



St Andrew's and St George's West Diary and Newsletter October 2010

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bottom: Liberty Fabric at Charity Chic Eco Fashion Fair 7-9 Oct 2010



Letter from Russell

Can we not continue to run both buildings?'

THE BUILDING OPTIONS STUDY SHOWED THE PROHIBITIVE COST INVOLVED.

After the choice of the George Street Church as the future place of worship for our congregation there were a number of people still asking the question, '***Can we not continue to run both buildings?'***

Having studied the Building Options Study, the Finance Group had certainly advised that the cost implications seemed to make this beyond our capability if we wanted to have a church building in 30 years' time. Other people suggested that we would only have the people, the vision and the energy to run one building effectively. The concern, given these demands, has been that both buildings

would deteriorate over time and the congregation would then not have the resources at a future date to rescue the situation.

WE WILL TAKE A FURTHER LOOK THROUGH OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER AT THE POSSIBILITIES.

All that having been said, it seemed entirely reasonable to the Kirk Session that we should take a short period of time to look at the possibilities of running both buildings before we set other plans in motion. There will be an open meeting at 7.30PM on Wednesday 20th October at Shandwick Place to allow anyone with ideas on how this might work to bring them to an open meeting. Following that gathering we will ask the Buildings Group with members of the Finance Group to take a careful look at the proposals against the requirements set out in the Building Options Study. At the same time during October and November the Buildings Group will liaise with others to see how the best in both present buildings might be brought together in the George Street building. In this way we can move forward while looking to answer people's legitimate questions.

SENSITIVITY AND RESPECT FOR DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW

In all of these considerations we must be sensitive on the one hand to the very real feelings of loss and on the other to the desire to move forward with building adaptations. For people who have had a life-long association with the Shandwick Place building there is real bereavement. It is also important to remember that the works of redecoration, new lighting, sound system, notice boards and interpretation of the building at George Street was put on 'hold' to allow consideration of the union. These works would have been completed by now if the union had not happened.

The future of our new congregation depends on your sensitivity and respect for other people's point of view and I earnestly pray that these qualities will be very much to the fore over the months ahead.

Russell McLarty – Interim Moderator

Autumn 2010 Diary at a Glance

Sunday services are held in our George Street building

Monday – Saturday daily worship at 1pm, George Street

Website diary at www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/diary.php

September 2010

30 Sep **7pm Dollar Parish Church** Induction of Alan Ward
as Interim Minister

October 2010

Sat 2 Oct **10am George Street Building** meeting to discuss
the Christmas Tree Festival (p16)

Sun 3 Oct **9am, 9.45am and 11am services** George Street
Building followed by a **Fellowship Lunch** in aid of
Child Survival in Malawi (p10)

7pm Morningside Parish Church
What's the Reformation ever done for us?
*Why we should be grateful to Luther, Calvin
and Knox* Dr Harry Reid (p17)

Mon 4 –Fri 8 **Chopin in Posters Exhibition** George Street (p16)

Wed 6 Oct **1pm George Street Music and Meditation**
Chopin in Scotland (p11)

Thurs 7 Oct **National Poetry Day** (p16)

Thur 7 –Sat 9 **Charity Chic Eco Fashion Fair**, George St (p12)

Sun 10 Oct **9am service and 11am HARVEST CELEBRATION**
SERVICE George Street. No 9.45am service. (p10)

Sun 10 Oct **7pm Morningside Parish Church**
What's the Reformation ever done for us?
Singing the Reformation Rev Douglas Galbraith (p17)

- Wed 13 Oct** **1pm Music and Meditation** George St Building (p11)
- Sun 17 Oct** **9am, 9.45am and 11am services**
George Street Building
- Tue 19 Oct** **6pm Artisan Trio Concert** George St Building (p15)
- Wed 20 Oct** **1pm Music and Meditation** George St Building (p11)
7.30pm Open meeting to consider the possibilities
for the congregation to run two buildings. Shandwick
Place Building (p4)
- Sun 24 Oct** **9am, 9.45am and 11am services** (George St)
7.30pm The Murrayfield Lecture Charlie Miller -
Global Nomad (Saughtonhall URC) (p15)
- Tue 26 Oct** **Kirk Session meets 7.30 pm**
George Street Building all welcome as observers (p7)
- Wed 27 Oct** **1pm Music and Meditation** George St Building (p11)
- Sun 31 Oct** **9am, 9.45am and 11am services**
Quarterly Communion George Street Building

Regular meetings in George Street

Brownies meet Mondays 6pm in the Undercroft

Bellringers meet Mondays

AA meet Wednesdays in the Davidson Room

Scouts meet Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30pm

Choir meets Thursdays 7 - 9pm in the Davidson Room

Births, marriages and deaths

Death: Miss Marion L Weir in her 97th year, peacefully on 29th August 2010.

Removal by Transference Certificate: On 15th July 2010, Mrs Barbara E McLeish an elder since 1979 and a member since 1953.

News from the Kirk Session

Session meetings continue to be long, but full of good things, and we can see real progress in becoming “one”.

Together (Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together) remains central to our church life. Joe Evans, a member of our congregation, is the new part-time Together Coordinator. He is a whizz at communications of all kinds, one of the main areas of his work. He says he is hugely encouraged by the amount going on in our churches, but we don't all know about it. Please invite him to events by contacting him through the George St office or by email joe@togetheredinburgh.org.uk.

We have made a commitment for 3 years towards a Workplace Chaplain who will combine the outreach work of the 3 congregations with assisting in services. St Cuthbert's will contribute the same amount. This followed the Church of Scotland's decision to freeze all new appointments.

We hope to have a Chaplain in place by the new year.

Meanwhile, Crispin Longden will maintain contact with shops and stores.

Worship will be in George St for the foreseeable future, and when building works start, services will move back to Shandwick Place.

At that point, there will be a celebration of the former St George's West.



Russell McLarty hands over to Crispin Longden on the rooftop terrace at John Lewis

The Buildings Option Group (Nick Evans, Mary Margaret Scott, Anne Hindle and Alan Mackinlay) is to be enlarged and will spend the next two

months consulting further e.g. whether we can operate two buildings, and the implications of bringing our activities into one building.

Congregational lunches will take place on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Agnes Smith or Cathie Donaldson if you would like to run one of these lunches for a charitable cause.

Please contact Averil Fifer (via the church office) if you know of someone who would like a lift to church on the first Sunday of the month (wheelchair users cannot be accommodated). And contact Barbara Finlayson if you know of someone in difficult circumstances who would appreciate a gift of flowers.

An offer has been made for the former St George's West manse and we hope that missives will be concluded within a few weeks. Vital work on the roof at Shandwick Place has finished at a cost of over £60,000.

Barbara McLeish and Winnie Cumming have retired as elders and will be much missed. Both have contributed hugely to the congregations – Winnie latterly as Rollkeeper, merging the rolls of the two congregations, and Barbara as a pastoral visitor.

We hope to establish a Christmas Tree Festival on a trial basis this year – this involves different organisations and groups decorating a Christmas tree in the church, and having the buildings open for people to enjoy the beauty and engage with the true spirit of Christmas. More details soon.

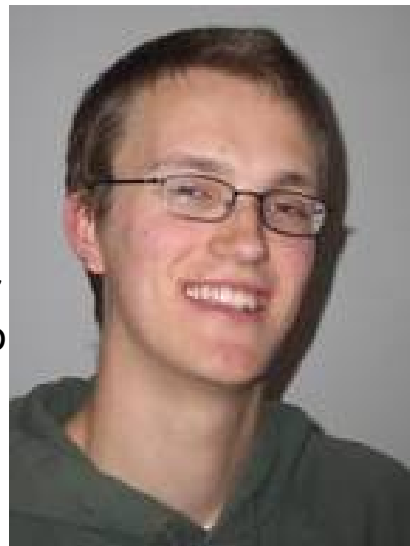
And much more – please ask either church office or either Session Clerk for copies of minutes and reports.

Alison Campbell
Joint Session Clerk

The next Kirk Session Meeting will be on 26 October. Observers are always welcome. Full Session minutes are available from the church offices and from Barbara Finlayson and Alison Campbell.

Gather us in – all peoples together introducing the Together Coordinator

My name is Joe Evans and I'm very excited to be the new Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together Coordinator. In my time with Together I hope get to know as many of you as possible and find ways that we can share skills and ideas with each other and also within the wider community.



To this end there are three things I would like to mention:

While I have met many of you already, I'm trying to meet as many people with an interest in Together as possible; to get an idea of interests and skills you may have and also your thoughts on the ways that Together is progressing. So please get in touch, by email, phone or at my office (behind the pulpit in St Andrew's and St George's, George Street Building) to let me know what you think.



Secondly, from November we will be producing a quarterly Together magazine and while I've got a lot of ideas, I need your help to improve on them. If there are articles or ideas you have for this or if you want to get involved in production at any level, from writing articles to design and photography, please get in contact.

Lastly, I'm trying to discover everything that happens across the three Together churches, and what church members are doing which is of interest to the wider community. So please if you are organising an event or run a weekly interest group; if you're doing a sponsored cycle or know of an excellent talk or exhibition (be it in a church or not) let me know so that I can start passing these things on. For example; following one of my friends being diagnosed with cancer this year, a group of friends and I are running a 10k in October in aid of Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor me/us, please go to www.justgiving.com/team-mairead to show your support.

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Fellowship Lunch in aid of Child Survival in Malawi Sunday 3rd October after the 11am service

The Wider Horizons Group is hosting a Fellowship Lunch on Sunday 3rd October to raise funds for Child Survival in Malawi which supports a number of projects for children affected by HIV-Aids.

All are welcome to a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese and home baking for a modest donation.

Fellowship Lunches are a great chance for people to get together in a relaxed atmosphere after church once a month, usually the first Sunday of each month when the Pastoral Care team runs a "transport to church" service. The lunches raise a modest amount for a nominated charity.

If you'd like to know more about Transport to Church please speak to Averil Fifer (via the Church Office)

If you'd like to know more about hosting a Fellowship Lunch please speak to Cathie Donaldson or Agnes Smith.

Harvest Celebration Sunday

Sunday 10th October at 11AM

9.45AM & 11AM congregations join to share a CELEBRATION SUNDAY every 2 months

For this HARVEST CELEBRATION members and friends are invited to bring harvest goods which will be given to Homeless Projects.

Dried and canned goods are particularly appreciated by the Projects as fresh foods are NOT easily able to be used quickly or stored.

Music and Meditation: Scottish Art and Poetry

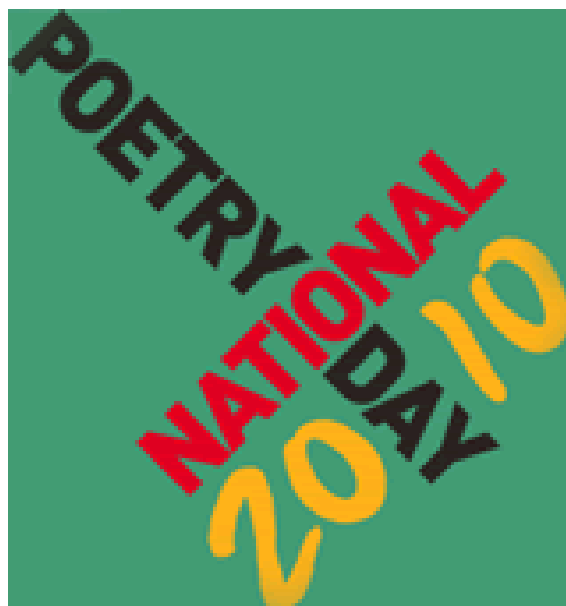
Our popular Wednesday lunchtime Music and Meditation series resumes in October. Napier students supply the music and a volunteer member or friend puts together images and words for the meditation. Our starting point this autumn is Scottish Art and Poetry.

- Wed 6 Oct** **Chopin in Scotland**
Music: Chris Harding plays Prelude no.17 and other compositions by Frederic Chopin
Meditation by Brigitte Harris
- Wed 13 Oct** **The stained glass window of St Colm's**
Meditation by Anne Hepburn
- Wed 20 Oct** **AA Milne poet and painter**
Emily Walker and Katharine Wade
- Wed 27 Oct** **Children on the Shore**
Meditation by John Innes

If you'd like to put together a meditation please speak to **Brigitte Harris**

Looking for inspiration?
remember the wonderful
Scottish Poetry Library
5 Crichton's Close
off the Canongate

7th October is National Poetry Day
The theme is "Home"
free tea, cake and poems at the SPL
OR you could organize your own event
<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/npd.html>



Come along to the annual eco-fashion fair.
Vintage, reworked and recycled fashion
from charities and local designers.

See how you too can
'reduce, reuse and recycle'

**CHARITY
CHIC**



Thursday 7 October 5pm - 8pm
Friday 8 October 11am - 5pm
Saturday 9 October 11am - 5pm

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www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/charitychic.php



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Charity Chic

Clothes with Conscience

Autumn is here. The tree by the George Street building is dropping its leaves and shop windows are full of gorgeous winter fashions.

Meanwhile, this week the price of cotton topped a dollar a pound as the floods in Pakistan threatened a chunk of the world's cotton crop. In Cambodia and China the next generation of Asian workers are striking against poor working conditions which have delivered a decade of fast fashion at ever lower prices.

Whether we regard clothes as transforming elements or fig leaves to hide our modesty, clothes cost more than we think. Raw material, labour conditions, transport and disposal all have costs which are borne by the environment and by workers at the end of the supply chain.

So... can we do anything about this? The Prince of Wales START initiative last month in St Andrew's Square and this month's style and culture bible Monocle both highlight ethical fashion.

Our **Charity Chic Eco Fashion Fair** in the George Street Building in October invites charities and local makers into the Sanctuary to raise awareness of reducing, reusing and recycling in fashion and to raise funds for good causes. Julie Christie has donated a designer suit to be auctioned; Oxfam, Shelter and Barnardo's are bringing their best pieces to sell; our exhibitors from last year plus a few more are back and John Lewis is supporting a remaking zone. Think of the church as an alternative department store on George Street for a few days. It's a small step but it is in the right direction.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered help, homebaking, and donated vintage clothes/costume jewellery to sell for Christian Aid. Please come along and join us and please tell all your friends.

Debbie Bayne, Creative Space and the Charity Chic team

To volunteer speak to Dorothy MacKenzie or Veronica Crerar

To help with catering speak to Jean Brodie

To donate vintage clothes especially 1950s/60s or earlier speak to Bridget Harris or Alison Bruce

To donate costume jewellery speak to Halla Beloff

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More at www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/charitychic.php

Food for the soul

“If you have two loaves, sell one and buy a lily”

(Chinese proverb)

The Chinese were wise to the effect of flowers on the human soul. We use them in moments of happiness, congratulations and rejoicing: in moments of sympathy and sorrow. We use them to enhance our surroundings whether in the garden or the home or public places.

So flowers in church are important in so many ways. They welcome, they add beauty to the entrance and sanctuary. They add to the expression of the Christian calendar and they can inspire us to meditation on the wonder of God’s world and the skill of the flower arranger.

This does not happen by accident. Are we appreciative enough of the efforts of our flower team? A big thank you to those who, week in, week out see that we can enjoy ‘food for the soul’ when we enter the church

Nancie Swan

If you are able to join the group who supply the flowers each Sunday for the Sanctuary

please get in touch with **Cath Reid** who would be glad to add your name to the Flower List.



The Kirk Session has approved a proposal from the Pastoral Care Group that flowers should be given to members as a small but timely and tangible expression of our thoughts for them – whether it be at times of celebration (such as significant wedding anniversaries, landmark birthdays, new baby) or at times of sadness (such as bereavement or a sad anniversary) or of worry and concern (whether about their own health or situation or the health or situation of others dear to them) which have come to our notice. If you know of a member or members to whom we should be giving flowers, please would you contact Barbara Finlayson in person or via the church office.

Cascades Concert Series

Artisan:

Aisling O'Dea - violin

Clea Friend - cello

Simon Smith - piano

**George Street Building
19 October 2010, 6pm**

Edward Harper *Scena II*

Kenneth Leighton

Piano Trio, Op 46

Johannes Brahms *Piano Trio*

No 3 in C minor, Op 101

Further concerts

30 November 2010, 6pm

18 January 2011, 6pm

22 February 2011, 6pm

Take One Action Film Festival

People and movies that are
changing the world

Filmhouse until 5 Oct

www.takeoneaction.org.uk/

Charlie Miller

A spiritual nomad

24 Oct at 7.30pm

A lecture at Saughtonhall
United Reformed Church
85-87 Saughtonhall Drive,
EH12 5TR

www.mct.org.uk/whatson.html

Chopin in Edinburgh

From 4th- 8th October our George Street Building is hosting an exhibition of 35 posters designed by Polish artists.

Celebrations of the
Chopin Year 2010
in Scotland



This is part of a month long celebration of the Chopin Bicentenary in Edinburgh organized by the Polish Consulate. The Wednesday Music and Meditation on October 6 will also be on a Chopin theme.

Christmas Tree Festival A Creative Space event

A Christmas Tree Festival is a great way of reaching out and engaging with the local community and presenting the Christmas message. Christmas trees are decorated with a theme, by church groups, families/individuals, shops, local businesses and charities. To have trees in both buildings we need interest and commitment from a number of people from both buildings who could work together. A meeting to progress this will be held Saturday 2 October at 10am in the George Street building. For more information please contact Sally Evans.

Christian Aid Art Sale

If you would like to help in any way with an inaugural Art Sale for Christian Aid in late November please contact Alison Bruce.

What's the Reformation ever done for us?



A series of talks organised by Edinburgh Greenbank and Morningside Parish Churches with the support of the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

• 12 September

The Reformation: From Europe to Scotland
Dr Susan Hardman Moore

• 19 September

The Social Policy of the Scottish Churches Prof Jay Brown

• 26 September

The Kirk and Scottish Literature
Dr Alison Jack

• 3 October

Why we should be grateful to Luther, Calvin and Knox
Dr Harry Reid

• 10 October

Singing the Reformation
Rev Douglas Galbraith

Sundays 7.00pm • Morningside Parish Church
Refreshments served from 6.30pm



Folk4Folk played three concerts at Shandwick Place during the Fringe in August to raise funds for WaterForAllAfrica. This charity supplies innovative “STAG” filters for clean, reliable water. Here’s a report back from the field.

Jim Rae, Waterforall Africa’s engineering consultant, has just returned from Kenya and Malawi. Wherever he took safety tests from borehole, reservoir or spring water it was always found to be contaminated. In Scotland a reading of 10 is the accepted minimum standard and anything over 20 is considered unfit for human consumption and will cause sickness and diarrhoea leading to death in many instances. Readings in Kenya and Malawi varied from 28.5 to over 100.

Sanitation issues Common problems encountered were; shared use of water for washing, drinking, and animals; use of dirty buckets to carry water; no barrier around the boreholes allowing animals to defecate; close proximity of heavily manured cash crop fields; the ever present and nearby pit latrine soak-aways.

STAG installations 4 STAG filters were installed in rural villages in Southern Malawi in areas where they will be severely tested and are most needed. Magaletta (pictured below) is where Jim had found the elders and children dying through drinking contaminated water some 2 years previously and where he had vowed to return with a solution. Chagwawudyo village was chosen because of a cholera outbreak last year. Both these villages are in Neno District. Mwalija village in Lower Shire was selected because of known high contamination levels. Borehole and post STAG treatment water test readings were:

Magaleta	28.5; post STAG 4
Chagwawudyo	47.5; post STAG 4
Mwalija 1	38.0; post STAG 0
Mwalija 2	43.0; post STAG 2

Q: what is a STAG Filter?
A: STAG = Safely Treats All Groundwater. An effective manual, non-chemical filter

Monitoring activities Monitoring systems have been established to measure and compare health, filter usage and operational issues. Presently trials are being carried out in Malawi by the Dept. of Water Resources in Blantyre and further tests will be carried out at Blantyre Polytechnic under the leadership of Prof. Victor Chipofya. We willingly accepted this request and are confident of the results as the system has already been exhaustively tested at the Glasgow Scientific Laboratory and met the highest standards available in the UK. Once testing is complete this 5th filter will be installed in Katemalinga village, also in Lower Shire. It should be noted that our units could be used next to any water source.

Next steps Our units have had some remarkable results in the field so far drawing attention from high level Government and water ministry officials. We return in November to analyse and assess the results further and to speak to the government. We have already been approached to appear on national television.



During the following year we hope to establish a factory in Malawi to create employment and to increase skill levels to ensure the sustainability of our project.

More information including pictures and a video clip at www.waterforall.ltd.uk

Villagers in Magaleta using the STAG unit

A Reflection

Arthur Chapman

At a time when we as a new congregation have been inevitably concerned about our own existence and how we should combine and structure our resources and when the UK, amongst other countries worldwide, has been affected by an 'economic downturn' it is important to remember wider concerns and to think about some of the reasons why we are here.

What motivates us? For me it lies in the Gospel imperative reflected in Jesus' sermon in Nazareth when, taking the scroll, he read these familiar words from the prophet Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me; he has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4:18-19 / Isaiah 61:1-2).

It is reflected in the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail ... Blessed are those who show mercy ... Blessed are the peacemakers .. " to select just three.

It is reflected in the words of Paul, "I may speak in tongues of men or of angels, but if I have no love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. I may have the gift of prophecy and the knowledge of every hidden truth; I may have faith enough to move mountains; but if I have no love, I am nothing. ..." (1 Cor 13:1-3 ff). But this love, if I understand Jesus and Paul correctly, is no sentimental, romantic love but it is a strong, campaigning love, a love that will not rest until right has prevailed, until justice is brought about, unjust structures replaced, a love which struggles for peace, through love of enemies not through weapons of war and certainly not through weapons, or works, of mass destruction¹. It is a love made manifest in the work

¹ E.g. the destruction of forests in Alberta through the exploitation of tar sands.
<http://www.co-operativecampaigns.co.uk/toxicfuels/index.php>

over 37 years for Christian Aid at this Church but also evident in small individual acts of kindness, care and sacrifice.

The work of Wider Horizons is one way of supporting the work, the duty, the imperative set upon every Christian when they are baptised to seek peace and pursue it, to work for justice and stand out from the crowd. “Be no longer conformed to the patterns of this present world” or “Conform no longer to the pattern of this present world [age], but be transformed by the renewal of your minds”, Paul says (Rom 12: 2a). It would do no harm to meditate on these words of St Paul. These words, I suggest are too often “spiritualised” and in so doing they become easy to ignore. What does it mean to “conform no longer to the patterns of this present age”? Might it not make us think twice or thrice about our patterns of consumption in Scotland and the “developed” world about our economic structures and models of economic growth, our reliance on violence, our despoiling of the world’s eco-systems and our failure to live justly?

Jim Wallis², of Sojourners, Jonathan Sacks³, the Chief Rabbi, Stuart Sim, author of *The End of Modernity* and Giles Fraser⁴ all suggest in different ways and from different perspectives the need for an alternative vision to that provided by most of our politicians. They speak about the need for *metanoia*, a turning around, a new way of doing things, a new way of seeing the world, a conversion, as radical as any evangelical response to the teleEvangelists – and longer lasting. They speak about what the church can and should be doing – changing the way we think, changing our attitudes, our lifestyles, moving us away from our addiction to growth and reminding us of the importance of faith, hope and love, the three theological virtues. This means changing unjust structures, and violent ways of living which damage others and the eco-system. But to do this

² <http://blog.sojo.net/2010/06/10/we-must-respond-to-the-needs-of-the-gulf-coast/?the-gulf-coast/>

³ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/programmes/thought/documents/t20100611.shtml>

⁴ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/programmes/thought/documents/t20100608.shtml>

successfully means that we must become peaceful, just, non-violent (in word and action) ourselves, we must change the way we live. In order to bring about change we ourselves must change. That's not easy, but it's what we're called to do.

Our struggle, our duty, in the years ahead must be to do all we can to work, alone if need be, but preferably together with other faith communities, and with those who say they have no faith, to care for the poor, work for the alleviation of poverty, bring about peace and reconciliation, and reduce our impact on this unique but fragile earth. We need to work to bring about change but we also need to change ourselves. As Gandhi said "Be the change you want to see in the world".

Arthur Chapman, Wider Horizons Convener.
Abridged from a longer article.

A 17th C prayer

**Care less for the size of your harvest
Than for how it is shared**



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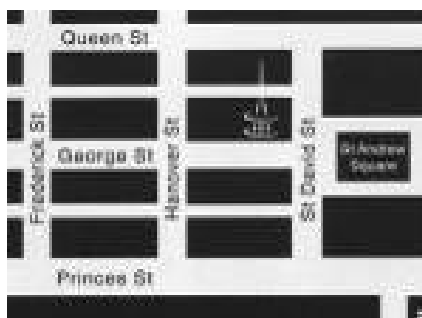
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Church open
Mon- Fri
10am - 3pm

Undercroft Café
Open Mon-Fri
10am - 2.30pm



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