

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Diary and Newsletter
July - August 2010**

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We take a break over the summer so the next issue will be for September, with a publication date of Sunday 29 August and copy deadline of Monday 23 August.

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Letter from Russell

Dear members and friends,

“the momentum of prayer and change”

Over this past year the congregation has been involved in thinking through massive changes and making very serious decisions. For some of you this will all have been very worrying and for others it will have been part of the exciting journey of faith. We know, too, that there are further important decisions to be made about the future ministry, assuming that there are suitable applicants for the positions of Parish Minister (closing date 16th July) and Workplace Chaplain (closing date 28th June). Even with all of this, my prayer for the congregation is that you will be able to keep the momentum of prayer and change where it would be all too easy to fall into a standby mode and wait a year or two before looking to take further initiatives. Through all of this we need to care, too, for those who find changes threatening and challenging and we need to provide clear information and support.

“use of the external paved spaces”

With the choice of the George Street Church, the architect has highlighted the work which is required to make the building a suitable base for the mission work set out in our VISION document. One of the most important parts of this is the use of the external paved spaces on either side of the church. It is suggested that the congregation should be looking to use these wonderful spaces for 30-40 weeks of the year with a programme of activities which would attract passers by and promote the interests of the church in issues of justice and peace and the arts. The architect's view was that this development was more important than the proposed internal works and the challenge for the congregation is to start this work as soon as possible.

I wonder if there might even be new activity in these spaces while the church building is closed for the future building works.



“future building works” From all my experience as a General Trustee of the Church of Scotland I know that planning building works always takes much more time than people ever imagine and it is my view that you need to press on with the planning in order to get the benefits as soon as possible. The Building Options Report suggests that internal work would include new toilets at the foot of the stairs from the vestibule to serve the sanctuary and the Undercroft and there should also be a lift to make better accessibility. Proposals for redecoration, new lighting, sound and projection systems would enhance the sanctuary and establish it as a flexible and useful space for the many different activities it can accommodate.

“the choice of minister” Your continued prayers for God’s prompting and guiding are absolutely vital where we look to appoint a person with the right character and skills to lead the congregation forward. Having spoken to a few people who are considering making application, I am certain of one thing and that is that those interested will be asking the Nominating Committee whether the congregation has vision and energy to move forward into the future.

Yours sincerely, Russell

Summer 2010 Diary at a Glance

A diary of events at, connected with, or of interest to members and friends of St Andrew's and St George's West.

Visit our online diary at

www.standrewsandstgeorgeswest.org.uk/diary.php

Sunday services in July will be held in Shandwick Place

Sunday services in August will be held in George St

Sunday services in September will be held in Shandwick Place

July 2010

Monday – Saturday

Daily worship at 1pm in the Sanctuary, George St

Sun 4 July **9am, 9.45am and 11am services in Shandwick Place**

**7.30pm in the Undercroft , George Street
House Concert with singer-songwriter Esther
O'Connor and guest Juliet Lombe**

Tue 6 July **International Organ Academy, George Street**

**5.30-6.15pm short service with music
led by Doug Galbraith - all welcome**

8pm recital in Canongate Kirk (£8)

Wed 7 July **International Organ Academy, George Street**

**5.30-6.15pm short service with music
led by Doug Galbraith - all welcome**

- Thur 8 July** **International Organ Academy, George Street**
5.30-6.15pm short service with music
led by Doug Galbraith -all welcome
- Fri 9 July** **International Organ Academy, George Street**
- Sun 11 July** **9am, 9.45 am and 11am services in**
Shandwick Place Seattle Children's Choir will
join us at the 11am service
- Wed 14 July** **Song Cycle Concert, 1pm** George Street
Fundraising concert for Alzheimer's and MS
Alice Woodbridge, soprano and Susanna
Stranders, piano
- Sun 18 July** **9am, 9.45 am and 11am services in**
Shandwick Place
- Wed 21 July** **Music and Meditation 1pm** George Street
- Sun 25 July** **9am, 9.45 am and 11am services in**
Shandwick Place
- Tue 27 July** **Kirk Session meets Shandwick Place 7.30pm**
- Wed 28 July** **Music and Meditation 1pm** George Street

August 2010

- 6-28 Aug** Be Beautiful at Shandwick Place
7-30 Aug Festival of Spirituality and Peace at St John's
9-29 Aug St Andrew's and St George's West at Festival Time
11,18,25 Sanctuary in the City at St Cuthbert's
28 Aug 12.30pm Choir Concert, George Street

Services in August

Monday – Saturday

Daily worship at 1pm in the Sanctuary or Undercroft Chapel,
George St

Sun 1 Aug 9am, 9.45am, 11am services in George Street
Sun 8 Aug 9am, 9.45am, 11am services in George Street
Sun 15 Aug 9am, 9.45am, 11am services in George Street
Sun 22 Aug 9am, 9.45am, 11am services in George Street
Sun 29 Aug 9am, 9.45am, 11am services in George Street

Information correct at the time of going to press but please keep an eye on the notices and website for up to date information

Births, marriages and deaths

Marriages

Pat Bruce and **Stephen Seaman** on 5 June

Deaths

Mrs. Jean Shiels

peacefully in May

Mr. William (Bill) H Flett peacefully at Marie Curie Hospice,
Edinburgh on 18 June

'House Concert in The Undercroft'

with singer-songwriter,
Esther O'Connor

Sunday 4th July 2010
7.30pm

* * * * (FOUR STARS)

*'O'Connor is one of the best
voices heard in Scotland for some time'*
Keith Bruce – *The Herald*



Suggested £8 donation for this open event for Russell's friend Juliet Lombe and her family visiting from Zambia where Juliet graduates in Youth Ministry on 3rd July.

Russell writes: I have been very much involved in supporting **Juliet Lombe** as she has completed the 4 year Honours Youth Ministry Course Juliet came to our church in Glasgow through the JESUIT VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY organisation for a year and so obviously related well to our young people in church, schools, clubs, streets and residential experiences. Over the past 3 years she has been placed in PERTH YMCA working with some of that fair city's most challenging teenagers.

Esther O'Connor was also part of our Glasgow Church Youth Work and she helped Juliet with ambitious fundraising for Zambian causes and is very involved in ALTERNATIVE CHURCH initiatives. The 'donation' helps Esther in her developing profession as she pioneers with 'House Concerts'.

www.estroconnor.com

<http://houseconcerthub.ning.com/profiles/blogs/esther-oconner-medicine-show>



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ESO International Organ Academy 6-9 July 2010

**St Andrew's and St George's West, George St
St Giles and Canongate Kirk.**

A four day programme of organ tuition based at our George Street Building. Listeners are welcome.

Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 July 5.30-6.15pm
Short evening services in George Street led by Doug Galbraith
All are very welcome

Tuesday 6 July 8pm Organ recital at Canongate Kirk with
Roberto Antonello. Entry £8 on the door

Be Beautiful Festival

6-28 August 2010

St Andrew's and George's West, Shandwick Place

A short Festival programme of events intended to promote physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Be Beautiful – achieve a sense of balance, harmony and satisfaction through food, drink, exercise, music, dance, social events and more.

What's happening?

*acting classes
book launch
concerts
exhibitions
storytelling*

*cookery classes
flower arranging
health and fitness
hair and beauty
tea dances*

more details coming soon

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

"The premier chamber music venue on The Fringe" *The Herald*

This year's festival in the George Street building starts on Monday 9th August and runs until Sunday 29th August; over the three weeks there will be 72 performances of 45 different acts.

Some performers have been with us for many years, such as Jenny Logan, Ensemble, the Clarsach Society, Steve Warzycki and Lawrence Dunn, while others are here for the first time – a male voice Korean ensemble, a classical guitarist and a professional opera company staging *La Boheme*. Tom Poster, winner of the 2007 Scottish International Piano Competition, will perform piano duets with the 2004 winner, and of course we have our own talent – Frances Cooper, Brigitte Harris, Colin Tipple and Katharine Wade – ready to delight us.

We are delighted that James Dow, along with Katharine Wade and Dorothea Harris, will help to keep the venue running smoothly.

Pick up a copy of our Diary of Events or find it online at www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/diary.php

If you would like to help with front of house or Box Office duties please speak to **Mary Margaret Scott** via the George Street office

Choir Concert - Saturday 28 August - 12.30pm

The Choir of St Andrew's and St George's West
Directed by Brigitte Harris
Fauré Requiem and Bernstein Chichester Psalms
George Street Building
Entry £10 (£7)

The Festival of Spirituality and Peace 2010:



Can we live by the Golden Rule?

In the Christian tradition, the Golden Rule is expressed as “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”.

The notion that our behaviour should always be tempered with love, respect and empathy for the other is found throughout the world’s faith traditions, with the Golden Rule expressed in many different words but ultimately pointing to the same fundamental truth. This year’s Festival of Spirituality and Peace (FoSP), based at St John’s Church, will be exploring the Golden Rule and asking how, in an increasingly globalised and interconnected world, we can make sure that the Golden Rule is not just a nice idea, but a fundamental rule we endeavour to live by.

To help explore this question we will be welcoming a wide variety of speakers and contributors who will be discussing our faith in politics, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, Iraq and Afghanistan, the Holy Land, ethical global finance, forgiveness, religion and human rights, the ethics of war, caring for sufferers of dementia, the realities of celibacy and many other issues of both local and global significance. Joining us to negotiate these topics will be actor and writer Simon Callow, Archbishop Elias Chacour, Rabbi Awaram Soetendorp, Bhai Sohob Mohinder Singh Ji, Azeem Ibrahim Julian Baginni, Richard Holloway, Kathy Galloway and many other well known thinkers, writers and philosophers.

Running alongside our conversation events, FoSP will also be hosting a vibrant performance programme showcasing some of the very best talent from around the world. St John’s will be filled with the thundering drums of the Wadaiko Taiko drummers, the

contemplative beauty of South Korean classical group Ariul, traditional Ugandan music from Andrew Kalyowa Kagumba, classical Indian dance from Ragamala and a number of other performers, both local and international. We will also be hosting a variety of exhibitions and workshops based around the ideas and themes of the Festival. The full programme can now be viewed online at www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk where tickets can also be purchased.

It would be wonderful to see friends from St Andrew's and St George's West at some of the events FoSP will be hosting this year. We would also be delighted to welcome anyone who might be interested in volunteering for FoSP. Every year we welcome around thirty volunteers from around Edinburgh representing many different faiths, cultures and backgrounds.

Our volunteers represent the core of our Festival community and any members of the TOGETHER churches would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated as volunteers. Volunteer applications can be downloaded from the FoSP website but informal enquiries can also be made to Festival Coordinator Tom Lea: tom@festivalofspirituality.org.uk.



News from Shandwick Place

Hi, I'm Andrew Hynd, the new Volunteer Co-ordinator at St Andrew's and St George's West, Shandwick Place and I've recently taken over the position from Neil McCulloch. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in the program and how it works to drop by the church during the week and visit me.

We have a flourishing and award-winning volunteer program at Shandwick Place which the Centre Manager, Becky Duncan, and I want to drive on to greater success. We're always looking for volunteers and any congregation members who wish to be involved in this rewarding program would be very welcome. In particular we're interested in anybody who could perform straightforward administration tasks at the church reception desk, and assist our volunteers in gaining confidence by helping them to carry out these duties.

Hopefully I'll get to know a few more of the congregation soon and together we can continue to support and enrich the lives of the diverse and strong volunteer community we've built at the church.

Andrew Hynd volunteers@st georgeswest.com

Volunteers for the WELCOME TEAM required

10am-12.30pm or 12.30pm-3pm Monday- Friday

With so many visitors coming in to visit the church in George Street each day through the summer months we really want to have the Volunteer Rota complete where it has many 'gaps' at this moment. Some people do one session per month or some alternate with another volunteer on a week about basis. The main purpose is to welcome visitors and give basic information. Last week a visitor said on leaving, 'Thank you for making our visit so enjoyable'

If you could help please contact **Evelyn Scott** ia the George St office

Volunteering in Edinburgh

Thanks to June Ross, a member at St Cuthbert's and TOGETHER Trustee for this article.



There are many ways to help in the work undertaken by the wide range of charities in Edinburgh striving to assist those in need. You can get an idea of the range of work by, for example, studying the job adverts at the back of The Big Issue, looking at church newsletters and notice boards, and keeping a general look-out for reports of activities in free newspapers and elsewhere.

Opportunities range very widely, - for tutoring, serving in a shop, driving, helping in a lunch club, using professional skills, serving on a Board, and solid office support such as packing envelopes. Much will depend on the amount of time you can spare and at what time of day, how long a commitment you envisage, what qualifications, skills and experience you have and what kind of work you like to do and feel comfortable doing. Some possibilities - such as serving on a Board or becoming a befriender - involve a time of selection and training, and a commitment of over a year or longer. Giving of your professional skills - in, say, accountancy, law or human resources - could be either for a one-off task or for a regular commitment. Practical skills can find a range of outlets, - in IT work in the office, in clearing and decorating a flat, preparing meals and equipping new accommodation.

There are no set age limits. These are likely to be determined by the nature of the work, legal requirements and the policy of each charity. People of all ages, school children, young people in their gap year, people between jobs (maybe seeking further skills and experience) and those retired can all find a niche. While the main aim in volunteering may be to be of help to those in need, there can be much else gained by doing it, such as meeting a wider range of

people, the companionship of fellow-workers and the learning of new skills.

A straightforward way to learn of possibilities is to visit, phone or look at the website of Volunteer Centre Edinburgh, located in the back part of St George's West at 45 Queensferry Street Lane, EH2 4PF, 0131 225 0630

Email admin@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk,

Web: www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk.

The Centre is a charity with the aim of helping volunteers find placings and of helping charities find volunteers. The Centre holds dossiers of openings, grouped according to the aims of the organisation (such as helping the homeless), and the features of each particular job.

So a charity such as The Bethany Trust, the Rock Trust or Fresh Start may occur in various dossiers, each reference relating to a specific job. The Centre also offers talks to interested groups (e.g. those preparing for retirement) and local communities. The Centre stresses how much one can put in to voluntary work, but also how much can be got out of it. Anyone interested is welcome to call at the Centre for a chat.

Charity Chic Eco Fashion Fair

7-9 October 2010

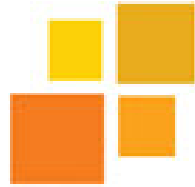
**St Andrew's and St George's West
George Street building**



Charity and designer stalls - vintage and recycled fashion - restyling demonstrations - auction of celebrity accessories to raise funds for local and national charities. We hope that fellow members of TOGETHER churches will join us to help with setting up and catering, so please keep some time free.

More details to follow. Supported by John Lewis

<http://www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/charitychic.php>



Arthur Chapman brings this declaration from the Centenary of the World Missionary Conference

As we gather for the centenary of the World Missionary Conference of Edinburgh 1910, we believe the church, as a sign and symbol of the reign of God, is called to witness to Christ today by sharing in God's mission of love through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. Trusting in the Triune God and with a renewed sense of urgency, we are called to incarnate and proclaim the good news of salvation, of forgiveness of sin, of life in abundance, and of liberation for all poor and oppressed. We are challenged to witness and evangelism in such a way that we are a living demonstration of the love, righteousness and justice that God intends for the whole world.*
- 2. Remembering Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and his resurrection for the world's salvation, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to authentic dialogue, respectful engagement and humble witness among people of other faiths – and no faith – to the uniqueness of Christ. Our approach is marked with bold confidence in the gospel message; it builds friendship, seeks reconciliation and practises hospitality.*
- 3. Knowing the Holy Spirit who blows over the world at will, reconnecting creation and bringing authentic life, we are called to become communities of compassion and healing, where young people are actively participating in mission, and women and men share power and responsibilities fairly, where there is a new zeal for justice, peace and the protection of the environment, and renewed liturgy reflecting the beauties of the Creator and creation.*
- 4. Disturbed by the asymmetries and imbalances of power that divide and trouble us in church and world, we are called to repentance, to critical reflection on systems of power, and to accountable use of power structures. We are called to find practical ways to live as members of One Body in full awareness that God resists the proud, Christ welcomes and empowers the*

poor and afflicted, and the power of the Holy Spirit is manifested in our vulnerability.

5. Affirming the importance of the biblical foundations of our missional engagement and valuing the witness of the Apostles and martyrs, we are called to rejoice in the expressions of the gospel in many nations all over the world. We celebrate the renewal experienced through movements of migration and mission in all directions, the way all are equipped for mission by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and God's continual calling of children and young people to further the gospel.

6. Recognising the need to shape a new generation of leaders with authenticity for mission in a world of diversities in the twenty-first century, we are called to work together in new forms of theological education. Because we are all made in the image of God, these will draw on one another's unique charisms, challenge each other to grow in faith and understanding, share resources equitably worldwide, involve the entire human being and the whole family of God, and respect the wisdom of our elders while also fostering the participation of children.

7. Hearing the call of Jesus to make disciples of all people – poor, wealthy, marginalised, ignored, powerful, living with disability, young, and old – we are called as communities of faith to mission from everywhere to everywhere. In joy we hear the call to receive from one another in our witness by word and action, in streets, fields, offices, homes, and schools, offering reconciliation, showing love, demonstrating grace and speaking out truth.

8. Recalling Christ, the host at the banquet, and committed to that unity for which he lived and prayed, we are called to ongoing co-operation, to deal with controversial issues and to work towards a common vision. We are challenged to welcome one another in our diversity, affirm our membership through baptism in the One Body of Christ, and recognise our need for mutuality, partnership, collaboration and networking in mission, so that the world might believe.

9. Remembering Jesus' way of witness and service, we believe we are called by God to follow this way joyfully, inspired, anointed, sent and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and nurtured by Christian disciplines in community. As we look to Christ's coming in glory and judgment, we experience his presence with us in the Holy Spirit, and we invite all to join with us as we participate in God's transforming and reconciling mission of love to the whole creation.

Edinburgh, 6 July 2010



“Lancastria: We will remember them”

Alex Harper contributes this report on the ‘Lancastria Service of Remembrance’ in the Shandwick Place Building on 12th June

The biblical span of three score years and ten has now passed since the June 1940 evacuation of the personnel of the B.E.F. from mainland Europe. The scattered “little ships” of Dunkirk proved their worth in the strategy of the rescue of the stranded from the beaches in small batches and not offering the Luftwaffe a concentrated target, thereby minimising the loss of life and enabling Churchill to claim it as a sort of victory.

The same cannot be said of those we remembered at the annual Lancastria Memorial Service on 12th June. The large pre-war cruise liner was dispatched as a troopship to bring home in one load as many men as possible for the defence of Britain, a situation of which the enemy was only too well aware, waiting until the embarkation was complete, then systematically annihilating her and claiming thousands of lives amid scenes of horrific human suffering in a sea

of burning oil. Many were the brave actions on the part of servicemen, but also amongst the civilians of the local population as they braved the holocaust to rescue as many as possible, tending and hiding them at great personal risk to themselves and jeopardising the lives of their own families.

At the time no hint of this tragedy was allowed the oxygen of publicity, Winston himself suppressing all mention of the disaster, foreseeing the effect such news would have on the already low state of morale prevailing in Britain. So it is only fitting that annually we should take the time to remember with gratitude the many individual self-sacrificing acts of ordinary people and servicemen alike.

*‘On all the oceans where white caps flow
There are no crosses row on row
But those who sleep beneath the sea
Sleep in peace – your country is free.....’*

As always the Service proved to be a respectful, well organised moving experience, a gathering of like-minded people assembled to remember, ably conducted by the Rev. Neil N. Gardner with just the right touch, in well chosen words worthy of the occasion. Add in the choral expertise and fitting choice of music from the East Fife Male Voice Choir and David Stewart at the organ, supported by Tom Mechan’s reading, Group Captain R.C. Kemp’s delivery of the ‘Ode to the Fallen’ before the Wreath Laying, with the emotive notes of the ‘Last Post’ preceding The Two Minute Silence to be broken by Mr. Derek Scarlet’s ‘Kohima Epitaph’ merging into ‘Reveille’ from the bugle of Richard Knowles.

As the years inevitably take their toll, it was particularly inspiring to have the smartly turned out group of youngsters from the Sea Cadets to share in this ‘Act of Remembrance’ and bring to their understanding the meaning of this now traditional Service.

Alex Harper



the choir during their recent tour to Appin and Lismore

Thoughts from the choir on the ‘Leaving of Lismore’

LISMORE – from the rising sun to eternity.....a place of beauty, community, tranquillity....heavenly!

With perfect weather, a sea like glass, and a short ferry ride with friends, the choir arrived on Lismore, the tranquil and unspoiled island surrounded by stunning mountain scenery from Ben Nevis in the north and the Glencoe Hills, round, to Ben Cruachan, the hills of Mull to the south and Morven to the west, all visible in glorious sunshine well into the evening.

Such a wonderful part of the world, matched only by the welcome and hospitality we received from the friendly, enthusiastic and helpful members of the lively community including many from the

congregations of Appin and Lismore and their minister Roderick Campbell and his wife Sue, made our visit a special experience.

Lismore 'Cathedral' has a sense of being deeply rooted in the story of Christianity in the islands, indeed was the seat of the Bishops of Argyll with a cathedral church dating from the 13th century, partly surviving in the present church of St Moluag, a contemporary of St Columba.

There is something very special and rewarding about having the chance to sing and worship in such a place. With a concert of sacred and secular music, and participation in the Sunday services, we added our voices to those who have worshipped God through the years there. We made the walls of the ancient holy building reverberate. We sang to an attentive, appreciative audience. As for the musicians (according to our Director of Music), 'they just excelled in every way'.

It was our privilege to enter briefly into a different world, where the air is pure and intoxicating, where doors are not locked, the pace is slower, and peace is everywhere.....but God is everywhere, capital city or remote island.

**Lord, make our hearts places of peace
and our minds harbours of tranquility.**

**Sow in our souls true love for you and for one another;
And root deeply within us friendship and unity,
And concord with reverence.**

**So we may give peace to each other sincerely
And receive it beautifully**

A blessing in the American Indian tradition, from *A Wee Worship Book*, published by Wild Goose Worship group

St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh

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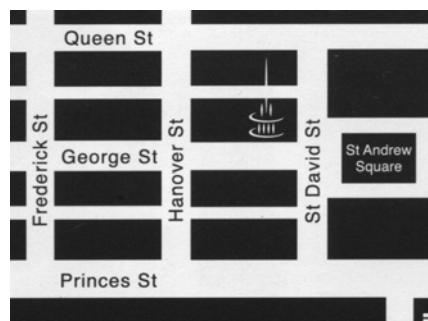
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10am - 2.30pm
(open later during Festival)



Hospitality is not to change people but to offer them space where change can take place.

It is not to bring men and women over to our sides, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines

the paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness

not a fearful emptiness; but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free

free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances

free also to leave and follow their own vocations.

Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for guests to find their own.

Henri Nouwen

Reaching out