

NEWSLETTER

February/March 2016



From the Rector

Dear Friends

Lent follows fast on the heels of Christmas this year, so much of the content of this newsletter details the activities and services that take us from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day—and there really is something for everyone!

I also want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on news regarding some of our members of staff and our ordinands in training.

Staffing

Stipendiary Associate Priests

Maggie and Nigel Rode took up office in February 2014, each a half time appointment to cover the full time post of Associate Priest left vacant when Pip Blackledge left in July 2013 to take up the appointment as Rector of Holy Trinity, Melrose. Maggie and Nigel both reach retirement age for clergy office holders early this summer and the Bishop has granted a short term extension to their licences, enabling us to agree a retirement date of 31 July with their final working day being Sunday 17th July.

There will be more information in due course

regarding farewell arrangements for Maggie and Nigel.

Church Manager

Dorothea Nelson joined us in early September for an initial period to scope the role of Church Manager, and I am delighted to report that Dorothea's appointment as Church Manager has now been made permanent.

Ordinands

Nick Bowry and Jane Green, both sponsored by Christ Church Vestry for ordination and now in their third and final year of training, will be ordained towards the end of September this year. Nick will be serving a stipendiary curacy in another diocese within the Scottish Episcopal Church and Jane a non stipendiary curacy, with at least part of it within another congregation in the Diocese of Edinburgh, most likely returning to Christ Church in due course. More details of both of curacies, and of the ordination services, will be available in the near future.

Stop press! I am delighted to let you know that Dr Rowan Williams will be with us on Sunday 13th March as preacher at the 10am Sung Eucharist.

Wishing you every blessing

Susan Macdonald

Fundraising from Advent to Candlemas

In addition to our ongoing charity giving through the UK & Overseas Support Committee additional funds for other charities raised from September to the end of January totalled £ 3,869.00

In September £600.00 from Open Doors for the Soko Fund, November £600.00 in donations for the Eric Liddell Centre, Advent £157.00 from the Big Sing for Fresh Start, and £420.00 from a Bread and Soup lunch for Bethany Night Shelter catering,* over the Christmas services £1,500.00 divided equally among Wester Hailes Health Agency, Edinburgh Direct Aid (delivering aid to people in need in far away places) and Rowan Alba (preventing homelessness in Scotland), between Christmas and Candlemas £121.00 for the Venture Trust through our Knitivity and on Homeless Sunday £471.00 in donations to be divided equally among Bethany Christian Trust, Fresh Start and St Catharine's Homeless Project.

* A report from the January Night Shelter Catering Team is available at the back of church.

The renovation appeal for Phase 3 work has so far raised £22,510.00! (Target: £50,000.00)

Journey from Ash Wednesday to eve of Holy Week

Shrove Tuesday (9th February)

5pm– 6.30 pm Young Church 'Pancakes and Ashes' party in the Centre



Ash Wednesday (10th February)

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at 8am, 11am and 7.30pm in the Church and 2.30pm in the Church Centre

The sermon at the 7.30pm Eucharist is the introduction to the Journeys Together course, which is based on Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian"

Journeys in Faith

Sundays, 11.30am – 12.30pm in the Church Centre

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| 7 February | "The Bible in Literature" |
| 21 February | "The Eric Liddell Centre" |
| 6 March | "The Bible and the Eucharist" |
| 20 March | "Gregorian Chant" |

Kate Durie, Member of Christ Church
Dr Fraser Quin, CEO Eric Liddell Centre
Susan Macdonald, Rector
Alan Henderson, Musicologist

Journeys Together

Four Wednesdays in Lent at 7.30pm in the Church Centre

- 17 Feb Wednesday evening workshop - prophet
- 24 Feb Wednesday evening workshop - priest
- 2 Mar Wednesday evening workshop - king
- 9 Mar Wednesday evening workshop – bringing together the three themes

Sign up on sheet at back of church or contact church office.

There is more information on the website at

www.christchurchmorningside.org/journeys-together



Lent @ no 6

Bible Study on "Encountering Jesus"

Tuesdays 23rd February, 1st, 8th & 15th March from 10.30am – 12 noon. Please sign up on sheet at back of church or contact Maggie or Nigel Rode

A Lent Quiet Morning "Rolling Back the Stones of Hurt, Grief and Pride"

on Saturday 5th March from 10am – 12 noon. Please sign up on sheet at back of church or contact Maggie or Nigel Rode

Film Group—Monday 7 March 6.45 for 7pm

The next meeting of the Film Group will be on **Monday 7 March at 6.45 for 7pm** in the Church Centre. As this falls during Lent, we have chosen the film '**Calvary**', a 2014 Irish drama film. This is a very darkly comic tale, telling a week in the life of Father James, an Irish Roman Catholic priest. A man ostensibly offering Father James his confession explicitly describes his sexual abuse at the hands of a priest years earlier, and outlines his plan for revenge.

The film deals with issues of faith, morality and the revelations of abuse in the Catholic church.

Everyone is welcome to join us - as usual there will be a break for refreshments and time for discussion afterwards.

Jane Green and Susan Macdonald

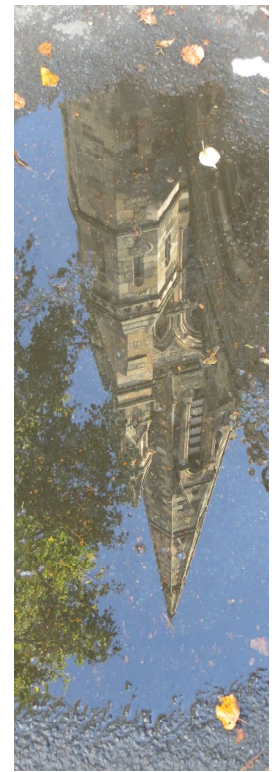
Reflection Group

The Reflection Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month between 10.00 and 12.00am.

The venue is at the home of one of the group members.

The next meeting will be on 17th February 2016.

Any enquiries, please contact Joy Holmes, Gill Davidson or church office.



Journey through Holy Week to Easter Day

Palm Sunday (20th March)

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms and dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative in the Gospel according to Luke
- 6.00pm Open Table *The Way of God: faithfulness* informal communion service in the Church Centre

Monday (21st March)

- 8.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30pm Holy Week Reflection in the Centre
The Way of God: prophetic and servant

Tuesday (22nd March)

- 8.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30pm Holy Week Reflection in the Centre
The Way of God: consoling and encouraging

Wednesday (23rd March)

- 8.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 11.00am Holy Communion
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30pm Holy Week Reflection in the Centre
The Way of God: outrageous

Maundy Thursday (24th March)

- 8.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 11.30am Chrism Eucharist at The Cathedral
- No evening prayer*
- 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with washing of feet and stripping of the altar. The Church will remain open until 10pm for those who wish to keep The Watch (Silent Vigil)

Good Friday (25th March)

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am "A Way of the Cross" a service for all ages
- 12 noon The Three Hours ending with the Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday (26th March)

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Decoration of the church for Easter
- 7.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day (27th March)

- 6.30am Sunrise Communion Service on Blackford Hill
- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Festival Eucharist
- No evening service*

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

Assistant Organist: Kat Whigham

Families' Networker: Alex Barrett

Church Manager: Dorothea Nelson

Office Assistant: Christine Johnson

Factor: Michael Herriott

VESTRY

Chair: The Rector

Rector's Warden: Lindsay Graham

People's Warden: Robin Morris

Treasurer: Kenneth Ramage

Secretary: Alison Amin

Lay Representative: Howard Moody

Elected Vestry members:

Mike McNamee, Alan Shotter, Mary Snow,

Stuart Valentine and Helen Wosu.

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 open: Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

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WALKERS' PROGRAMME

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

Saturday, 6th February 2016

The Ochils: Bengengie and Colsnaur Hill.

OS Sheet 58. (12 km)

Contact: Church office

Saturday, 5th March 2016

Mystery Walk. Somewhere not too far away.

Contact: Church office

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

Saturday, 20th February 2016

Stow (8 miles).

Contact: Church office

Saturday, 19th March 2016

Almondell (9 miles).

Contact: Church office

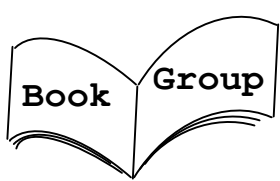
Please contact the church office by the preceding

Thursday so that transport can be arranged.



Stamps for LESOTHO: Please save all your foreign and commemorative British stamps, cut 1/4" paper around them and place in the wooden box at the back of church. They will be sold in this country and the proceeds sent to the Diocese of Lesotho, one of the poorest in Africa.

Thank you, Jean E.S. Williams



Tuesday, 1 March
7.30pm in the Church Centre

"Dear Life" Short stories by Alice Munro.
Alice Ann Munro, born 10 July 1931, is a Canadian short story writer and Nobel Prize winner. Munro's work has been described as having revolutionized the architecture of short stories, especially in its tendency to move forward and backward in time.
Contact: Church Office

The deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **Sunday, 13th March 2016**.
Please email submissions to magazine@6a.org.uk
or leave material in Church Centre letter box marked 'Newsletter.'