

THE WHITE ROSE

The Parish Newsletter of Old Saint Paul's Church

March 2011.

Sundays of Lent - High Mass

On the five Sundays of Lent we are inviting people to stay after 10.30am High Mass for facilitated discussion of the sermon at coffee time, ending at 12.45pm. To make time for this, only during Lent, High Mass will be slightly shorter, with 2 readings, a simpler Offertory, and the Peace shared before Communion. The themes of the Sunday gospels and the sermons are:

Sunday 13 March, Lent 1

Jesus in the wilderness - Being Exposed

Sunday 20 March, Lent 2

Jesus & Nicodemus - Being Wrong

Sunday 27 March, Lent 3

Jesus & the Samaritan Woman - Being Rigid

Sunday 3 April, Lent 4

Jesus & the man born blind - Being Blamed

Sunday 10 April, Lent 5

Jesus & Lazarus - Being Dead

Please stay and join in these discussions as something you can take up as a discipline for spiritual growth during Lent - to learn more about your faith by engaging with the gospel week by week.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday falls on 9 March, as usual there will be High Mass with the Giving of Ashes at 7.30pm. Mass will also be celebrated at 8am & 12.20pm.

Details of the other services during Lent are on page 2.



Keeping a Holy Lent

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 9 March, and lasts until Easter Eve. Originally Lent was referred to by the Latin term *quadragesima*, the "fortieth" day before Easter. It is still called that in many languages: Spanish *cuaresma*, French *carême*, Italian *quaresima*, and Gaelic *carghas*. But English speakers began using the word "lent" which is an Old English word for spring - lencten, the time when the days start to lengthen. "Spring" has an energetic, positive sense that "Lent," with its association of self-denial and giving things up, doesn't.

So what might we do differently if we thought of this season as "Spring?" I think we might be more enthusiastic about it, because like most people in Scotland, we like Spring and look forward to it, to longer days, flowering bulbs, and warmer weather. If we thought of this liturgical season in the way that we think of the natural season, our gladness that winter is nearly over and summer is coming might help us to have an equally keen anticipation of the winter of sin passing away and the new spring of hope and healing being within our reach.

Then I think we might see Lent not as a time to feel guilty for all our faults but as spring-cleaning. Rather than just giving something up for Lent, we might be cleaning the windows of the spirit to let the bright light of Easter shine through. We would be looking forward to Easter rather than just trying to get through the forty and forty nights without even a morsel of chocolate (and other things).

And I think we might be looking for more opportunities to get outside of ourselves. Just as we might take the opportunity to be out of doors when the weather improves and the sun is shining, thinking of the season as "Spring" might encourage us to move beyond our closed settled religious ideas, and breathe some fresh spiritual air instead. We might go start looking for new viewpoints instead of just brooding by our mental fireplaces.

I think it might make us sing some of the Lent hymns differently. Not many of them are all that "Spring-like", though I think *Now is the healing time decreed* comes close. But a modern Lent hymn by Brian Wren is on the right lines:

*Great God Your love has called us here
as we by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come with all our heart and mind
Your call to hear, Your love to find.*

*We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
By powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.*

Although Shakespeare said, "that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," sometimes giving familiar things a new name makes us see them afresh. So what would you do differently during the next 40 days if you thought of them as "Spring" instead of as "Lent?"

Fr Ian

Saturdays of Lent - Mass & A Movie



This year, in place of the more traditional Lent groups, we are having discussions of the sermons on Sundays after Mass (see page 1 for details) and *Mass & a Movie* on the Saturday afternoons. These will run from 12.20pm to 4.30pm and the format will be:

12.20pm - Contemplative Mass in the Memorial Chapel.

1.00pm - Simple lunch in the Hall in silence, accompanied by readings from the Desert Fathers.

2.00pm - Film at Lauder House, 39 Jeffrey St, introduced by a member of the congregation each week, followed by discussion & tea. Ends by 4.30pm.

Saturday 12 March

Places of the Heart - ER Haire

Saturday 19 March

Together - Fr Simon Tibbs (Swedish, subtitles, some nudity)

Saturday 26 March

A River Runs Through It - Fr Ian Paton

Saturday 2 April

Babette's Feast - Jennie Gardner

Saturday 9 April

Jesus of Montreal - Helen Reid-Thomas (French, subtitles)

Saturday 16 April

Where the Wild Things Are - Ron Haflidson

Please see the clergy if you want further information.

RESTORATION & RENEWAL

of Old St Paul's Church

Now that the roof has been repaired and the task - apart from one or two small outstanding jobs - more or less complete, the R&R committee has been considering the next phase of work to be undertaken.



David Taylor, the new R&R project manager

Progress last year was hampered by the death of Jim Wynn-Evans, our project manager, but this role has now been taken on

by David Taylor with the result that once again things are moving. A brief has been agreed and discussed with the architect, John Sanders, enabling us to apply for Canon 35 - the essential consent required from the diocese to proceed with any change to the structure or appearance of the building. This application, with illustrations, has been posted at the back of the church to enable the congregation to see and to comment on what is being considered.

The objective is to make the church more visible, more accessible and more welcoming. We are familiar with the city and the church but for strangers, visitors or passers-by the building can be easily missed, the doors even though open can be rather intimidating and for those with impaired mobility the Calvary stair is daunting - to say the least. We hope that

changing the doors at the entrance, improving the exterior and internal lighting and cleaning the stone of the Calvary stair and the Memorial Chapel will not only enhance the building but provide a warmer welcome. We also want to replace the existing rather cumbersome stair climber with a more modern, easier to operate platform which can be used by those in

wheelchairs or by anyone for whom the stairs present an insurmountable obstacle.

As yet there is only a rough estimate for the platform - but the improvement work will cost in the region of £40,000. This global cost will be broken down so that we can give a cost for each element of the work, making it easier to apply to trusts and also encouraging us to renew our own fund-raising efforts.

Over the past two years £50,000 has been raised by the efforts and contributions of the congregation and with the help of friends and supporters. The next two years will present the same challenge but this time the changes and improvements will be at eye-level - which, it is hoped, will make the fund-raising efforts more enjoyable!

Sheila Brock

Weekday Services During Lent

Monday

*Morning Prayer 8am
Mass 12.20pm
Evening Prayer 5.45pm*

Tuesday

*Morning Prayer & Mass 8am
Evening Prayer 5.45pm*

Wednesday

*Morning Prayer 8am
Evening Prayer 5.45pm
Confessions from 6pm
Mass 6.30pm*

Thursday

*Morning Prayer and Mass 8am
Evening Prayer 5.45pm*

Friday

*Morning Prayer 8am
Mass 12.20pm
Evening Prayer 5.45pm*

Saturday

*Morning Prayer 8am
Mass & a Movie 12.20pm
Evening Prayer 5.45pm*

Semi-silent Saturdays

Before getting into Lenten and/or Easter mode perhaps it is salutary to take a short time to look back on the waiting of Advent.

For some this waiting meant spending time at four Quiet Saturdays. There were several "parts" to each one and participants could come and go at will.



First, in the Memorial Chapel, there was an adapted, but moving, Mass with fewer words and more contemplation.

This could be followed in the Church Hall by a simple tasty lunch (thanks to John Thompson) with varying times of silence. Some, especially those used to solitary meals, found this strangely disconcerting.

Then we went to Lauder House to watch and discuss an episode (one per week) of "The Big Silence" - the TV series which followed five people experiencing longer or shorter periods of reflective silence at Worth Abbey, then at home, then on retreat at St. Beuno's Spiritual Centre in North Wales.

It was interesting to get to know Carrie, David, Helen, John and Trish more fully; to like or dislike them, then perhaps, changing our opinion of them. It was interesting also to examine our attitude to them in the light of our own preconceptions and place in society and to become concerned about their future in the light of a TV "reality show".

All five were busy and articulate people, who reacted in different and changing ways to the Jesuit regime of twenty four hour silence - apart from a daily meeting with their spiritual guide. Initially, deprived of technological stimuli, they all experienced boredom. Gradually, however, the spirit of the place permeated them and they "came to themselves".

Next was a silent guided walk. We went out into the streets in twos. For half the time one person led and pointed out places of interest, while the other followed. Then we changed roles. Icy and slushy pavements added interest to the venture. It was a strange experience, seeing things through another's eyes and having either no or full responsibility as to where we went. I felt as if I were in a sort of bubble - sounds, other people and traffic all seemed to go out of focus.

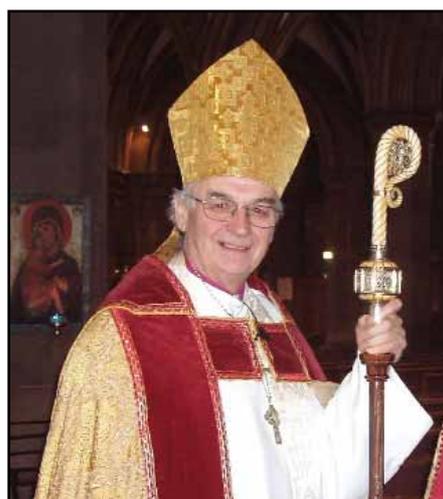
Back at Lauder House was a welcome cup of tea and a short chat with the other twosomes exchanging thoughts and feelings.

Margot Alexander

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Brian's last visit to OSP as Bishop of Edinburgh (he retires on 15 August) will be to celebrate High Mass and Confirmation on Sunday, 26th June, the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.

A preparation course - Faith Confirmed - for those who would like to be Confirmed will be meeting on Wednesday evenings 4th May to Wednesday 22nd June 7.30 to 9.00pm at 39 Jeffrey Street, with a residential weekend, Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th June. If you are interested in being Confirmed or in taking part in the Course, please speak to the clergy.



Vestry Report

Our last vestry meeting was held on 16th February to a mostly full attendance. Vestry is pleased to announce that plans have started again for our *Hot Chocolate at 10* series which will again be held during Festival this August. There are possible plans for special ticket prices for OSP members during the first week of concerts so watch this space for exciting updates.

There is going to be a trial for having coffee time at the back of the church to see if it increases those who wish to socialise after mass. It will take place monthly on the first Sunday of the month starting in May (then weekly during the festival, as usual) and we would love to hear how you think it worked out come September. This is just one of the ways we are looking at being a more friendly congregation.

I am also pleased to let you know that we are receiving emails from the congregation with concerns and ideas and are discussing them at the meetings. Among them were several reports of the church being too cold. Although we all agree it has been a colder winter than usual, it has been difficult keeping the church warm this year. It has been a continuing issue, though, and rest assured that the property committee have been investigating other options that might be more efficient and cost effective. We plan to keep the congregation as informed as possible.

The next meeting will take place on 30th March. Should you have an issue, comment or compliment you would like to be taken to vestry, please email it to vestry@osp.org.uk.

Forthcoming Event

On Holy Saturday, 23rd April, Old Saint Paul's will be running a morning event for children. Please look out for fliers during Lent. If you are free to help on this date, please speak to Paul Lugton after Mass, or email children@osp.org.uk or ring him on 07984 168 403.

Spring Cleaning

The Spring clean is going ahead on the 16th April, and the main thrust is going to be the higher areas of the church - turning our eyes to heaven, if you like.

We're looking for as many people as possible to come and join in preparing the church for Easter. There will be sign up sheets at the back of the church if you want to undertake specific jobs - climbing the scaffold to clean the choir screen and Children's chapel for those with a head for heights or having a go at the gallery for those who prefer to keep their feet on level ground.

We'll start at 9.00am, or whenever you can get there, we'll stop for a bite to eat (courtesy of the Parish Lunch team) around 12:30pm, then continue until our thirst gets the better of us at about 5.00pm.

The more people join in, the less arduous the job becomes, and the more fun. Choose your vacuum cleaner (for the musical among you we have Dysons in D, F and G), gird up your loins and lend a hand

Can You Help?

OSP has a strong tradition of working with children and young people in the congregation.

To maintain this tradition we need volunteers to help run crèche (for under 5s) and Sunday school (5-12s) during High Mass, about one Sunday a month, and for Young Saint Paul's (10-16), before High Mass, about two Sundays a year.

If you would like to know more, please speak to Paul Lugton after Mass, or email children@osp.org.uk or ring him on 07984 168 403.

Next Issue Deadline

The deadline for the April issue of the Newsletter is **Monday 28 March**. Please email any contributions to: newsletter@osp.org.uk

January brings the snow Makes our feet and fingers glow



Photos: Brenda White

So says the old rhyme. Luckily by January 29th, the day of the OSP walkers' first outing of 2011, the worst of the winter weather seemed over. With no rain, sleet or snow to trouble us, conditions were pleasant for a gentle walk along part of the towpath beside the Union Canal.

This goes all the way from Fountainbridge in Edinburgh to Falkirk, some 32 miles away, where the amazing Falkirk Wheel, opened in 2002, links it to the Forth and Clyde Canal. Needless to say, we walked only a section of the towpath, a very attractive part, from Wester Hailes to Ratho, where we had our 'Christmas' lunch to look forward to, our original date in December having proved impossible because of - you've guessed it - snow.

From the poshly named Westside Plaza we were soon beside the canal heading westwards, leaving the city and traffic behind, but not before we had crossed the impressive Scott Russell Aqueduct that carries the canal high over the City Bypass.

Then we were in rural surroundings, with lovely views of the Pentlands to our left and a distant view of the Ochil Hills to the north. Picturesque bridges created reflections in the calm waters of the canal while through the bare hedgerows we got views that wouldn't be seen in leafier seasons. A plump robin obligingly allowed us to view it close up. All in all it was a most enjoyable, gentle walk.

If you haven't explored this less well known local attraction you should. There are many access points and the walk can be as long or as short as you like.

It's a very different scene from the early 1800's when the canals provided a major transport link between Edinburgh and Glasgow, and hardworking horses pulled coal and lime-carrying barges as well as those for passengers. Now we can all benefit from the peaceful environment - and we did.

Christine Stevenson



A Snowdrop by My Early Walk ...



After a week of anxiously watching weather forecasts, with their bands of heavy rain edging ever closer, 10 members of the Old Saint Paul's walking group assembled on Saturday 25th February at Balerno and made their way down to the Water of Leith Walkway. The 12.5-mile walkway starts in Balerno, and for its first five miles to Slateford, follows the line of the old Balerno Branch railway. It was this section that we planned to do, and the first sight to greet us as we joined the riverside was a profusion of snowdrops on the wooded banks. Their nodding bright white flowers, together with an emerging sun and spreading blue sky, convinced us that spring was here and we were going to have a fine day.

And so we did, not only in the weather but also in the delights of the path we followed. The Water of Leith itself has a variety of moods from placid reflections to tumbling rocks and powerful weirs, flanked by many young and old trees of varying shapes and sizes. The river banks showed us not only snowdrops but also clusters of yellow aconites and even, in some places, the emerging bright green of wild garlic. A few early yellow flowers of gorse were observed. Birdsong was everywhere in the air, and at one point we watched a Dipper hopping from stone to stone in the water. The walkway itself is good, even though the preceding week's rain had bequeathed plenty of mud; and we managed to evade the hazards of passing cyclists, joggers, and friendly dogs, from a huge black Newfoundland to a tiny blond Gryphon.

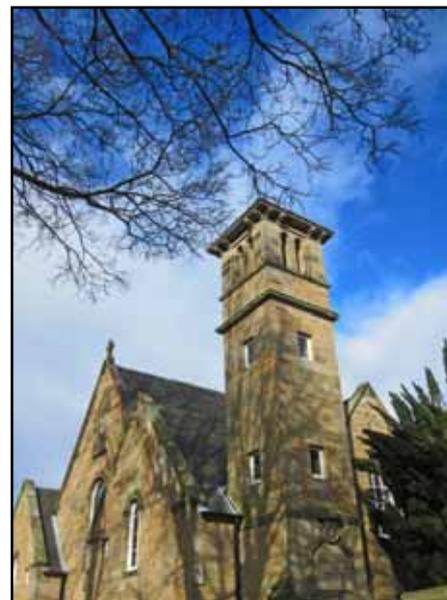
At Currie Brig (over 600 years old and probably the oldest construction on the

river) we turned off the riverside path to have a look at Currie Kirk, its churchyard bathed in sunlight, with snowdrops scattered among the ancient mossy gravestones. Here we wandered pleasantly, and enjoyed our elevenses. There has been a church on this site for over 1,000 years, the present one having been erected in 1785. Our next stop was in Spylaw Park, a well-tended green area adjoining Spylaw House, once the house of James Gillespie whose fortune (accumulated from snuff milling) endowed Gillespie's Hospital and James Gillespie's Girls' School. Here we sat in the almost-warm sunshine and ate our lunch, before pressing on towards Colinton, the next village on the river, where we made our final detour.

This included a viewing of the wrought-iron railings and gates designed by Phoebe Anna Traquair for a private house in Colinton village; made in 1924 they were restored in 2007. Phoebe Traquair lived in Colinton, and her grave was among those inspected in Colinton churchyard, another haven of peace and, like Currie's, bathed in afternoon sunlight. On a more earthly level, we also discovered the various pleasures of the Spylaw Tavern in the village (having learned only that morning that our intended destination, the Dell Inn in Slateford, had closed within the last month!).

Finally, we meandered pleasantly on to Slateford, from where Lothian Buses transported us back into the city. Our planned half-day walk had turned into rather more than that, but we were well pleased with our outing.

Brenda White



Photos: Brenda White



Far Left (facing page): OSP walkers at their belated Christmas lunch, & The Bridge Inn at Ratho;
Above: Snowdrops by the Water of Leith, Colinton Kirk & Currie Brig;
Below: The Water of Leith

Future Walking Plans

Our walk dates for the forthcoming season are as follows: Saturdays 26th March, 30th April, 28th May, and 25th June. The March walk will be a circular from Earlston, in the Borders; April will be the walk in the Lammermuirs, postponed from last November because of snow. Do join us!



The Choir Visit To Melrose

Care of the Soul

On Thursday 24 March at 7.30pm, The Lauriston Jesuit Centre are holding an Evening with Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB when he will discuss how meditation serves peace and justice. He will explain why the link between prayer and meditation, justice and peace, is a vital one, and is at the heart of any real and lasting change.

Fr. Laurence Freeman is a Benedictine monk of the Congregation of Monte Oliveto, and is the Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The entry is by donation and more details can be found on their website (www.lauriston.org.uk) or by contacting Chris Boles SJ on 477 5795, or email: cboles@lauriston.org.uk

Retreat

Emmaus House are running a Retreat for three nights from Saturday 26 to Tuesday 29 March. It is being held in the Bishop's House on Iona, and is open to everybody.

The cost, which is based on sharing rooms, is £175 full board, plus travel, although some car sharing may be available. The retreat is being led by Revd Andrew Bain.

Further details are available on the piano. All enquiries should be directed to 0131 228 1066 or e-mail: info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk You can also visit their website: www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk

Pilgrimage Today

The Scottish Churches Rural Group have organised a conference on the relevance of pilgrimage to the modern society. Entitled "Pilgrimage Today", it is being held on 24 March in the Church of Scotland Offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh from 10.15am - 4pm. The cost £10.

Further information and a copy of the Booking Form can be found on the Edinburgh Diocesan Website at www.edinburgh.anglican.org



Above: Holy Trinity, Melrose which is rapidly becoming a home from home for OSP

On Sunday 23 January - which fortunately turned out to be quite a pleasant evening for the time of year - Old St Paul's choir made the trip to Melrose to sing Evensong in Holy Trinity Church, where our former curate, Maurice Houston, is now rector.

By coincidence, this happened the day after OSP Vestry had their 'Away Day' there. We all arrived (in four cars) at about 5pm for an hour's rehearsal, and then had a welcome cup of tea or coffee before Evensong at 6.30pm.

The church is attractive, and the organ very fine and quite substantial - about the same size as that in OSP (and it has a solo clarinet stop which we don't!). The music was standard repertoire, familiar to OSP Evensong regulars: the celebrated *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G* by Stanford, and the beautiful anthem '*Jesu, dulcis memoria*' by the York-based composer Richard Shephard, whose responses we also sang. Calum and I shared the organ playing, as we often do at home.

We like our hymns, as you know; but I don't think the Melrose congregation were quite ready for the gusto with which we girded up our loins in verse 3 of '*The kingdom come! on bended knee the passing ages pray!*'... A gratifyingly large number of people turned up for the service, and they were very appreciative. Some (though not all!) of the choir felt, however, that the amount of smoke produced from the thurible during the Magnificat was rather feeble; we are used to singing the

Magnificat positively swathed in clouds of incense! But then Jubin wasn't with us ...

After Evensong, we were all invited into Maurice and Anne's absolutely enormous rectory for a lovely buffet supper and just a hint of alcoholic beverage - Maurice knows that many of the choir traditionally visit the Jolly Judge (off Lawnmarket - a lovely pub with no unwelcome background music) after OSP Evensong every Sunday.

Anne had laid on a lovely spread, the fire was roaring up the chimney, and a good time was had by all. We were very grateful to Maurice and Anne for their welcome - and also to Andrew and Susanna Kerr who agreed to drive through to Melrose that day, at extremely short notice, because we were short of transport.

The choir have another trip planned for Sunday 22 May, when we will be singing Evensong at St Paul's and St John's Episcopal Church, Airdrie. The rector there is Lorna Mortis, who spent some time with us at OSP a number of years ago. My connection is that my sister Marion and her husband Ronnie are members there, and I play for them each year on Christmas Day! We look forward very much to the visit in May.

Remember, however, that we sing the beautiful service of Evensong and Benediction at OSP every Sunday evening - if you are not a regular attender, please consider coming (and join us in the Jolly Judge afterwards!)

John Kitchen



A Letter from Jenin

For the past 5 years, through the Overseas Fund bequeathed by Bert Fortune, we have been able to give support to the Cultural Centre in Jenin. Our money is mainly used to pay for the running of the Centre; other organisations from different countries finance special projects.

I am so pleased to hear from you. It is so lovely to get your email this morning and hear your thoughts about Peace and Democracy in our area. Yes it is a very big cleft in the history of the Middle East to fall down this regime, this dictatorship and having the main human rights in Egypt. I hope this change will happen in Palestine and we get our rights soon. We are really feeling tired from this suffering all these years. Its time to relax and have a better future for our children. It's our dream to have Peace and Freedom. It's something so strange to hear this word all the time. But the land of Peace is still suffering all these years. We don't know why the world accepts this violation of human rights in our country. Why are they silent? Why? This morning 3 fishermen have been killed by the IOF because they are fishing. They went to bring some food for their families.

I know it's the interests of each country behind the policy in the world. All the world stands with Israel because we don't

The Centre provides a range of learning opportunities in music, crafts, computers but perhaps most importantly it is a place where people - especially young people - can relax, be safe and enjoy themselves. We recently received this email from one of the organisers:

represent any influence in foreign policy. But our hope is that the world will change one day and we will get our rights with the support of all the friends such as you and the people of Old Saint Paul's church. We hope that day will be soon and we can celebrate that together.

We received the money this week. I would love to send you my great thanks for your support to our work and my great thanks to everyone in Old Saint Paul's church for supporting us all these years. I hope you will find a way to continue supporting us. As I have said before if we didn't get your support we will not be able to continue.

Now we are preparing for the cleaning day in Jenin where more than 100 people will participate in this action. We will put bins for trash in Jenin streets and we have printed stickers and T-shirts for the day. I will send you pictures of the action as soon as we have finished it!

Yousef

The Big Sleepout

On Friday 25 March from 10pm to 7am on Saturday morning, Bethany Christian Trust are organising a Big Sleepout in Edinburgh City Centre to raise money.

They want you give up your bed for the night and come and sleep out under the stars (or cardboard) at their central location. The money you raise when friends and family sponsor you for the night makes it possible for Bethany to offer practical help to homeless people to help them overcome the challenges in their lives and become more settled. It's a challenging event but a very rewarding one

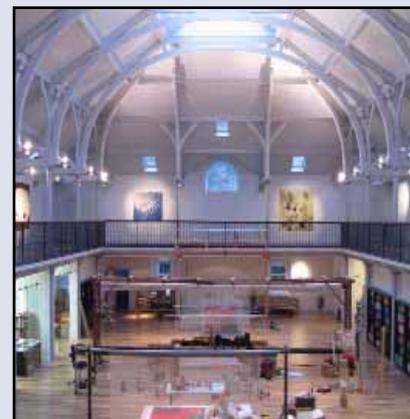
If you want to take part you must register by letting them know your name, address, date of birth (the minimum age is 14) and contact phone number by emailing



sleepout@bethanychristiantrust.com or texting your details to 07968 024686. An information sheet is available from their website: www.bethanychristiantrust.com If you have any questions you can also call Hannah on 0131 561 8925.

Last year, the Sleepout raised over £30,000 to meet the needs of homeless and vulnerable people. If you can't take part this year but would like to support the event, you can make a donation via their website.

Local Tourist - The Dovecot Studios



Situated on Infirmity Street in Edinburgh's oldest public baths is Dovecot Studios, one of the world's leading contemporary tapestry studios and an international centre for tapestry as a modern art form since 1912.

Established in 1912 by the 4th Marquess of Bute, Dovecot Studios' founding weavers came from William Morris' Merton Abbey Workshops in Wimbledon, London. The Studios were incorporated in to The Edinburgh Tapestry Company in 1946 although they also continued to be known as Dovecot.

It is only a short journey back to those founding weavers who, with a succession of artistic designers, influenced the world of tapestry throughout the 20th Century.

There are exhibition gallery spaces which house exhibits throughout the year and are also used to display commissioned work and work for sale.

It recently had on display the Prestonpans tapestry and currently on is: *Anni Albers: Design Pioneer / Inspired by: The Legacy of Anni Albers*. This includes some video footage of Anni Albers alongside her work and work of those inspired by her. It's amazing to think that something as simple as tapestry can be so inspiring to others and lead them to create some wonderful pieces.

Kim-Moore Ede

Calendar & Rotas for March 2011

	10.30am High Mass			6.30pm
Day & Observance	Readings	Readers	Intercessor	Readings & Reader
March 6 9th Sunday after Epiphany	Exodus 24.12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1.16-21 Mark 17.1-9	David Anderson Jennifer Scarce	Mbairread Monelle	Deuteronomy 6.1-9 John 12.24-32 Ginger Franklin
Weekday observances:	Mon 7 – Perpetua & her Companions, martyrs, 203; Tue 8 – Duthac, bishop in Ross, 1068;			
March 9 ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm	Joel 2.1-2,12-17 Psalm 51.1-17 2 Cor 5.20b-6.10 Matthew 6.1-6,16-21	Helen Tyrrell Alan Turkington		
Weekday observances:	Wed 10 – Kessog, bishop in the Trossachs, c 700			
March 13 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	Gen 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Psalm 32 Matthew 4.1-11	Elspeth Strachan	Ron Hafliadson	Genesis 9.8-17 Mark 2.18-22 Niall Franklin
Weekday observances:	Wed, Fri, Sat – Ember Days of prayer for the vocation of all God's people; Wed 16 – Boniface of Ross, bishop, 8th c; Thu 17 – St Patrick, bishop, patron of Ireland, 461; Fri 18 – Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & teacher, 386; Sat 19 – St Joseph of Nazareth			
March 20 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121 John 3.1-17	Jimmy Blair	Tom Clement	Genesis 17.1-9 Mark 8.31-38 James Cruise
Weekday observances:	Mon 21 – Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, 1556; Tue 22 – Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711; Thu 24 – Paul Couturier, priest in Lyons, 1953; Fri 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD			
March 27 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 95 John 4.5-42	Elspeth Harrison	Sheila Brock	Exodus 20.1-11 John 2.13-22 Jennie Gardner
Weekday observances:	Mon 28 – Patrick Forbes, bishop, 1635, & the Aberdeen Doctors, teachers; Tue 29 – John Keble, priest, 1866; Fri 1 – Gilbert of Caithness, bishop, 1245;			
April 3 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	1 Samuel 16.1-13 Psalm 23 John 9.1-41	Frances Macleod	Eric Stoddart	Numbers 21.4-9 John 3.14-21 Hope Murray
Weekday observances:	Sat 9 – Dietrich Bonhöffer, theologian & martyr, 1945;			
April 10 5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 John 1. 11-45	Trevor Harding	Mbairread Monelle	Stations of the Cross Frances Macleod tbc
Weekday observances:	Mon 11 – George Augustus Selwyn, bishop & missionary, 1878; Tue 12 – William Forbes, first bishop of Edinburgh, 1634; Sat 16 – Magnus of Orkney, martyr, c 1116;			
April 17 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)	Matthew 21.1-11 Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 27.11-54	Andrew Kerr Susanna Kerr	Bill Morton	Stations of the Cross tbc tbc

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