ST JOHN'S COLINTON MAINS CHURCH Bulletin

17 March 2019 Minister: Rev. Peter Nelson

A very warm welcome to worship. Please join us in the hall after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a time to chat.

Welcome & Intimations Praise	Sing to God New Songs of Worship
Prayer	
Time Together	
Praise	My God Is So Big
Prayer & Lord's Prayer	
Praise	Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart
Reading	Luke 8: 40-56
Sermon	
Praise	Let the Weak Say I Am Strong
Offering	
Dedication of offering	
Prayer	
Praise	By Faith We See the Hand Of God
Benediction	

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE: 17-24 March

TODAY	10:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service
MONDAY	19:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	10:00	Little Steps - Hall
	19:30	Nurture Group
	19:30	Small Group
THURSDAY	19:30	Small Group
FRIDAY	10:30	Small Group
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	10:30	Prayer meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service

Please join us as we pray together

We meet for prayer each Sunday morning at 10:30am in the Session Room. Please join us if you are able – you will be very welcome.

• We meet in the Session Room for a time of congregational prayer each Monday evening from 7:30-9:00pm and we would be delighted if you would join us. Please don't worry if you don't feel comfortable praying aloud – come along anyway and join us in this special time in communion with the Lord, as we pray for our people, the work of our church, and the world at large.

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for you at the Monday evening meeting, please speak to Peter. Alternatively, you can put your prayer request in the box at the main door of the church (anonymously if you prefer) or email dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk. Your request will be treated in confidence.

We also have an email prayer circle of people who are pleased to pray for you, so if you would like to be supported in prayer at any time, please email dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk. And email that address also if you would like to join the prayer circle.

'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.' Ephesians 6: 18

Church DAY OF PRAYER, Thursday 28 March, 7am-7pm

Take some time out from your usual routine and drop in to the church for a quiet time of prayer at whatever point in the day suits you. There will be bacon rolls for early-comers, and we will finish with a short time of worship at 7pm. So please put the date in your diary and come in and pray. There will be prayer points available in the church.



'...the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.' (Revelation 5: 8)

SU Big Beach Weekend – for P5-S3, 10-12 May, Scoughall, North Berwick

This Edinburgh Spring Weekend is filled with exciting activities and opportunities to explore the Bible. The event is led by Angus Moyes with help from a team of accredited SU Scotland volunteers from Edinburgh, including SU Group leaders. Come meet old friends and make new ones as you face fun challenges, eat great food and have fun on the beach. For more info and to book, please go to: https://www.suscotland.org.uk/events/big-beach-weekend-edinburgh-wesc9/

᠑ SU Scotland 🔹 5-7pm, 29 March, King's Church, 104 Gilmore Place

SPOTLIGHT: for **S1-S3**. A time to spend with friends, have some food, share what's going on at school, look at the Bible and chat. With challenges, games and music.

EQUIP: for S4-S6. There will be worship, a speaker, Bible study and discussion as well as food. Topic: Hasn't science replaced God?

It would be great to know if you plan to come along (so we have enough food!) and if you have any dietary requirements, so please get in touch on edinburgh@suscotland.org.uk or phone 0131 445 4125. Cost: £3.

RESURRECTION, Usher Hall, 7;30pm, Sunday 21 April

On Easter Sunday, join with more than 2,000 people in celebrating the raising of Jesus from the dead. Led by Origin's choir, band and orchestra. There will be an offering at the event towards expenses. Please come prepared to donate as you are able (suggested donation £10 per ticket). Tickets from: https://www.originscotland.org/boxoffice/index.php?eventID=2942

CELTIC WORSHIP, Wednesday 24 April, Community Church Edinburgh, King's Hall, 41A South Clerk Street. Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm.

We are excited to bring you this collaboration between some of Scotland's most talented folk musicians: Steph Macleod, Mhairi Marwick, Scott Wood, Chris Amer, Naomi Stirrat. Gus Stirrat. Neil Paton and Ifedade Thomas.

Tickets are available from the venue for £6 or you can book them online for £6.98 at: https://www.tearfund.org/en-SC/about_you/around_the_uk/scotland/latest_news/ During the evening you'll get to hear about the inspiring work of Tearfund that Steph witnessed first-hand during his time in Uganda.



Morningside & Fairmilehead Christian Aid Committee present "EAGLE HAS LANDED" 50 YEARS ON

Fairmilehead Parish Church, Tuesday 2 April, 7:15pm

A lecture and short film to recall the Apollo 11 moon landing mission in 1969. Doors open at 6:45pm. Refreshments served at interval. Tickets £9 – call Fairmilehead Church office on 0131 445 2374 to reserve.

With grateful thanks to speakers from Royal Observatory Edinburgh: Alastair Bruce, Martin Black & William Taylor.

WORD FOR THE DAY

1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24 (NIVUK)

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

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• Your prayers for our Matched Giving Appeal have already had an impact. The Prime Minister mentioned it in the House of Commons, and a number of MPs have signed up to our 'Plastic Pledge'. In addition, the government just announced that they're increasing our match funding from £2m to £3m, highlighting the importance of tackling plastic waste in developing countries. Praise God!

• Demonstrators blocking roads into the Rohingya refugee camps are causing tension and a need for caution for Tearfund's partners working with the refugees. Pray for resources and support to reach those in need and ask God to protect Tearfund partners as they negotiate the volatile security situation.

 Severe rains in Southern Malawi have caused catastrophic flooding, killing many people and destroying homes and livelihoods. With more rain forecast, pray that further deaths will be prevented, and that there won't be any outbreak of waterborne diseases. Pray for people affected by the floods, and for the staff of both Tearfund and our local partner, Eagles, as they respond.

www.opendoorsuk.org

In Iran, Christianity is seen as a Western influence and a threat to the state. All ethnic Persians are seen as Muslims. It is illegal to produce Christian literature or hold church services in their language, Farsi. Believers from Muslim backgrounds keep their faith secret. Secret house churches are monitored and frequently raided, and dozens of Christians are imprisoned in appalling conditions. Open Doors advocates for those who are imprisoned for their Christian faith in Iran and organises trauma care conferences for former prisoners who now live in Turkey. PLEASE PRAY:

Father God, thank You for the courage of our brothers and sisters in Iran, who, despite the risks, continue to live lives of faith. Comfort those who are in prison today, and protect those who must keep their faith secret. May Your kingdom come in Iran.

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