orphans, raising funds through coffee mornings. Regular updates from Eleanor are a reminder of how sums, which, to us, might seem modest, can achieve a great deal in that context. Through this connection we recently sent a donation (August 2020) to young family in Liberia to help cover hospital expenses for a very ill 10-year-old boy. A further appeal for funds went out to the congregation and the response was immediate.

The Community Art Exhibition:

In 2019 the St. Martin's Community Art Exhibition, held during the final week of the Edinburgh Festival, provided, for the fifteenth successive year, an opportunity for artists and craftspeople from both the local and the wider communities to exhibit and sell their work. The main task of administering the exhibition is undertaken by one member of the congregation, and many others are actively involved as stewards or in the running of the café and supplying it with home-bakes. The Schools' Concert, held during the Art Exhibition and involving young musicians from Dalry Primary School and Tynecastle High School, draws a good crowd and there is a steady stream of visitors throughout the week.



Relations with other churches:

In 2007 the then Associate Rector of St. Martin's, together with people from St. Martin's and three neighbouring Church of Scotland parishes, carried out a detailed Community Audit which has, since then, informed St. Martin's mission. In 2010 St. Martin's entered a covenant relationship with those three Church of Scotland parishes – St Colm's, Gorgie and St Michael's. The co-operation envisaged between these "Partner Churches" has been affected by changing circumstances, including the closure of St Colm's and the creation of the new and extensive parish of Gorgie-Dalry-Stenhouse.

St. Martin's continues to enjoy a close relationship with St Michael's, and would normally take part



in monthly shared informal communion services on Sunday evenings, and shared Lent groups. Members of St Michael's also belong to the St. Martin's Walking Group. During the six months of building works at St. Martin's in 2014, the congregation joined the congregation of St Michael's for Sunday morning worship and for other activities in their church.

When the City Council withdrew funding from the Gorgie-Dalry Gala, an annual one-day event held in Murieston Park, just behind St. Martin's, local churches got together to organize "G in the Park", a fun day to which St. Martin's contributed by running an open-air café, as they had at successive Galas.

We have historical links to the local Roman Catholic church, St Cuthbert's, Slateford, and an ongoing connection with the Salvation Army Citadel in Gorgie through shared participation in and hosting of World Day of Prayer.

Links with local schools:

In addition to the links with Tynecastle High School, whose students exhibit their work at the Community Art Exhibition and perform in the annual Schools' concert during that week, St. Martin's enjoys close links with Dalry Primary School.

Former Rectors have served as Chair of the school's Parent Council, and the Eco-congregation group have worked with children from the school on litter-picks and on the establishment of a wormery. Pupils from the school have also enjoyed visiting the church's basement garden. St. Martin's has hosted the Nursery Department's Harvest Festival Assembly and the Rector or a Team Priest has conducted the Christmas Assembly at the school on the last day of term.



Left: The St. Martin's Eco-Congregation Group helped Dalry Primary School to establish a wormery.

Toddler Martians:

Toddler Martians is a session for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers. It would normally run every Monday morning during term time from 10am to 11.30am and be staffed by volunteers from the St. Martin's congregation. It has tended to attract around twenty adults and twenty children. We offer an extensive play space, a range of toys, the chance for adults to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and get to know each other, and towards the end of each session healthy snacks are served to the children and a singsong is organised. A local community organisation, the Gorgie-Dalry Toy Library, has operated alongside Toddler Martians, and several members of its committee and of its team of volunteers are drawn from the congregation.



Learning Play and Social Skills

Craft Group

The Craft Group, which would usually meet on Saturday afternoons has given members of the congregation and others the chance to share skills and to get involved in the Advent yarnbombing of Murieston Park with knitted angels, each with a label inviting people to St. Martin's Christmas services. Members of the group and other members of the congregation were involved in the creation of wall-hangings on the wall behind the altar. These were designed by a member of the congregation, developing an idea originating from the Eco-group, and all were made from recycled fabrics donated by members of the congregation and the local community.



Advent
Angels
And
Altar
Back drop



Walking Group:

St. Martin's has an active Walking Group which organizes monthly walks in the Lothians, Borders and Fife using (mostly) public transport.



*Above: Walkers
diverted by sloes.*



*Left: The Walking
Group at Mussel-
burgh.*

Communications:

The St. Martin's website at <http://stmartinsedinburgh.org.uk> was designed and is regularly updated by a member of the congregation. The weekly pew-sheet, distributed at the Sunday morning service and available on the website a couple of days beforehand, gives the Bible readings and collect for that Sunday and includes notices of forthcoming events. The newsletter, which is distributed both on paper and by email, comes out seven times a year, at the beginning of February, March, May, July, September, November and December. It includes a calendar of services and events for the period that it covers. Back issues of the newsletter are available on the website.



The Rectory:

The Rectory (15 Ardmillan Terrace) is a substantial late Victorian terrace house with a small front garden and a larger rear garden. It is 250 metres from St. Martin's and close to local schools and a health centre, as well as a range of local shops. There is on-street parking.

The ground floor consists of an entrance hall with a downstairs toilet, and a large bay-windowed room at the front of the building which has been used as the Rector's study because it and the downstairs toilet can be accessed without going further into the house. This room has also been used for Vestry meetings. The other downstairs rooms are a family room and a kitchen diner. Under-stair cupboards provide useful storage. Upstairs are four bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate toilet.

Extensive improvements to the Rectory, including roof repairs, removal of asbestos, damp proofing, replastering, new paint in the entire house, new bathroom and toilets, complete rewiring of electrical circuits, and the fitting of a Howden kitchen, were carried out in late 2017/early 2018, during our last vacancy.



The developing mission of St. Martin's

In a sense, the completion of the resource centre leaves the congregation in a vacuum. While it is clear what the SMCRC has to do in practical terms (supporting community activities and raising funds for itself - administering the space) it isn't so clear where we as a congregation are heading. The stresses of creating the resource centre have taken a toll of our energy, the unfortunate pastoral problems we have just experienced have damaged our trust and confidence, and it is an obvious fact that the congregation is older every year. Can we find new objectives? What should they be? We really need someone who can help us find answers to these questions ourselves and who can lead us in our search. It is not all as discouraging as it might seem. Whoever comes will not find a fractured congregation; there is friendship and a shared love which has helped us in the past and will help us now. There is also a desire to become better followers of our Lord. A new Priest-in-Charge will not find reluctance but an eagerness to embark upon the next stage in our journey.

St. Martin's is seeking to appoint a priest ordained within the Anglican Communion and eligible to work in the United Kingdom as Priest-in-Charge. We will welcome the person appointed into the life of our faithful, happy, loving and inclusive community. We are a small, prayerful, loving and dynamic congregation always ready and willing to be of service. We would be open to appointing someone for a period between 2 and 5 years if that is the extent to which the candidate could commit.

We hope that the person appointed will be:

- Theologically rooted in relationship – with God, with humanity, and creation - and in hospitality.
- Someone who offers enabling and collaborative leadership.
- Able to embrace and encourage the spirituality of the congregation.
- Open to traditional and contemporary forms of worship and liturgy and who would encourage the musical heart of the congregation.
- A sincere and compassionate priest with a pastoral heart, who will enable the pastoral team in their ministry.
- Someone who will support and encourage the nurture of young members of the congregation, including Children's Church ministry.
- Committed to environmental action in personal and public life, and enthusiastic in supporting the ways in which St. Martin's responds to the call to care for creation.
- Committed to enhance the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of our locality including schools, other local churches and the diverse clientèle of the SMCRC.
- Be enthusiastic with a capacity for fun and able to laugh with us.

The appointment offers:

Salary: 50% of Scottish Episcopal Church clergy standard stipend and 50% non-contributory pension contributions.

Four-bedroom Rectory in a good location close to the centre of Edinburgh.

Council Tax and Buildings Insurance paid by Vestry.

Funding available for some secretarial support.

This appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure Scotland check (Protection of Vulnerable Groups [Scotland] Act 2007).

Facts and figures:

The following figures are from our Advent 2019 Congregational Return

Members of the congregation: 70 (37 male, 33 female)

Persons on the Communicants roll: 66 (35 male, 31 female)

Easter communicants: 46

Congregational giving

2017/18 £30,506

2018/19 £28,629

2019/20 £25,479

In terms of giving per head, St. Martin's compares very favourably with charges in the diocese. The congregation is generous and resourceful.

Church finances as of 14/10/2020

SEC Unit Trusts: £36,429.00 at most recent valuation.

CAF Account: £21,106.92

Bank of Scotland a/c: £20,860.86

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The Vestry:

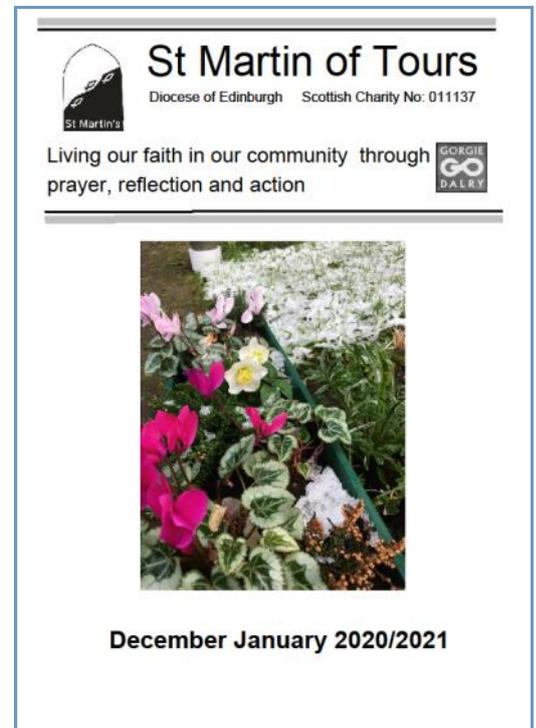
The Vestry is the elected body of trustees accountable for the running of the church in accordance with their legal responsibilities under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The Vestry comprises of:

The Priest-in-Charge (Ex officio and chair of vestry with a casting vote when needed)

- The Priest's Warden: (appointed by the Priest-in-Charge)
- The People's Warden: (currently vacant)
- Six elected members, one of whom is elected by vestry to act as treasurer
- Three Ex officio members:
 - * The Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod,
 - * The Alternate Lay Representative,
 - * The Secretary, who is not entitled to vote.

Team Priests attached to St. Martin's and the organist are permitted to attend meetings and are encouraged to join in the discussion/debate but do not have a vote.

Vestry is convened by the Priest-in-Charge and meets 6 times each year.



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Our Website