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A LONG AND WINDING ROAD?

One of the most commonly used words to describe our life of faith is 'journey;' it is

not a new expression, dating, as it does, back at least as far as the high middle-ages. After all the nave, that part of the church where the congregation sit, derives its name from the Latin for 'ship.' The idea of faith as a journey is old indeed. Throughout scripture the life of faith as journey is seen in a quite literal way. From Abram leaving Ur, through the Hebrews in the wilderness, to the travels of Saint Paul they are clear to see.

One major difference between now and then is that today travelling such distances is relatively quick and easy. We can travel on public transport to the far side of the world in less time than it would have taken two of the disciples to walk from the Mediterranean coast to the eastern border of the Promised Land. Yet, despite the passage of time and the increasing ease of journeying the idea continues to serve as a metaphor for us. For some the journey is what matters whereas for others it is the arriving that counts. Some, though, value the encounters along the way as the most fulfilling elements of a journey, whether literal or not.

One feature of the Bible stories in the immediate post-Easter period is that they are ones of encounter. They are not encounters of one person with another but of people with the Risen Lord. Each has a series of common threads, yet each is also unique. Likewise, today, we each encounter the Risen Christ in unique ways.

For some the encounter is sudden and unexpected while, >

> for others, the encounter is lifelong and ever-present. Just like the stories of scripture, and just like each of us, they are unique.

Ahead of us as congregation and individuals there will be many challenges to our faith. Not least, these will come through the changes wrought by the planning and restructuring of the wider Kirk. Our ways of working will change, and our values will be challenged. To make it through we will need to hold on to our stories of faith and encounter with the Risen Lord. It is these that will offer us hope and encouragement when we want to give up or walk away. Our stories are unique, but they are not ours alone for they are Christ's too; they tell the story of the love of God for each of us. So, hold on tight to your story, own it, and live it.

YOURS IN CHRIST, **ALEX**



COULD YOU SUPPORT UKRAINIANS LEARNING ENGLISH?

The Scottish Refugee Council and the Ukrainian Association in Glasgow are starting an Online Conversation Club. They are looking for volunteer English speakers and have reached out to church members to ask if they would be interested in helping Ukrainians learn English. The sessions will be in small groups of three or four for around one hour a week. They are conversations, not lessons so no qualifications are needed, just a willingness to offer your time and a listening ear.

If you are interested you can contact Ruby at Scottish Refugee Council, or for more information about supporting Ukrainians as a church contact David Moodie, our Churches Support Officer for Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF **MAY**

IT WAS 250 YEARS AGO, on 10th May 1773 that Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies, which led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

150 YEARS AGO, on 1st May 1873 that David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and explorer, died. Best known for his search for the sources of the Nile, and for going missing (and being found) in Africa.

100 YEARS AGO, on 26th-27th May 1923 that the first Le Mans 24 hours endurance motor race was held.

90 YEARS AGO, on 2nd May 1933 that the first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.

80 YEARS AGO, on 16th-17th May 1943 that the RAF launched Operation Chastise, which became famous as the 'Dambusters' Raid'. Bouncing bombs were used to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, which caused catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.

75 YEARS AGO, on 14th-15th May 1948 that Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end. Next day the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. >

> 70 YEARS AGO, on 29th May 1953 that New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

60 YEARS AGO, on 27th May 1963 that the folk/blues album 'The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan' was released. It included the hit song 'Blowin' in the Wind'.

50 YEARS AGO, on 17th May 1973 that the Watergate hearings began in the US Senate and were televised nationally.

40 YEARS AGO, on 20th May 1983 that the journal Science reported the discovery of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

25 YEARS AGO, on 23rd May 1998 that in a referendum, the people of Northern Ireland voted to accept the Good Friday Agreement. 75% were in favour of a Northern Ireland Assembly.

15 YEARS AGO, on 12th May 2008 that the Sichuan earthquake took place in China. More than 69,000 people were killed, over 370,000 injured, and nearly five million made homeless.

SEECoS LOGO

SEECoS (South-East Edinburgh Church of Scotland) is looking for a new logo to represent it. If you're interested in submitting a design, or designs, then please email me at reid_memorial@outlook.com, before 7th May.

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SUNDAY 7th MAY

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In Charge Stephen Thomson

SUNDAY 23rd JULY

Mary Allan, Alison MacLeod
In Charge Lindsay Wood

SUNDAY 30th JULY

Douglas Mathieson, Joyce Rosie
In Charge Linda Farrer

Join us for

72 Hours Worship and Prayer

For Revival in Scotland

*May the nations praise you, O God.
Yes, may all the nations praise you.
Psalm 67:3*



Free Admission

3PM 6th June – 3PM 9th June 2023

**The Tron Kirk Moredun
6 Craiqour Gardens Edinburgh EH17 7NX**

FEATURING -

**International Calvary Church Virginia USA
Ohev Israel Worship team Virginia USA
Stephanos Praise Mission Chior team S.Korea
Tabernacle of David Yang-Pyeong S.Korea
Glory place harp worship team Malaysia**

Along with Scottish German Fillipino worship teams and more

**ONE
NEW
MAN**

For More Info : [blessingallnations@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: blessingallnations@hotmail.co.uk)

KILTWALK EVENTS 2023

The Kiltwalk is back for 2023. This year sees the four Kiltwalk events return to Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh.

In previous years, Kiltwalk retained Gift Aid to help pay for Kiltwalk events. Now, instead of a top-up, The Hunter Foundation will underwrite Kiltwalk's costs, allowing Gift Aid to come directly to Christian Aid as well as reducing their participation fees.

Step by step, we can change lives. Love never gives up, and neither will we. We'll keep walking and praying for a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. We hope that you'll join us at a Kiltwalk near you!

Glasgow Kiltwalk 30th April; Aberdeen Kiltwalk 4th June; Dundee Kiltwalk 20th August; Edinburgh Kiltwalk 17th September

Sign up today and don't forget to name Christian Aid as your chosen charity or contact Edinburgh@christian-aid.org for more information.



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2023

BOOK SALE

at St Andrew's and St George's West Church
13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Saturday - 13 May - 10am - 4pm

Monday - 15 May to Friday 19 May - 10am - 3.30pm

Thursday - 18 May - late opening until 7pm

2023 PATRON: Dr James Robertson FRSE
Scots Poet and Novelist



- Books • Antiques & Collectables
- Pictures • Stamps & Postcards
- Sheet Music • Toys • Games • Jigsaws

**Donations welcome
at the church:**

Monday - 8 May - 9am - 8pm

Tuesday - 9 May - 9am - 8pm

Wednesday - 10 May - 9am - 8pm

**HOME-BAKING AND PRESERVES
ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SALE**

Church Office:

0131 225 3847 for enquiries

email: admin@stagw.org.uk

Undercroft Café open as usual

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WE CAN BRING HOPE!

Again and again, year after year, Reid Memorial Church has brought hope and practical on-the-ground assistance to many of the world's poorest people, through Christian Aid Week. This year we'll continue giving in those familiar envelopes, which will be in the orders of service on 14th and 21st May, and there will be a page for online donations like in recent years. Look out for more info by email and in orders of service.

DAVID WHITE WORLD CHURCH COMMITTEE

Pictured: Malawi and Mozambique endured a year's worth of rain during the four-week Cyclone Freddy - the longest-lasting tropical cyclone on record, lasting 34 days, displacing 508,000 people, killing hundreds, and increasing the risk of malaria and cholera in its immediate aftermath. [See also the Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal, overleaf, and Big Brekkie invitation on the rear page.]





The Church of Scotland

STAMP APPEAL 2023-2024

**Firmly Planted
- collect your
stamps to support
Malawi project.**




Help the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) improve nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, create youth employment and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis.

The CCAP project, Firmly Planted aims to establish self-sustaining tree nurseries to nurture and protect the environment and protect livelihoods for households and communities.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:

Please put all your used stamps in the special post box at the rear of the church.

THANK YOU! LINDSAY, WORLD CHURCH COMMITTEE



Prayer for Healing

Do you need
prayer for healing?

Physical, emotional
or spiritual,

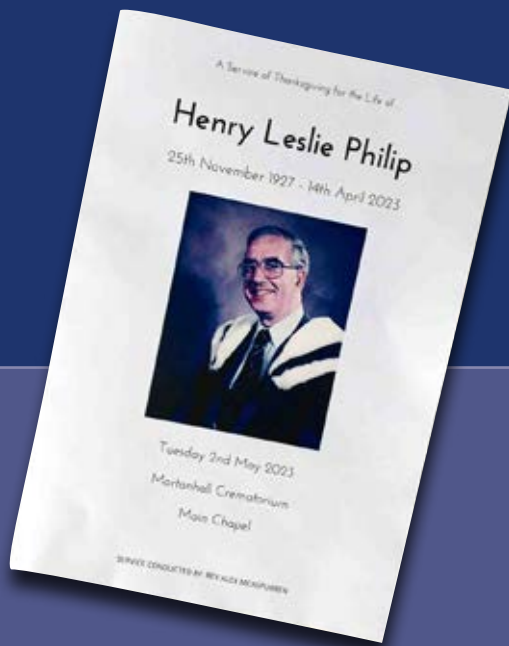
our prayer team
are available

to pray with you

When: Tuesdays
1-2pm & 6.30-7.30pm

Where: The MacDonald Room
in the Kirk Centre

All Welcome



HENRY PHILIP

Many of you will have heard by now of the passing of our long-standing member, elder, and friend Henry Philip. His health had been deteriorating swiftly in recent weeks, so it was little surprise when he passed peacefully in his sleep at teatime on 14th April.

A service of thanksgiving for his life was held in the main chapel at Mortonhall at 11 am on Tuesday 2nd May.

The service will also be livestreamed at <https://watch.obitus.com>. Username: **lose6334**, password **917139**. Family flowers only, but donations can be sent to Marie Curie Hospice,

Fairmilehead, using the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marjory-lobban>

This was a cause close to Henry's heart.

WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST BY SAM HARGREAVES

*We are many,
God's great diversity,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*Different faces,
different races,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*Butchers, bakers,
website makers,
bankers, tailors,
teachers, sailors,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*Fathers, mothers,
sisters, brothers,
single, married,
broken, carried,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*The happy, the clappy,
the barely out of nappies,
the ancient, the modern,
the famous, the forgotten,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*Some hopeful, some hopeless,
some cope well, some cope less.
Some sure and some doubt,
some whisper, some shout,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*Those with abundance,
those with need,
those who are generous
or wrestle with greed,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*Elbows, tummies, knees and noses,
kidneys, femurs, teeth and toeses.
Some unmentionable, some protected,
some accepted, some rejected,
yet we are one in Christ.*

*A broken body,
torn apart,
mars God's image,
breaks God's heart.*

*And yet our Father knows how the end will be,
when all his kids will sing in harmony,
the bride will dazzle, her branches bloom,
so add your voice to hymn the tune
that we are one in Christ*



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
BIG BREKKIE!

Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving a delicious morning meal, while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide. Come along for a bacon roll and speciality coffee.

Liberton Kirk Cafe, on Saturday 13th May

3 sittings available @ 9.15am, 10am and 10.45am

Please email Roslyn on roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk to book a place. Vegan/vegetarian options available.

All are welcome!

ROSLYN WILSON LIBERTON KIRK



The next issue of **REIDON...** will be June - Aug 2023. Please send Linda any articles or notices by 27th May. See page 2 for contact details.



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