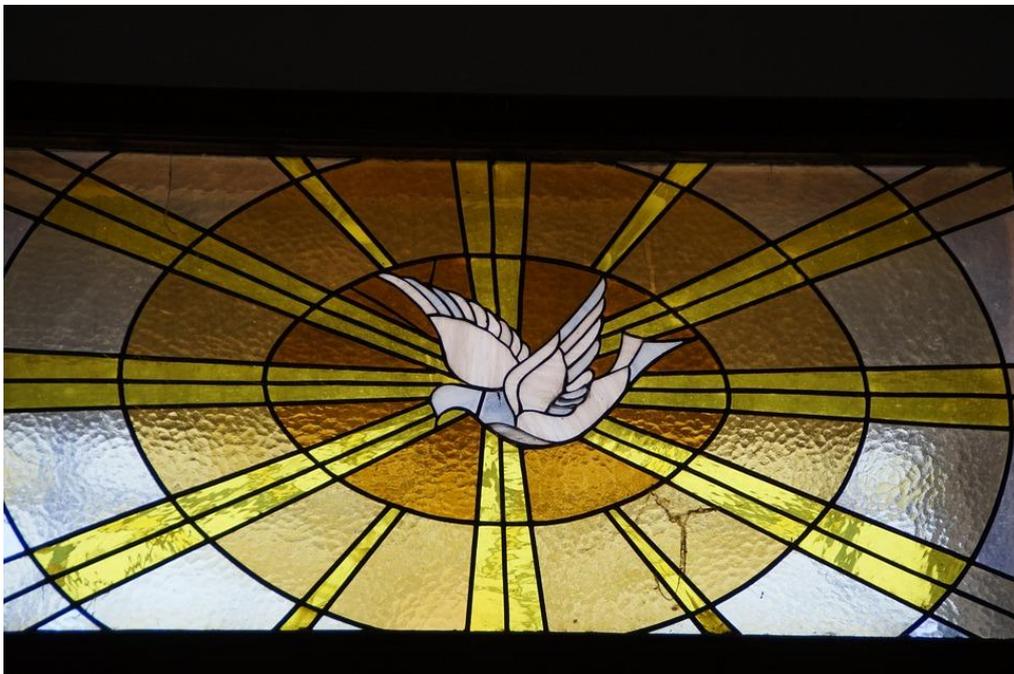




St Martin of Tours

Diocese of Edinburgh Scottish Charity No: 011137

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



July - August 2019

St Martin of Tours Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends

On Iona many years ago I was fortunate enough to be on a week led by Father Ed de la Torre, a theologian from the Philippines, and he led a dramatic reflection using three time frames on the Good Samaritan, that very well known passage from Luke. Jesus tells the story arising from a question, 'who is my neighbour?' Put another way this could be posed "how do I love?" We can view the story from three different snapshots, to shed more light on this question.



Imagine, the first time frame as the Samaritan arrives at the scene and meets the traveler, who has not yet been robbed, the robbers are on their way, and can be seen in the distance what does he do? How do the passers -by continue to pass what happens, what is said, how do people react?

Then imagine the scene in the second snapshot, the robbers are in the act of beating and robbing the man, the Samaritan and passers -by arrive, how do they react? How do they make sense of the conflict they must feel, the fear for their own protection, and the need to help?

Then the third time frame, the Samaritan and the passers -by arrive but this time they see the fleeing robbers, what is their action now.

I was interested in this reading of the story to help us reflect on our service, how do we serve in moments of conflict, doubt, or fear, is there more to showing compassion than simply patching up the wounded, carrying them away to be tended, all perfectly laudable activities in themselves. Our service and help seems to be increasingly demanded in the world in places of injustice, conflict and fear, be it knife crime on our streets, or violence shown to our planet, so perhaps there is room for the Good Samaritan to take up his Tardis and enter new dimensions.

I wish you all well for the summer break and look forward to seeing you refreshed.

Love and peace

Rev Y Gooljary

St Martin's 15th Art Show 2019

Our art show aims to show some of the talent from people who live, work or worship in the local community. Over the fifteen years we have been running this community has spread farther afield as interest has grown.

This year the Preview evening will be on Sunday 25th August then the show will run Monday 26th to Saturday 31st August.

We need LOTS of help to set up and run the exhibition including setting up (Saturday 24th), manning the show, helping with school concerts, running the café, home-baking and dismantling the show ...to name a few. Please mark the dates in your diaries and offer help where you can. There will be a rota available to sign up to in August.

We accept paintings and canvases and artistic photography ... all of which must be framed and strung due to our hanging system.

Silverware, glass, woodwork and craftwork such as quilting, embroidery and tapestry can also be displayed. Pottery and other items have also been displayed in the past.

There is no cost to enter but we take 20% commission on all sales.

If you or someone you know is interested in displaying work please contact Lynn Dailly at St Martin's. Final date to notify entry is July 31st.

Lynn Dailly

Flowers

Please accept my continued gratitude for all donations towards the flowers in church. I am very thankful to receive some of the funds from the Sunday morning teas and personal donations from anyone who is able to give regardless of the amount and whether regularly or as a one off.

The flowers do not last as long during the summer so please continue to donate whenever you are able. Money can be put in an envelope marked "Flowers" and put in the plate or handed to me directly.

Many thanks,

Lynn Dailly

General Synod June 2019

This year General Synod took place on 6-8 June. As usual it took place at St Pauls and St Georges here in Edinburgh. The opening Eucharist, was as usual very uplifting and our Primus, Mark Strange (Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness) gave an excellent address.

Usually at General Synod a lot of time is spent on alterations and amendments to Canon, but this year that was not so! There were a number of excellent debates which I felt really reflected not only the problems but also great advancements which society (and the SEC are making!) Two of the best were the "Proposed Revision of Ethical Investment Policy" and "What it Means to be Human; the Challenge of Genome Editing"

Over the last couple of years there has been a great deal of debate concerning ethical investment. The motion that was brought to Synod was "the Ethical Investment Policy be updated to reflect the use of pooled funds whilst respecting the need to subject investment to ethical screening and reporting" This motion was not passed as many thought that it did not go far enough and that the SEC's ethical investment policy should be updated to reflect the moral imperative to move away fully from fossil fuels. This was passed by all three Houses.

The Church in Society Committee produced an excellent report (but far too lengthy to reproduce here - If anyone would like to read the full report I have a copy.) on "What it means to be Human, the challenge of Genome Editing"

Four members of that Working group gave an excellent presentation and the motion That this Synod

- Welcome the report on genome editing in animals and humans
- Recognise that some applications may be beneficial such as inherited cell gene therapy in humans and disease resistance in pigs but that some applications raise major ethical concerns, such as editing the human germline to produced modified babies
- Instruct the Church in Society Committee to continue to examine these issues and to engage with appropriate national and international for a where these ethical issues are under discussion.

Edinburgh Climate Festival Saturday 6th July 2019 on the Meadows.

The event - which runs from noon until 9pm on Saturday July 6th - is a way for sustainable and community groups can promote their initiatives and get more people involved in them.

Bands confirmed so far include The Victor Pope Band and Chango Munks, with negotiations ongoing with the likes of Mark Sharp and The Bicycle Thieves, The Sitar Project and The Edinburgh Samba School.

Guest speakers confirmed so far include Edinburgh City Council leader Adam McVey.

Edinburgh Climate Festival is a free, family event that aims to raise climate change awareness and increase public knowledge on how to live more sustainably, inspiring and empowering the public to take action on the current climate crisis. It will also be a plastic-free and zero waste to landfill event.

It is hosted by Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) organisations and is part funded by the CCF, a Scottish Government grant programme. This programme is managed and administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, which provides funding and support for community groups that are tackling climate change through local community-led projects.

Climate Festival Organisers

Communities for Conservation: Aims to provide communities with the knowledge of how to reduce heating bills, use community gardens, recycling and even teaches people how to ride a bike.

The Welcoming: Founded by the Adult Learning Project in Tollcross.

St Martins ECO Congregation

HELPFUL HINTS

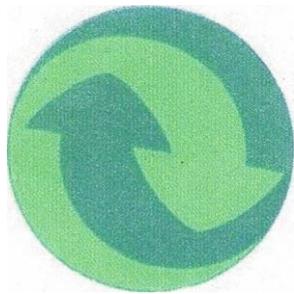
Did you know that some of our recycling is being ruined because of

THE GREEN DOT

This logo may also be black and white or black on the wrapper colour

It is a logo that appears on many plastic pouches and packaging in supermarkets and could be deceiving shoppers into thinking the packaging is recyclable. What it really means is that a financial contribution has been made towards recycling.

Many of us recycle the packaging which gets so mixed up with the recyclable items that the lot has to be sent to landfill.



[Other helpful Hints](#)

Most plastic bottles can be recycled - empty, rinse, and replace tops and recycle.

Liquid soap bottles - remove pump dispenser and put pump in rubbish bin.

Bathroom and kitchen cleaners - rinse and replace trigger spray and recycle

Putting the caps in separately causes them to fall through the sorting mechanism, and they end up in landfill.

SO LEAVE THE TOPS ON

PennyAllen- ECO Group

Following on from Rector's workshop with Zero Waste Scotland

Potential savings

WASTE	QUANTITY	COST
crumpets	2	0.30
onion	1	0.15
Rolls	2	0.40
Slice of bread	4	0.20
vegetables	Small plateful	0.30
takeaway	Half carton	3.00
fish	Half fillet	1.30
Mince meat	500g	2.00
milk	500ml	0.40
Onion dices	Handful	0.10
Deli wraps	4	0.50
		£8.75/week = £455 / year

Numeracy

Peter Shannon is a retired Maths Teacher who is now researching the levels of basic number skill in pupils leaving primary school and entering secondary school.

In order to complete the picture and make valid comparisons with the levels achieved 50 or 60 years ago, we need to establish the level of basic number skills in our current senior citizens. This requires a sample of 200 or more senior citizens who are willing to participate, anonymously, by sitting a simple test lasting about 15minutes.

All the senior citizens who have taken part so far have enjoyed the experience, shown considerable levels of skill and on average, have scored significantly better than our current school pupils!

In addition, they have helped us carry out a research project which we hope will encourage significant improvements in the teaching of numeracy in future years. The cooperation of your church members in this project will be hugely appreciated.

If you would like to take part please contact Sandra Ramsay and she will arrange.
0131 539 9246

Ladies Tea Party

Thank you so much to everyone who baked, served, set up tables, hosted, cleared up, played the piano, and did endless washing up. The Tea Party was a huge success and we raised £757 for our charities Diadem and Health All Round. There might be a little left over for the Resource Centre too.

Mrs Liz Moir

Calendar: May- June 2019

July

Sun 7	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Proper 14 Preacher: Stuart Robertson
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Sun 14	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Proper 15 Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
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Sun 21	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Proper 16 Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
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Sun 28	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Proper 17 Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary
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August

Sun 4	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Proper 18 Preacher: Stuart Robertson
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Sun 11	10.30am	Celebrating Communion – Proper 19 Preacher: Sarah Kilbey
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Sun 18	10.30am	Celebrating Communion Proper 20
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Sun 25

10.30am

Celebrating Communion – Proper 21

Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

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

July / August Cleaning Rota

Church to be cleaned ready for Sunday	Cleaners
07/07/2019	Monika and Sonia
14/07/2019	Stuart & Kate
21/07/2019	Penny and Bob
28/07/2019	Frank
04/08/2019	Roderick
11/08/2019	Monika and Sonia
18/08/2019	Stuart & Kate
25/08/2019	Penny and Bob

We would be grateful for anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the cleaning of the Church.