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A Time to Mourn and a Time to Dance

A letter from Ian

It seems to me only yesterday that we stood on the daïs and had our attractive congregational photograph taken. I keep a copy on my desk because I enjoy seeing most of you, it reminds me daily of the privilege of working alongside so many generous and talented people.



Of course, photos capture just a moment in time while life, and death, flow swiftly on. In the past month, three of our members have died, one is leaving and one is ill in hospital. This happens in families and organisations, people age and they die. One of these was a minister's wife, my mum and one of our ministry team, Ivan Brown. These people were able and supportive, so they will be sorely missed from our community of faith. We grieve their parting. In addition, we have the sad news of the death of three more members and so three funerals for July. It can be easy to become gloomy or worried about our own health or the health of our congregation when there is a spate of deaths.

There are other ways to respond...

We can offer thanks for the giving of time, talent and money over many decades from these people towards Christ's family. The people mentioned have given hundreds of years of high quality life to the church, surely a reason not only to be glad, but to celebrate.

We can choose to value who we have around us recognising that life is a most fragile gift and never to be taken for granted. If we have disconnected with a neighbour or a sister in Christ, there is no better time to mend our relationships by reconnecting through forgiveness and reconciliation.

We can choose to more fully appreciate the particular delights of our congregation and **invite** someone to join us over this summer to come



to worship, our café, a concert or a special event. It is good to voice to friends and neighbours how much we gain and are strengthened by being part of this extraordinary church family. It would please God and would strengthen our congregation if we all acted as advocates for the considerable benefits of being part of St Andrew's & St George's West.

We can remember that two able people will be joining our church soon, three children have been baptised and Tony Bryer will return in October, refreshed to serve once more. A discerning leader, Tony will return for his third spell at 13 George Street and we will be blessed by his gifts. In the meantime Rev Allison Becker will continue offering her lively, creative approach to church while making application for her own parish.

We can also anticipate a new student, Jonny Clipson joining us in September, then working with us until Pentecost. As befits a former fitness instructor he will bring energy and some unique insights. In the meantime we have children's summer activities and a fabulous festival programme. So rather than being 'down in the dumps' let us relish the work of our Creator, delight in His Son's example and be strengthened by Her living Spirit.

Finally we can choose to appreciate the surprises from scripture afresh, for example these words from Ecclesiastes, '**a time to mourn and a time to dance**' being particularly powerful. Would you have thought in a piece of writing to set the words mourn and dance against each other? Yet isn't to dance a fabulous contrast to the stillness death brings, dancing offers the opportunity to unleash the spirit - to move rhythmically as we sashay, sway and skip connecting with new people briefly on the dance floor which is life.

If the metaphor 'dance' doesn't connect, then choose your own bible verse to help you through this season. I certainly appreciate one of our members' choice of scripture for his funeral service in July,

**"Let your hope keep you joyful,
be patient in your troubles,
and pray at all times".**

Romans 12

This summer enjoy God, dance and bring new people into church.

Blessings, Ian



Worship strengthens and transforms

Worship is helpful for our growth as followers of Christ, so consider joining us Sunday by Sunday. You can attend Communion at 9.00am, the All Age service at 9.45am or enjoy our progressive pattern at 11.00am or to have the richest and broadest experience come to all three!

Sunday 11am Morning Worship Themes

3 July	Voice of Unexpected Wisdom	2 Kings 5:1-14
10 July	God of Justice	Amos 7:7-17 (Psalm 25:1-10)
17 July	Hosting the Promise	Genesis 18:1-10a (Psalm 15)
24 July	The Greatest Prayer	Matthew 6: 9-13
31 July	The Power of Song	Psalm 46
7 Aug	Euthanasia	Luke 1 25-32
14 Aug	Interpreting the times	Luke 12:49-56 (Ps 80:1-2,8-19)
21 Aug	The right to be a woman	Luke 1 46-55
28 Aug	True Humility	Luke 14:1, 7-14 (Psalm 81:1,10-16)

"The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance." **C.S. Lewis**

"And what greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship." **-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Worship is all about... LOVE

**Do to others as you would have them do to you.
(Luke 6:31)**

**But love your enemies, do good to them,
and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.**

**Then your reward will be great,
and you will be sons of the Most High,
because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.
(Luke 6:35)**

**Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)**

**Love does no harm to its neighbour.
Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
(Romans 13:10)**

**Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)**

Conversations about Church Friday 8 July at 10:30am in the Undercroft Café

Join a minister from Scotland, a minister from the United States and a deacon from Finland for coffee/tea! Rev Ian Gilmour, Rev Allison Becker and Deacon Susanna Laitinen will discuss their experience in ministry in these countries and their fresh perspectives on ministry in our city and in Scotland.

Come join the conversation! All welcome

July 2016

Fri 1 July	12.30pm St Cuthbert's Somme Service
Sun 3 July	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship 12 noon Fellowship Lunch for Amnesty
Fri 8 July	10.30am Conversation about Church, Undercroft 7pm(St Giles)Mapping Remembrance open evening
Sun 10 July	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship
Tue 12 July	12 noon St Marylebone CE School Concert, free
Fri 15 July	7pm (St Giles) Lecture on Mapping Remembrance
Sun 17 July	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship
Sun 24 July	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship
Mon 25 July	12.15 Amnesty Group meets, Chapel
Sun 31 July	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together

13-29 July Undercroft & café closed for maintenance

**10.30am Adult Discussion Group
11am Morning Worship
12 noon Communion
2pm Hungarian Worship, Chapel**

August 2016

Wed 3 Aug	11am-1pm Creation Care children's activities
Thurs 4 Aug	11am-1pm Creation Care children's activities
Fri 6 Aug	11am-1pm Creation Care children's activities
Sun 7 Aug	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship Fellowship Lunch for Choir Funds 2pm Albany Deaf Church
Sun 14 Aug	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship 2pm Albany Deaf Church
Sun 21 Aug	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship 2pm Albany Deaf Church
Sun 28 Aug	9am Communion 9.45am Learning Together 10.30am Adult Discussion Group 11am Morning Worship 12 noon Communion 2pm Albany Deaf Church

7-28 Aug St Andrew's and St George's West at Festival Time

Mon 29 Aug **12.15 Amnesty Group meets, Chapel**

Autumn Save the Date

18 Sept **Deaf Choirs Festival**
24 - 25 Sept **Doors Open Days**

18 Oct **Donald Gorrie Lecture: Sally Magnusson**
27- 29 Oct **Christian Aid Art Sale with Scottish Books and Collectables and Saturday Coffee Morning**

Baptisms

**Anna Esther Clinkenbeard
Hunter Wallace Clinkenbeard
Harrison Leslie Clinkenbeard**

all on 19 June, 2016, in church

Deaths

**Christine Robinson
Sheila Chamberlain
Mary Gilmour
Alison Bell
Alex Harper
Nan (Annie) Laird**

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Somme Sweethearts

Church of Scotland Comms

The chance discovery of a gold locket in a box of wartime memorabilia has revealed the terrible consequences the Battle of the Somme held for the women who watched their men go off to war. For the family who found the keepsake, it shed new light on their Grandmother's life, and a part of her past which had died with her sweetheart when he fell in France.



Jane Brown with the locket

"When I opened the locket, I immediately recognised the soldier as belonging to a Scottish regiment," says Jane Brown, who was clearing her grandparent's house following the death of her grandfather in the 1980s. "It was among Granny's most treasured possessions in her sewing drawer, but we had no idea who he was. It wasn't until some years later we found the same picture when browsing through a copy of the history of McCrae's Battalion in a bookshop, that we began piecing the story together."

For Jane, who is a member of St Andrew's and St George's West Church in Edinburgh, it revealed a family secret which had never been spoken of by her Grandmother or any of her sisters. Born in 1893, Dorothy Agnes Yeaman, had already lost someone close to her during the initial fighting in 1914. In 1916, the nurse from Morningside had become engaged to Captain Lionel Coles, a platoon commander with the 16th Royal Scots, also known as McCrae's Battalion. The locket, which bears her Grandmother's initials DAY on the outside, is dated 20 May. Six weeks later, Lionel was among the hundreds of Edinburgh men who died going over the top on the 1 July.

"Through the McCrae's Battalion Trust, we discovered Lionel was a charismatic leader and his platoon included several of the Heart's



Dorothy Yeaman, Jane's Granny, with the locket, a century after the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

players who enlisted. On the morning of 1 July, he was in his shirt sleeves, shaking every man's hand and addressing each by his name. When the time came, he went into battle smoking his pipe, armed with a pistol. He made it as far as Contalmaison, but was one of the last officers killed around 11am that morning as they attempted to take the village."

Tragically for Lionel's parents, his only sibling Daisy was also killed in September the following year while serving in France as a nurse with the Voluntary Aid Detachment. Both their names are on the war memorial at George Watson's College in Edinburgh.

For Jane's Granny, who also served as a nurse with the VAD, she was just one of the two million women whose men were taken from them by the war. "Her story isn't really that unique or special. Many families have gone through the same thing. But she must have felt she could never share it, as by 1918 she had met my Grandfather and she was told she had to keep him. They made a life in England, and the only hint I think she ever gave of her relationship with Lionel was her advice to me that I should look to marry a good strong Scotsman."

Jane, who followed her Grandmother into nursing, says it has felt strange looking back at her Grandmother's story amidst the centenary commemorations of the Somme. Speaking at the memorial service at St Cuthbert's Church in Edinburgh which was organised by the McCrae's Battalion Trust she said "It feels strange looking at her picture and this locket now. She meant a lot to me. She is just one of the women who the war left behind. She lost all her hopes and aspirations of marrying Lionel. I am here for my Granny. I will pass this locket on to my daughters, and I hope it will mean as much to them as it does to me."

From the Church of Scotland website, with thanks.

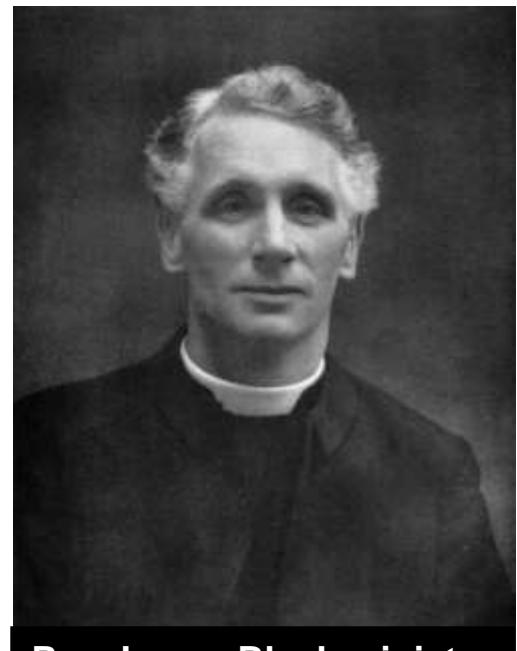
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Rev James Black – Exhibition in St Giles

Jean Mackinlay

One of the best known ministers of St George's West Church was James Black, whose long ministry covered the years from 1921 to 1947.

During World War 1, he became Chaplain to the famous “McCrae’s Battalion”, the 16th Royal Scots, recruited in Edinburgh in November 1914.



**Rev James Black minister
of Free St George's, later
St George's West**

James Black was with the battalion on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. He prayed with them before they went over the top, and watched in horror as they were mown down by the German machine guns. 600 of the 801-strong battalion were killed or wounded on that day; in fact their chaplain had to be restrained from following them onto the battlefield! That experience had a profound effect on James Black.

In 1922, the last remnants of McCrae’s men sat in St Giles at the unveiling of the monument to the battalion and listened to the words from the pulpit of “one who had been there with them”. In his sermon, Black quoted the words of the soldiers, “Where, minister, is my consolation?”

That day of the Somme, a hundred years ago, McCrae’s Battalion, and James Black’s part in it, is commemorated in an exhibition of textile art work, created by Alison King, whose husband, Douglas King, is a grandson of James Black. The exhibition, called Mapping Remembrance, will be displayed in St Giles from 1 July to 2 August.

There will be special events at St Giles on **Friday 8 July at 7pm**, with words and music reflecting on the Somme and on Rev James Black and on **Friday 15 July at 7pm** when artist Alison King will talk about the artwork and how it was made.



MAPPING REMEMBRANCE

ST GILES CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH

1ST JULY - 2ND AUGUST

"WHERE, MINISTER, IS MY CONSOLATION?"

A TRIBUTE IN TEXTILES - ALISON KING

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH AT 7.00PM - OPEN EVENING
IN ST GILES CATHEDRAL
TO VIEW THE ARTWORK AND HEAR WORDS AND MUSIC
REFLECTING ON THE SOMME AND THE ROLE
OF JAMES BLACK, CHAPLAIN TO McCRAE'S BATTALION

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH AT 7.00PM -
LECTURE IN ST GILES CATHEDRAL
ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE ARTWORK
AND HOW IT WAS MADE

Chaplain's Farewell

Tony Bryer

It's not often that an ordained minister returns somewhere that he or she has worked before. Thus, when in Spring 2011, I heard about the new City Centre Workplace Chaplain's post here in Edinburgh, I thought carefully and prayerfully about it, and also talked with a couple of people who knew me and the work. Then I applied – and was appointed!

Any anxieties I may have had about 'going back' were soon dispelled at my welcome service, and then in the two department stores where I had been chaplain previously. It was like returning to be with friends who had been a very significant part of my life. That might sound like nothing had changed – but, of course, a very great deal in Edinburgh was very different to seven years before. And the chaplaincy role was a new bigger, more demanding one; there were more venues, I was employed by a new national body (Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland), and I would be working closely with the three Together churches who were sponsoring the role.

So I want to say a big thank you to you all in the Together churches for enabling this chaplaincy to happen, and for all the support, interest and friendship you have given to me. It has been an exciting 4 ¾ years, as the number of chaplaincies in the city has grown, as four volunteers from the Together churches have joined the team I have led here in Edinburgh, and as WPCS has grown to 13 paid staff and over 100 volunteers across Scotland. Just for the record, my chaplaincies have been with John Lewis, Harvey Nichols, St James Shopping and Multrees Walk, Boots, the Church of Scotland offices at 121 George Street, Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Trams.



Sharing regularly in worship at the three churches has been very important for me; I could not have exercised this chaplaincy in the world of work without a strong base of prayer, sacramental worship and fellowship.

Evaluation of the effectiveness of any ministry is never easy, and that's especially true of chaplaincy, but it has been encouraging to introduce David, my successor, in the various workplaces, and to hear how much chaplaincy is valued by all of them.

So I step down, not only from chaplaincy, but also from fulltime ministry after 41 years. But Sheila and I are not leaving Edinburgh, and after a three month sabbatical, I will be back on a part time basis at St Andrew's & St George's West, and available to the Diocese of Edinburgh on an occasional basis. So I know that I will still see many of you in the Together churches, as I enter a new stage of my life and my Christian pilgrimage.

I want to thank everyone in the three Together congregations for your very generous gift on my retirement, for the wonderful farewell event and for all your support, prayers and interest in my work over the last five years. It has been a great privilege to work with the churches and Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland to provide chaplaincy here in Edinburgh. Tony Bryer



Bread and wine for the journey





Ian Y Gilmour with Sheila and Tony Bryer

A living mosaic

David Hart, Workplace Chaplain

Hello! Some of you have met me in person. Some of you have never met me at all. Some of you, hopefully read the introductory piece I wrote for your church magazine last month. But, all of you are no doubt acquainted with Tony Bryer, (the man I'm succeeding), and the work he has been doing for the last four years as chaplain to businesses in Edinburgh City Centre.



David Hart

In one sense as Tony hands the baton on, nothing is changing because the goal is still the same; to identify with the workforce we serve. But, in another sense everything is changing as some businesses close with the closure of the St James Centre, new managers take the reins in different organisations and fresh opportunities present themselves as new companies approach us regarding chaplaincy. It's a living mosaic. Every week my aim is to improve someone's world by offering pastoral, practical and confidential care if they ask for it with no strings attached.

In the book of Colossians Paul explains how the world's teachings are totally empty when compared to God's plan and he challenges his readers to reject shallow answers and remember "**...this is the secret: Christ lives in you...**" (Colossians 1: 27 NLT). That's quite a thought isn't it? If you have surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, Christ lives in you - just think of the potential packed into that sentence.

As I have thought about this truth in the context of chaplaincy I've caught myself thinking, "This is an impossible task" - around 4500 people across the businesses I have direct contact with. How do I impact the lives of the people I will inevitably come across? It's impossible!" - and then I remember "Christ lives in me" and I've begun to realise that God is teaching me humility through the avenue of impossibility because he's inviting me into His life and to continue his ministry so I'm humbled by the invitation because apart from him it's impossible.

So if I pop into your mind at all during the week I would be grateful for your prayers. Pray...

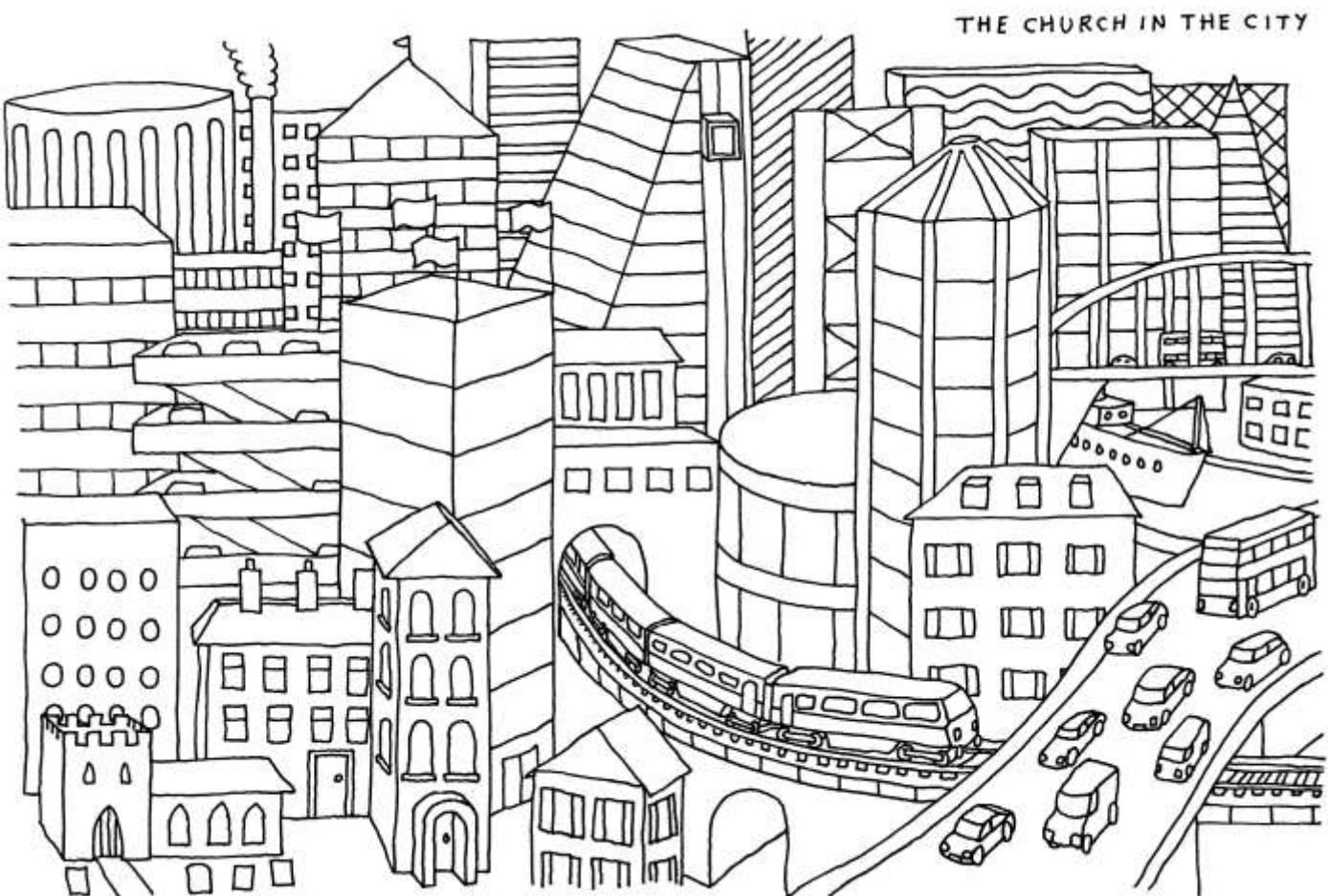
1. I would have my eyes fixed on Jesus because nothing about this task is impossible with him. After all he is the author and perfecter of our faith.
2. I would be a good listener to what people share, but also in hearing what the Holy Spirit says because Jesus is **always** the answer to any and every difficult situation anyone has to face.
3. I would be able to make connections - and remember names.

David Hart

David Hart - Workplace Chaplain

Colour your own... church in the city

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It's all in a good cause

Crispin Longden

n. Benevolence *bə-'ne-və-ləns* – ‘disposition to do good’

Members of the congregation are invited to nominate charitable causes to be considered for a discretionary grant from St Andrew’s and St George’s West Benevolent Fund. Before applying, please read the following guidelines carefully:

- Grants will be made only to registered charities in Scotland or UK
- Any grant awarded should make a significant or effective contribution to a project or to the whole organisation; therefore priority will be given to smaller organisations or specific projects of larger organisations
- Priority will also be given to projects or organisations which find it difficult to attract funding from other sources
- Grants will be for one year or the duration of the project, as appropriate
- In normal circumstances, the maximum amount of a grant will not exceed £3,000

Applications should be made in writing (or by email) to Alison Campbell or Jean Mackinlay and must include the following information:

- Annual Accounts (audited or independently-examined if charity has gross income of more than £25,000)
- Why a grant is needed
- What the grant will fund
- What difference a grant will make and how this will be measured
- Any other funding sources received or applied to
- A budget, if for a specific project or part of a project

Please note that the deadline for receipt of applications is **midday Wednesday 31 August**. Valid applications will be reviewed initially by a sub-group of the Finance and Wider Horizons Committees for recommendation to Session. Final decisions in October



Senior Debates winners Boroughmuir

Careers in the making at the Donald Gorrie Debates

Crispin Longden

Many of the talking heads gracing our TV screens on the evening of Thursday 23 June as we waited for the first results of the EU Referendum could have learned a thing or two from the quality of the speaking the night before at the Donald Gorrie Debating Competition.

Along with two experts from the Edinburgh University Debating Society, Veronica Crerar and I had the privilege of judging the Senior teams of Boroughmuir, Craigmount, Queensferry, and Royal High as they debated the motion "*this House believes that legislation is the only way to save the earth's environment for future generations*" against an apt backdrop of the display panels depicting the Sustainable Development Goals.

Many hard-hitting and pertinent points were advanced on both sides of the argument and there were plenty of rebuttals contested with real passion. However difficult the judging – and it was difficult – a decision had to be made and that decision proved a special delight to the eventual winners, Boroughmuir, since this was their maiden public debate.

Our fellow judges downstairs with the Juniors faced an equally difficult decision before announcing Craigmount the winners.

All the contributors to the debate were justly praised by the Edinburgh University representatives and given constructive feedback.

For several of the young debaters you sensed a career in the making – as a politician perhaps?!



Junior Debates winners Craigmount

Letter from Newhaven

Bill Clinkenbeard, 24 June 2016

From the window of our fourth-floor flat in Newhaven the surface of the Forth is calm and beautiful, the sun reflecting off a million little ripples.

But from much water-watching I know that underneath the surface there is much turbulence. There are channels and movements below the surface, created by the current, the tide and other unspecified factors.

This is akin to the turbulence over the land this morning, for the people of the UK have voted to leave the European Union. It is a major event, a very important day in history. It is, at the moment, too early to say what this will mean for all of us. Clearly, it creates deep uncertainty for everyone. What does the exit mean for the economy, for jobs, for our institutions, for our coming and going, and for Scotland? We do not know. We are bound to feel anxious about the future.

So I feel some solidarity with Simon Peter after Jesus' resurrection. The man was in turmoil. How could he have rejected Jesus in the courtyard of the palace? Was the resurrection really real? If it was, how could he ever be forgiven? What was he supposed to do now? The emotional currents within were flowing violently.

So, much like the Newhaven fishermen of old, Peter decides to take action. "I'm going fishing. I will get in the boat, go out onto the water and do the thing I know best how to do."

Perhaps this could be instructive for us in our present uncertainty. Go and do the thing you know best how to do; do the things you are comfortable with.

In the meantime,
watch and see.



Swan Watch: emotions and dramas

Pat McKerrow's Wildlife Diary

Emotions and dramas. I could be referring to human life, or indeed things we encounter in theatre, film, literature, music and so on, plus of course, many writings in scripture.

Excitement, joy, fun, sadness, loss, heartache, anxiety, relief, and love are just some of the emotions I've experienced since I began watching a pair of mute swans on the Water of Leith in April. My 'Swan Watch' as it has become known.

The initial excitement of finding the swans, the joy of seeing three cygnets hatch and so much fun watching the little ones grow and learn from their doting, albeit novice, parents. My feelings plummeted on 31 May when I found only one cygnet with two very anxious looking adults.

Through tears I relayed this to neighbours via the 'village' Facebook page. Amazingly, one couple who read my report had watched the family, all three cygnets included, earlier in the evening. Imagine my disbelief and absolute joy when I heard later that after reading my Facebook update, they had set off to where they'd last seen the family, found the other two little ones still there and battling to traverse a weir.

They climbed into the water, rescued the cygnets, placed them in a box and carried them to the parents and reunited the family! What drama, what an incredible story, and what immense relief. And how marvellous to have a community united in this way by care for a swan family.

Sadly, loss and heartache was to come. One of the cygnets died on 6th June; possibly an encounter with a fox. A third of cygnets don't survive the first year and I've been aware of the many risks they face, but nevertheless, it was a sad day.

Four days later I found the family safe, well and quietly preening at their by then favourite spot close to the weir. I'd never seen the water there so high or run so fast before. Within moments the family began heading towards it. The adults climbed up successfully, but not the cygnets; they tried many times but kept being thrown off the rocks by



the current and tossed around like flotsam, clearly in great distress. To add to my growing anxiety, a crow arrived and attacked both cygnets.

Sad and brutal to witness but somehow the little ones escaped injury and death, and were soon safely reunited with their parents.

The emotions, the dramas, the parallels with human life. The love I have for these birds, the community spirit that has developed amongst the locals who care for their wellbeing, and how the story of these beautiful wild creatures has touched the lives of people across the globe who follow their progress via my own Facebook page.

I am reminded of the well-loved song "...And I think to myself, what a wonderful world", and the hymn "All around me, Lord, I see Your goodness, all creation sings Your praises, all the world cries, 'God is love!'".

St Andrew's and St George's West at Festival Time

This year's Festival programme of 70+ performances runs 7-28 August. It's available now in hard copy and online. Enjoy world class music from performers from all over the world.

You'll find inhouse talent in the programme too. **STAGW choir** sings a jazzy spiritual programme on 20 August including compositions from **Andrew Carvel** and **Stuart Murray Mitchell**. Support young musicians from the choir as they make their individual Fringe debuts – pianist **Jamie Lang** and vocalists **Rachael Liddell** and **Caitlin McGillvray**. **Frances Cooper** returns with **Triplicity** while the popular organ recitals fill the Thursday lunchtime slots.

Hear **Richard Holloway** discuss his new book *A Little History of Religion* with **Ian Gilmour**. It's hot off the press on the day of publication.



Call for Volunteers!

Good with people, good with money and have some free time in August? Know someone who is? Box Office and Front of House need you!

Speak to Festival Convener **Mary Scott** if you'd like to help.

Eniko Meszaros brings her second photo exhibition to the Undercroft, while caretaker **Michal Jasionowski** makes his Fringe debut in a programme for voice, piano and guitar combining Russian, English and Ukrainian.

Postal booking at the church is open now, and you can buy tickets online from www.edfringe.com.



Sing Freedom

Bernstein Chichester Psalms, and songs of slavery



New Spirituals by Andrew Carvel and Stuart M Mitchell,
with the **Choir of St Andrew's and St George's West**

Presentation – Ian Gilmour • Organ – Michael Harris • Directed by Brigitte Harris

Saturday, 20 August • 12.30PM



Programme includes:

<i>Little David play on your harp</i> (2016)	Stuart Murray Mitchell
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Andrew Carvel
<i>Steal away</i>	Andrew Carvel
<i>Chichester Psalms</i>	Leonard Bernstein

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)



St Andrew's & St George's West at Festival Time

Find out about more events at www.stagw.org.uk/music

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Organ Recitals in the City



Enjoy our popular series of **Lunchtime Recitals** on the fine Wells-Kennedy instrument in Georgian splendour of **St Andrew's and St George's West Church**, George Street



11 August 12.30PM | **Three centuries of English organ music**

John Kitchen, City of Edinburgh Organist

Music by Gibbons, Parry and Cecilia McDowall



18 August 12.30PM | **The European Organ**

Kevin Duggan, Dunblane Cathedral

A Recital with music by Sweelinck, JS Bach and Thybo



25 August 12.30PM | **Music for two to play**

Organ Duets, **Michael** and **Brigitte Harris**, Edinburgh

Duets by Handel, Rutter and Tchaikovsky

Admission £7



St Andrew's & St George's West at Festival Time

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Just Festival: From the Edge

5-28 August 2016 at St John's
and the Quaker Meeting House



Being a Dad (Fathers Network Scotland), **Roma Holocaust Talk and Recital** (Michael Cretu), **Equilibrium** (Drake Music), **Do you Mind?** (Harmony Choir), **Discovery!** (Be United), **Acting Alone** (AVA HUNT - ACTING ALONE), **AI-Rowwad: Beautiful Resistance** (Beautiful Resistance Tour 2016 with Garth Hewitt featuring

Alrowwad Youth Theatre and very special guest Reem Kelani) and more! Find programmes at STAGW and St John's and online at <http://just-festival.org/> and www.facebook.com/justfestival

Nadia Bolz-Weber

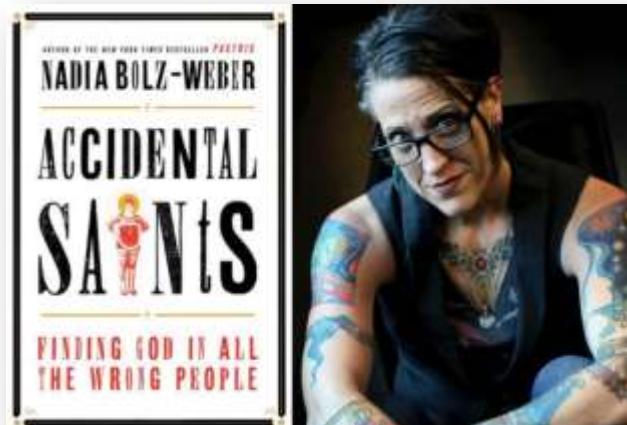
31 August at 7pm at St John's,
free

Nadia manages to express matters of faith and of what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century with a relevant, funny, and at times

uncomfortable voice. **Come and bring a friend.**

There are 40 tickets set aside for members of TOGETHER churches. Contact the office at St John's, first come, first served.

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