

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

October & November 2015



From the Rector

Dear Friends

I expect we all have different ideas of what we feel is the best way to communicate with others, be that by telephone, letter, email or through social media. For churches add into that mix noticeboards, notice sheets, magazines, newsletters and websites and you can see there is a dazzling range of options to choose from.

So which do we choose? In a congregation as diverse as Christ Church the answer is we need to use all of these options to ensure we reach every member of the congregation and the wider communities with which we connect.

This newsletter is a key way to discover what is happening at Christ Church over the coming weeks, so please read on!

You can also find out more about Christ Church on the website, facebook and twitter. All details on page 4.

Over the past several months a sub group of vestry have done a thorough review of communications at Christ Church and at the vestry half day earlier this month it was agreed to develop the website, increase our presence on social media, 6 times a year produce alternately a newsletter and magazine, both of which will be in electronic and paper versions.

There would be no church today, and no gospel for us to live out and proclaim, if the early Christians had not engaged every means possible in their day to spread the “good news”. We are called to do the same today and I am excited about these new developments at Christ Church, as I hope you will be too.

Wishing you every blessing
Susan Macdonald, Rector

**“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”**

Hebrews 13.2

We all encounter strangers day by day, in church, shops, cafes and on our streets. We encounter countless strangers in our hearts as we feel deeply for the many refugees fleeing their homelands in search of safety and a place to settle, holding them in prayer before God and preparing to welcome them into our own country and communities.

The challenge is always to move beyond sympathy to compassion, for compassion brings forth action, and so we ask: what does the hospitality look like that we show to strangers, those we already see day by day, and those who will come into our communities?

Journeys in Faith

Sundays, 11.30am - 12.30pm in the Church Centre

18 October "Music in the Islamic Tradition" Hugh Goddard

15 November "Families Outside" a UK charity supported by Christ Church

Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9pm in the Church Centre

30th September, 14th Oct, 28th Oct and 11th Nov

Four sessions on the Eucharist, based on the Pilgrim Course material.

Sign up on sheet at back of church or contact Maggie or Nigel Rode.

Wednesday Reflection Group, 10.15am in the Church Centre

Meets fortnightly starting 7th October, for more information contact Gill Davidson.

Film Night Monday 9th November at 6.45pm for 7pm in the Hall, Centre or Rectory (depending on numbers)

A chance to watch SELMA together and discuss afterwards over drinks and nibbles.

SELMA is the Oscar-winning chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

Sign up on sheet at back of church or contact Jane Green, Susan Macdonald or Church Office.

BOOK CLUB

7.30pm in the Church Centre

Tuesday, 6 October 2015

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

(library collection available if wished)

led by Jill Gregory

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Mrs Robertson's Disgrace by Kate

Summerscale (please provide your own copy) led by Kate Durie

Contact: Church Office



WALKERS' PROGRAMME

"A" Walkers (awalkers@6a.org.uk)

Contact: A Shotter, S Green or Church Office

Saturday, 3 October 2015

Watch Water Reservoir to Abbey St. Bathans.

(9 Km; Ascent 560 m) OS sheet 67

Saturday, 7 November 2015

Abbey St. Bathans to Cockburnspath

(18 Km; Ascent 210m) OS sheet 67

"B" Walkers (bwalkers@6a.org.uk)

Saturday, 17 October 2015 Earlston circular

(8 miles). Contact: A & M Shotter

Saturday, 21 November 2015

Coastal walk (7.5 miles).

Contact: Claire Craig or M Shotter

Please contact the organiser by the preceding Thursday so that transport can be arranged.



Doors Open Day at Christ Church
Saturday 26th September
10am - 4pm

This year Christ Church is participating in the Doors Open Day. Doors Open Day offers the chance to explore some of Edinburgh's architecturally and culturally significant buildings - all for free. From heritage landmarks to the city's newest architecture, Doors Open Day offers free access to properties that are either not usually open to the public or would normally charge an entry fee. The event also offers the public an opportunity to find out more about the capital's public buildings.

For Christ Church it offers the chance for people who would not normally enter a church to come inside and wander around our beautiful building. On the day, there will be guided tours of the church; a display of the vestments; an interactive stall from our HeatHack group, who investigate energy efficiency in churches; children's activities; a tapestry and a quilting display, as well as a display from the archives. Refreshments will also be available throughout the day and there will an organ recital at 1:30pm.

**All are very welcome -
come and bring your friends and family along**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING
and HARVEST LUNCH**

Sunday, 4 October 2015 11.30am
in the Church Hall

Please sign up on the sheet at the back or
telephone or contact the Church Office



**ANNUAL CHRIST CHURCH
WINE TASTING**

Saturday, 14 November 2015 7.15
for 7.30pm in Church Centre

A Tutored Wine Tasting of wines from
Languedoc-Roussillon with Mr Michael
Saunders from Oddbins

Tickets - price £15.00 - from:
Becky Henderson, John Higinbotham,
Renton Mein, Jennie Prescott or contact
Church Office
*(Price includes wine,
cheese and biscuits)*

ONLY 40 PLACES AVAILABLE!

SECMA COFFEE MORNING

(SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION ASSOCIATION)

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

10am to Noon

Entrance £2.00 (incl coffee and bake)

Contributions are needed and welcomed for
all stalls, especially plants and tombola.
Please bring items suitable for the silent
auction to church on Sunday 27 Sept or 4
Oct, to the Church Hall on Friday 9 Oct
7-8.30 pm, or on the day, or contact Ceci
Stephens, Janet Goody or Church Office,
or sign up on sheet at back of church

CONTACTS

STAFF

Rector: Very Revd. Susan Macdonald

Associate Priests:

Revd Maggie Rode

Revd Nigel Rode

Assistant priest: Rev Imre Katay-Fodor

Director of Music: Dr. Michael Green

Families' Networker: Alex Barrett

Factor: Michael Herriott

Church Manager: Dorothea Nelson

Office Assistant: Christine Johnson

VESTRY

Chair: The Rector

Rector's Warden: Lindsay Graham

People's Warden: Robin Morris

Treasurer: Kenneth Ramage

Vestry Secretary: Linda Brown

Lay Representative: Howard Moody

Elected Vestry members:

Hugh Goddard, Mike McNamee, Alan Shotter,

Mary Snow and Stuart Valentine

**All staff and vestry members can be contacted by telephone or email through the Church Office: 0131 229 0090 or admin@6a.org.uk
Office opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm**

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Nice to meet you!

I am Dorothea, your new Church Manager. I live locally and you might see me walking up and down Morningside Road with or without my children—if you do, don't hesitate to stop me and talk to me, it will be nice to put faces to names.

As the daughter of a Minister (and Bishop) of the Moravian Church I grew up in church and know church life from all angles. So far I have lived in South Africa, Germany, Switzerland (in the Cantons of Bern, Neuchâtel and Vaud) and - for the last 14 years - Scotland. I like to read, walk, run, garden and take photographs.



DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition - which is a Magazine for December/January - is **Sunday, 1st November 2015.**

Please email submissions to magazine@6a.org.uk or leave material in church centre letter box marked 'Magazine'

This will be the first edition of our new look magazine with the guest editors being the UK and Overseas Committee (UKOSC)