



## NEWS RELEASE

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**EDINBURGH CHRISTIAN AID BOOKSALE 2011 – Patron: Liz Lochhead, Scotland’s Makar**  
**NOTICE: PHOTOCALL WITH LIZ LOCHHEAD 11am, 12 MAY 2011 [SALE**  
**OPENS 14 MAY]**

**[Thurs 12 May]** – Liz Lochhead, Scotland’s Makar [national poet], heads effort to raise money. Liz comes to Edinburgh on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May to visit the church along with other Scots poets.

**Alasdair Gray** – well known Scottish novelist and artist – has donated a picture to the sale: “**Julie 1985**” (silkscreen print). Art and pictures are a strong presence at this year’s Sale in its 38<sup>th</sup> year.

**Featured Item – William Harvey, *The Circulation of The Blood* (1649):** This small 1649 Latin text is the definitive work on the circulation of the blood. Harvey was one of the fathers of modern scientific medicine. A court physician during the Civil War, Harvey refined his knowledge of anatomy as a result of that experience; Parliamentarians ransacked Harvey’s rooms, destroying his medical notes and papers. This rare and special volume has survived to this day and will be sold for the benefit of people across the world.



**Other sale highlights:** Printed Ephemera – a perfectly-preserved newspaper from June 1837, *The Edinburgh Evening Courant*, historic edition announcing the death of King William IV and the undisputed succession of Queen Victoria.

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### Notes to editors

1. The annual Christian Aid Book Sale at **St Andrew's and St George's West Church, George Street**, Edinburgh opens at 10am on Saturday 14 May (closed Sun 15 May). It continues during Christian Aid Week from Mon 16 to Fri 20 May, open 10am – 3.30pm with late night opening until 7pm on Thurs 19 May.
2. Since 1974, the sale has raised almost £2m for Christian Aid which raises funds for and works with partner organisations around the world, regardless of religion or race and gives relief to the poor of the world, wherever there is suffering, disaster or famine. See: [www.christianaid.org.uk/scotland](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/scotland)
3. For more details about the sale visit: [http://www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/christian\\_aid\\_book\\_sale.php](http://www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk/christian_aid_book_sale.php)

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