

Newsletter

Crown Church, Inverness

November 2018: No. 744

Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson



SUNDAY SERVICES

All people, of any age, are warmly invited to participate at all of our services
We have “Treasure Seekers”, age-related fun and learning activity for children every Sunday at 11 also Cloud 10 for secondary aged young people every Sunday at 11.

Sunday 4th November

Morning Worship at 9.30 with Rev Morven Archer

and 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts

(with BB enrolments at the second service)

also monthly special prayers after the second service

Sunday 11th November

Morning Worship at 9.30 am with Rev Morven Archer

and 10.50 with Rev Doug McRoberts

(Remembrance Sunday)

Sunday 18th November

Morning Worship at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer

Elders’ Preparatory Worship at 10.30am with Rev Morven Archer

Morning Worship at 11 am with Stewart Robertson

Sunday 25th November

Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11am with Rev Morven Archer

Service of Hope at 4pm with Rev Doug McRoberts followed by tea

Sunday 2nd December

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer and at 11am and 3pm with Rev Doug McRoberts

Thanksgiving Service at 6.30 with Stewart Robertson followed by special prayers

Also, every Friday at 12 noon, prayers – at which people may be remembered by name

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121, verses 1 and 2

The Guild

Our Bible Study evening in October was led by the Rev Morven Archer. She kept to this year's Guild strategy which is "One Journey, Many Roads" as the topic for her talk. Members had been asked to bring photos of their various journeys and this was also discussed. The Guild theme along with the strategy is "Seeking the Way" and again Morven introduced this into her study.



On 23rd October we welcomed Sheila Proudfoot, who is known to many of us, to do a cookery demonstration. She showed us how to make choux pastry and then profiteroles. She then produced a piece of venison which she had cooked at home with roasted vegetables. This was followed by a beautiful pavlova roulade. Our tasting session of all three dishes was testament to how delicious they all were.

November is an especially busy month for the Guild. On Tuesday 6th November we welcome Douglas Willis to speak about his trip to Nepal. His first trip had been before the devastating earthquake which killed so many and left so many homeless. He returned after the earthquake to see the progress being made with the Church of Scotland initiative which Crown Church were also involved in, "Let us Build a House". This is a guest night when anyone is welcome.

At the end of that week, to celebrate Guild Week and because the Boys' Brigade is one of our chosen projects we are providing a meal for the Crown Church Junior and Company Sections. This is on Friday 9th at 7pm.

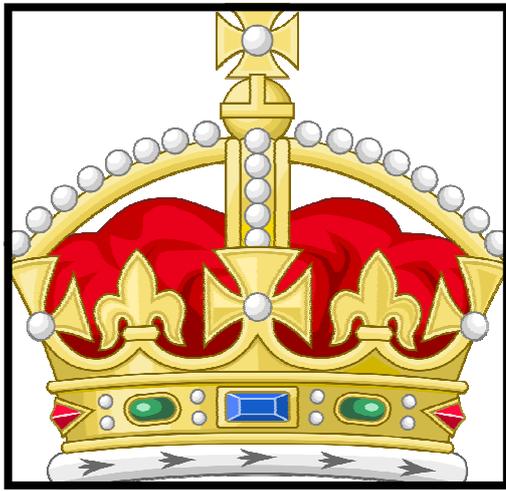
On Tuesday 20th we have entered two teams into the annual inter-guild quiz which will be held this year in Trinity Church Hall.

To celebrate 90 years of Crown Church Guild we are having an anniversary lunch in Craigmonie Hotel on the 27th November 12:30 for 1pm. The cost is £10 and this should be paid to either Sheena Ferguson or Ruby Coe as soon as possible to get numbers. Any ladies who are past members of the Young Women's Group or Guild and would like to go are more than welcome and should apply for a ticket as soon as possible.

Our final meeting of 2018 is our high tea at the Waterside Hotel on 11th December but unfortunately without the Florians' Panto which has been cancelled this year.

So plenty dates for diaries and plenty occasions to meet up in November!

Dorothy Mein
Guild Correspondent



Little Crowns – learning and growing

In aiming to provide a continuing support to our local wee ones (and their grown-ups!), we've spent the last term running toddler groups in both familiar and new formats. We've been pleased that all three of our weekly groups (on Tuesday afternoons; Wednesday and Thursday mornings) have picked up some regular attenders and also drawn interest from new people who

have found the groups either online or by word of mouth. Having set out to start running groups and work on the format, we've certainly been encouraged that people have been attending and enthusiastic about it so far. One attender even took the time to send a lovely recommendation on our Facebook page which said: "A lovely group for parents, babies and toddlers. I have never been to a group before and felt as welcome as I did here."

I'm particularly pleased not just to receive such encouraging feedback, but also to feel that the sense of welcome was what was particularly worth mentioning. In offering these groups, there must be a strong emphasis on welcome – which we would hope leads one day to support, community and growing together. In short, we know we're doing something right when people are engaging with our church and feeling welcome!!



Our offering of a Tuesday afternoon session is very much an experiment. In doing our research we found out that Inverness has very little provision of toddler groups in the afternoons. What we couldn't ascertain is whether that is because there is no demand for it, or simply a need not being met. So we have decided to try to run one and find out. We're still working on it, and specifically the limitations of our busy building at that time of day; but at least we have had people coming along and enjoying the group. It'll be interesting to see how this develops and what it may lead to.

We're looking forward to continuing to learn as we grow this term and beyond. With the future in mind, I'm certainly looking to bring more people on board with helping at these groups and making sure there's a strong welcome to our neighbours and their wee ones. We have enough helpers on the rota to ensure that the church has someone on duty every session – but I'd like to ensure we have two on each session in the future – one based in the kitchen and one on welcome and playtime. I'd be delighted to feel that going forward we can throw more support at these groups and the people who come along to them. Could this be the opportunity in mission you've been looking for? Let me know! As ever, keep praying!

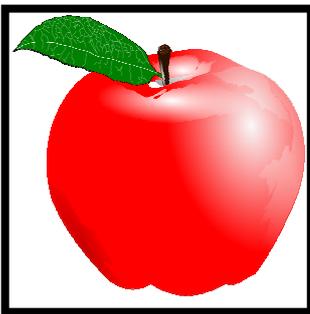
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Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.



He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars .



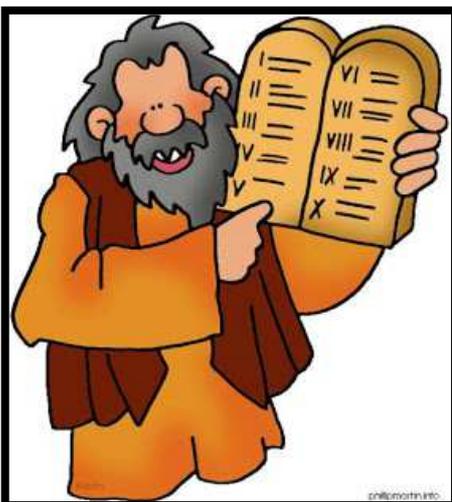
Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother Esau because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some porridge. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with henna.

Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humour thy father and thy mother.



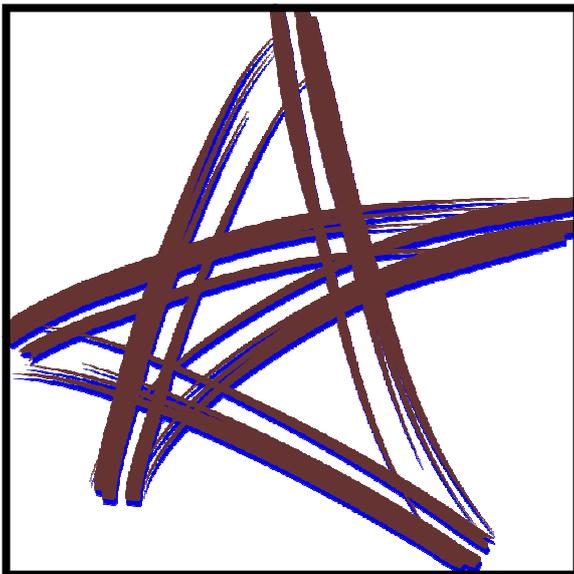
One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geronimo, and the fence fell over on the town.

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After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

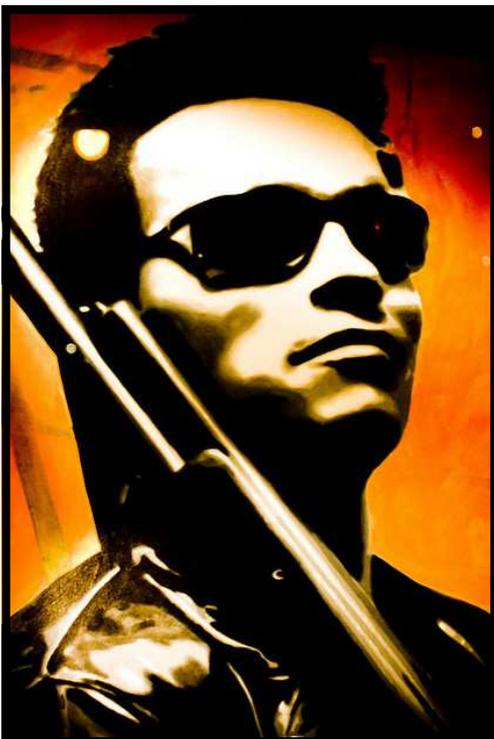
After Solomon, there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There



were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of the New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn, too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'Yes.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve apostrophes. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.



Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyway, Jesus died for our sins then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but before he went he said "I'll be back!" This is foretold in the Book of Revolution which is the last book of the Bible, also called The Terminator. **(Forwarded by Rev. Doug MacRoberts)**



3rd Inverness Boys' Brigade Company

Camp

The session started with our weekend camp – this year we were off to Kincaig where we were joined by some officers and boys from the 10th Inverness Company. That brought our numbers up to 31....



Over the weekend we took part in some kayaking on Loch Insh, mountain biking in the Cairngorm National Park and a climb up Cairngorm Mountain with a trip back down on the funicular railway.

Our accommodation was excellent, the weather stayed reasonably fair and I think everyone that was able to go enjoyed the weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their help over the weekend.

Upcoming Events

Our Annual Enrolment Service takes place on Sunday 4th November at the 11 o'clock service.

Boys will also start taking part in the Battalion and National Competitions with the first rounds of the table tennis, Masterteam and 5-a-side football happening over the next few weeks.

Gary McAra

3rd Inverness Boys Brigade

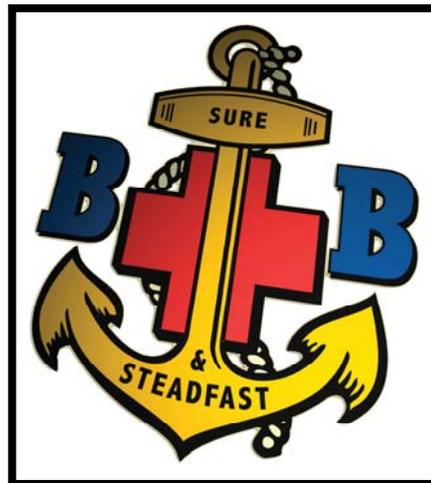
“Snowman” Beetle Drive & Quiz Night

Craft Stalls, Games and more

Friday 30th November 2018 @

7.00pm

Crown Church Halls



Beetle Drive - £2 per person

Quiz Night - £10 per team (Max of 4 people per team)

Refreshments Available

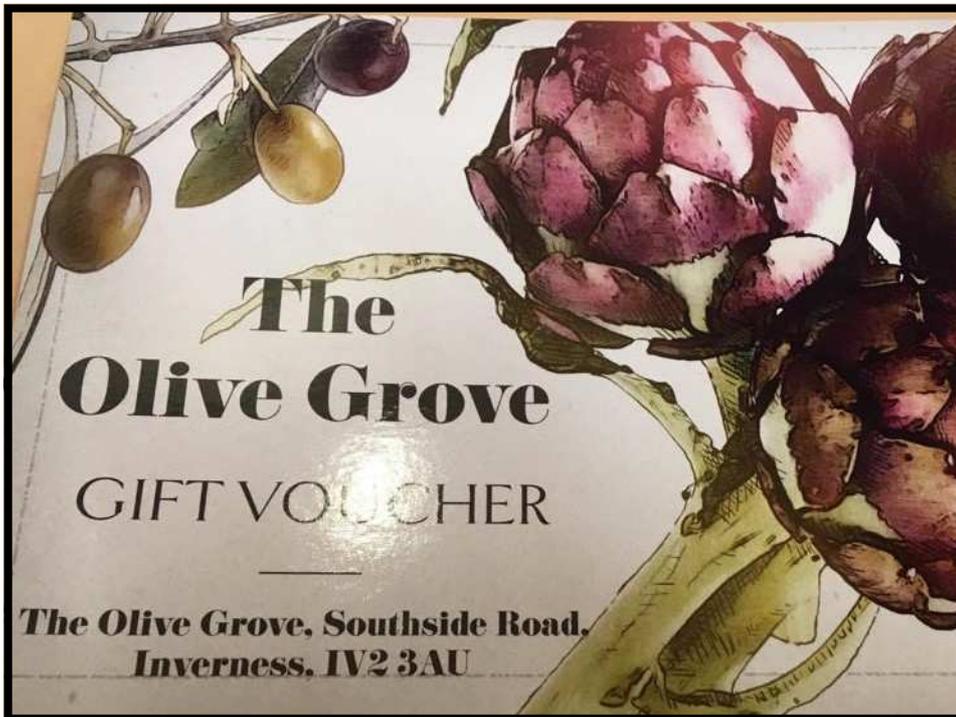
All Welcome

**For more information, please visit our Facebook page or our website
(<http://3inverness.boys-brigade.org.uk>)**

The Local Committee of The Leprosy Mission wish to thank everyone who helped to raise the magnificent sum of over £1700, with donations still coming in, at the recent Coffee Morning. The money is to go to Nilphamari Hospital in Bangladesh and Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) for leprosy - affected people in the slums of Dhaka.

Thank you,

Marion Barbour



Looking for a Christmas Gift? The Olive Grove tea room now has gift vouchers for sale . The tearoom is happy to welcome customers six days a week . The volunteers there serve teas and coffees, homemade soups and baking along with other snacks.

Many congratulations to Charles Gallacher who very recently completed 50 years service as an elder. Charles joins a small but illustrious band of elders who have completed 50 years service being William Dawson, Ted MacKenzie and Robin Stewart.





LIFE AND WORK NOVEMBER 2018

Remembrance

How Scotland will mark the centenary of the armistice

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November 2018

CrossReach Information Sheet

CrossReach and Social Care Sunday: 18th November



The Moderator of the General Assembly Rt. Rev. Susan Brown will take part in a service on 18th November to mark CrossReach and Social Care Sunday – when churches are asked to remember the work of CrossReach and other social care providers. During the following week, the Moderator will visit some of our projects, including Beechwood House and CrossReach Counselling in Inverness, Whinnieknowe in Nairn and Oversteps in Dornoch. To help your congregation, there is material available on the Weekly Worship page of the Church of Scotland website, plus a prayer specially written by the Moderator. www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly_worship

CrossReach Christmas Angel Appeal

Announcing a major appeal to raise £200,000 in support of CrossReach's work providing Christian love and care to families across Scotland. Will you be a Guardian Angel for someone this Christmas time? Keep an eye out for a congregational appeal pack arriving with your CrossReach Congregational Supporter, Session Clerk or Minister at the beginning of November. Please see over for a sneak preview of what's to come...



Resources page on CrossReach website is live!



The CrossReach website now has a Resources section where you can read and download all of our publicity material such as the latest CrossReach News and our Prayer Diary. There are also details about training courses. Coming soon is a PDF download of a new 'Tiny Book of Fundraising Ideas' (pictured) which has a wealth of ways that you and your church can raise funds to support our work. Visit www.crossreach.org.uk and click on the 'Resources' tab on the top right of the home page – and check back regularly for updates!

CrossReach plans exhibition to mark 150th anniversary

2019 is the 150th anniversary of the Church of Scotland's social care provision and CrossReach plans to mark it with a special exhibition - and we're looking for your help! Do you have any memorabilia from the past such as brochures or invitations which we could display? If so, please take photos of your items and e-mail them to: bdd@crossreach.org.uk. However, don't send the originals to us just now. We are also looking to borrow a full length Victorian mirror, so if you could lend us one, please e-mail us. Thank you!



Social Care Forum – is your church project on it?

Don't forget to put your church updates on the Social Care Forum website. Visit: www.socialcareforum.scot. It's the website that informs, connects and inspires churches!

New Moderator-Designate

The new Moderator-Designate once appeared as an extra in a Monty Python film! Rev Colin Sinclair, minister of Palmerston Place Church in Edinburgh for more than 20 years, is expected to take over the year-long role of Moderator at the General Assembly next May.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed being a parish minister and despite the challenges we face I believe the Christian faith is still relevant to Scotland.”

Mr Sinclair was an economics student at Stirling University when he took a holiday job as a film extra playing a Roman soldier in the 1975 film Monty Python and the Holy Grail, which caused some controversy among church-goers at the time.



Growing up in Glasgow, he had first become interested in the Christian faith by accident as he tried to escape getting into trouble at school. A prefect at Glasgow Academy had seen

him taking the wrong staircase, so he dodged into a darkened room, only to find a video being shown about a Scripture Union camp.

“I enjoyed the film, thought the activities looked great and I felt I could put up with the ‘religious stuff’,” he said. “I did love the camp and had great fun, and I liked the leaders. But to my surprise I also enjoyed the meetings with their lively singing and straightforward message about Jesus Christ. So started an exciting adventure of faith that has lasted over 50 years.”

When the idea of being a minister was first suggested he dismissed it. “I thought ministry was about having tea with old ladies, so as I wasn’t interested in either tea or old ladies I thought it wasn’t for me.”

During his time at university he changed his mind and was accepted to train for the Church of Scotland ministry at New College in Edinburgh. Before he started his studies, however, he was approached by Scripture Union and asked if he would consider going to Zambia as a training officer in an exchange that would allow two Zambian students to study in the UK. He decided it was an offer he could not refuse.

The job, which involved travelling around Zambia, living out of his car and speaking at schools, churches, hospitals and colleges, ended up lasting three years. “Those three years changed my life,” said Mr Sinclair. “Being away from everything familiar I was able to sort out which parts of my faith were mine, and which were not.”

(with thanks to the Inverness Presbytery website)

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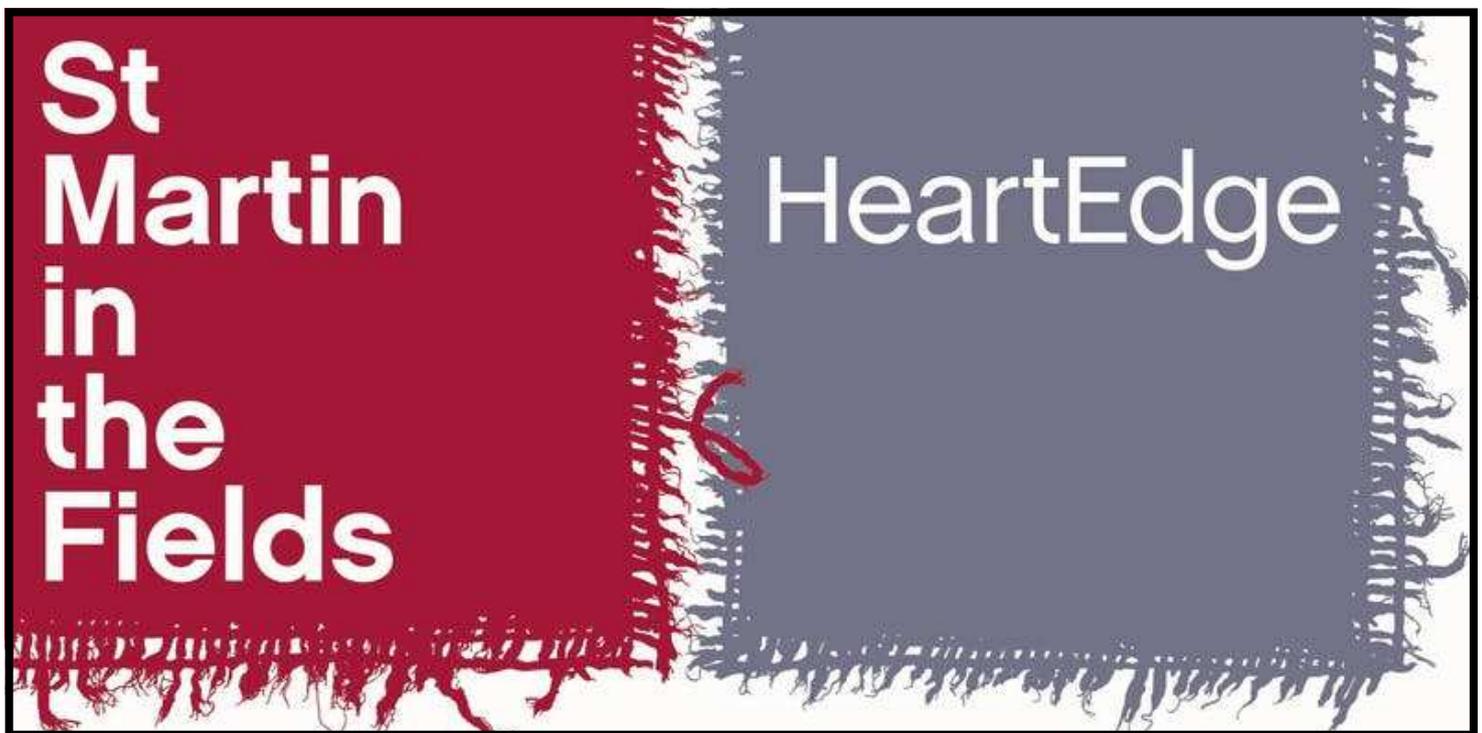
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Tuesday 13 November, 10.00am – 3.30pm at Ness Bank Parish Church

A day conference hosted by Rev. Fiona Smith, Minister of Ness Bank Parish Church and Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

The programme has been developed jointly by Ness Bank and St Martin's and includes theology, ideas, solutions and support.

At 1.30pm the St Martin's Fellows will perform a concert of Great Sacred Music led by Rev. Dr Sam Wells and directed by Andrew Earis, Director of Music.

The concert in the sanctuary will last for 35 minutes and is open to people not attending the conference.

HeartEdge is a growing ecumenical network of churches and other organisations initiated by St Martin's which aims to catalyse Kingdom Communities.

Learn more about HeartEdge:

<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/life-stmartins/mission/heartedge/>

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/at-the-heart-on-the-edge-tickets-48122091471>

Daily Bible Readings for November/December

November 4, 2018

2 Kings 5:1-15a [16-19]

Monday, 2 Kings 2:13-18, *Elisha Succeeds Elijah*

Tuesday, 2 Kings 2:19-25, *Elisha Performs Miracles*

Wednesday, 2 Kings 4:1-7, *Elisha and Widow's Oil*

Thursday, 2 Kings 4:8-37, *Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son*

Friday, 2 Kings 4:38-41 *Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew*

Saturday, 2 Kings 4:42-44 *Elisha Feeds 100 Men*

November 11, 2018

Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

Monday, Micah 1, *Judgment and Doom*

Tuesday, Micah 2, *Social Evils Denounced*

Wednesday, Micah 3, *Wicked Rulers*

Thursday, Micah 4, *Peace and Promise*

Friday, Micah 5:1, 5-15; 6:1-5, 9-16, *God's Challenge*

Saturday, Micah 7, *Prophecy of Restoration*

November 18, 2018

Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4

Monday, Isaiah 36:4-12, *Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem*

Tuesday, Isaiah 37:8-13, *Hezekiah Consults Isaiah*

Wednesday, Isaiah 37:14-29, *Hezekiah's Prayer*

Thursday, Isaiah 37:30-38, *Sennacherib's Defeat*

Friday, Isaiah 38:1-22, *Hezekiah's Illness*

Saturday, Isaiah 39:1-8, *Envoys from Babylon Welcomed*

November 25, 2018

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

Monday, Jeremiah 7:16-34, *The People's Disobedience*

Tuesday, Jeremiah 8:18-9:11, *The Prophet Mourns for the People*

Wednesday, Jeremiah 10:1-10, *Idolatry Has Brought Ruin on Israel*

Thursday, Jeremiah 10:11-16, *Idolatry Has Brought Ruin on Israel*

Friday, Jeremiah 10:17-25, *The Coming Exile*

Saturday, Jeremiah 11:1-17, *Israel and Judah Have Broken the Covenant*

December 2, 2018

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19

Monday, Habakkuk 1:5-11, *The Prophet's Complaint*

Tuesday, Habakkuk 1:12—2:1, *The Prophet's Complaint*

Wednesday, Habakkuk 2:5-14, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Thursday, Habakkuk 2:15-20, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Friday, Habakkuk 3:1-7, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Saturday, Habakkuk 3:8-16, *The Woes of the Wicked*

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

DEATHS

Mr Neil Murray, on 23 October

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12.15)

A date for your diary!

Highland Malawi Trust are to hold a fund-raising coffee morning in the lower hall of Crown Church on Saturday 17th November. It will take place between 10am and 12 noon.

Car parking will be available at Crown School



**The deadline for the December/January newsletter will be
Sunday 25th November**

Contributions should be sent to the Forrests at:
marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com or left in the 'F' pigeonhole.
Please note that the newsletter can also be accessed via the church website where
you will be able to see the photographs in colour.

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