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Letter from the Interim Moderator

Dr Hazel Hastie

Bringing in the Harvest

Just before I started primary school, my Mother was taken seriously ill and I had to go and live with my Grandparents for a few months. My Granny was a much better cook and baker than my Mother!

Whenever I have a loaf hot from the oven, I am immediately transported back to my Granny's kitchen. It always seemed as if she waited deliberately until after I had taken my first big bite before she said, "What do you say?" As I struggled to reply, you can guess



what came next – "Don't talk with your mouth full!"

Please and thank you were probably among the first things we ever learned to say, and Harvest is a time for saying thank you. Thank you that someone (probably not one of us) has been busy ploughing the fields and scattering the good seed, so that, after a bit of snow in winter and some warmth to swell the grain, it can be harvested and processed. This allows us to pop into the supermarket and buy food, neatly packaged and possibly even ready to serve.

Harvest Festival gives us an opportunity to celebrate all that God provides for us: "First the grain, and then the ear and then the full seed shall appear." This cycle of life in the natural world is one of nature's miracles. We so easily take food for granted until floods or droughts threaten our supplies; then we are reminded that food supplies are always uncertain for many people across the world. So, Harvest is a time when we bring a gift to church; tinned food to be passed on to someone who needs it, or money to be sent to a charity working to relieve famine overseas.

Many of our Harvest hymns also remind us that giving thanks for food and farmers might not be the

only thing we need to think about. A crop of quite a different kind will be gathered by the Lord of the Harvest when he comes to bring us into his eternal barns.

Some churches celebrate Harvest Festival within the context of a service of Holy Communion. The spiritual food we receive there provides us with the energy we need to sustain our lives as Christians in this world, and it prepares us for our eternal home in the next.

So when our Harvest Festival comes remember these words: "Come, with all your angels come, raise the glorious harvest home".

With good wishes
Hazel

News from the Church of Scotland

Kirk youth hailed by Scotland's Deputy First Minister

The Church of Scotland delivers some of the most "creative and innovative" youth work in the country, the Deputy First Minister has said. John Swinney said young people make an "invaluable contribution" to society and the Kirk is at the forefront of providing opportunities for them to thrive.

He made the remarks at the first Church of Scotland reception to be held in the Scottish Parliament's Garden Lobby on 25 September 2018, to mark the Year of Young People.

A total of 10 groups from across Scotland, which are involved in ground-breaking youth work supported by the Kirk, one of the largest volunteering organisations in the country, showcased their work. The event was attended by MSPs, young people and staff from across Church-supported projects, members of the National Youth Assembly, Youth Parliament and Young Scot as well as experts involved in education and welfare.

Speaking ahead of his keynote speech at the event, Mr Swinney said: "The Church of Scotland has been incredibly active in 2018's Year

of Young People. It has run events and celebrations throughout the year at local, presbytery and national levels and delivering some of the most creative and innovative youth work in Scotland. This has highlighted the invaluable contribution young people make in Scotland, and the significant role of the Church in helping to achieve this."

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt

Rev Susan Brown, said: "The Church is present in every community of Scotland, providing a wide range of activities for people of all ages, old and young. The young people I meet as a parish minister in Dornoch are outstanding and they give me hope for the future of our community and nation. As Moderator, I have been privileged to meet many other young people in every part of Scotland; they are equally inspiring."

Thank You

We have received a thank you card from the foodbank that we support in Newington. The card can be seen on the noticeboard at the back of the church and the message is printed below.

To all at Craigmillar Park Church,

Thank you so much for all your generous donations to the Kings Hall Basics Bank in Newington.

We have 12-15 clients/families on a weekly basis and it's good we can provide them with provisions to help and support them through their difficult time.

Your continuing help and support is very much appreciated by both the volunteers and the many clients who attend the Basics Bank.

Regards,

Alice (on behalf of all at the Kings Hall Basics Bank)

United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Wednesday 17 October is the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and in Scotland this is marked by Challenge Poverty Week, an annual event organised by the Poverty Alliance, who engage with voluntary organisations, policy makers and politicians in anti-poverty work. This year Challenge Poverty Week is being held from 1-7 October, and Challenge Poverty Sunday will be 14 October.



about poverty in our own country. Recent figures from the campaign group End Child Poverty show that 2679 children in Edinburgh South – our backyard – live in poverty; that is almost 20% of the children in the area. The numbers are higher elsewhere. How can that be? And, as Christians, are we prepared to let it continue?

Christ called us to care for the poor. The Church of Scotland believes that priority for the poorest and the most marginalised is the gospel imperative facing the whole church. Our harvest donations from Craigmillar Park go to foodbanks but surely there should be no need for foodbanks? As we start to consider the future mission activities of our own church, I pray that we will bear in mind the needs of our neighbours. And that together with those affected, we can do a little to change this state of affairs.

Pauline Weibye

The main aims of the week are to:

- increase awareness of the reality of poverty in Scotland
- encourage engagement in positive debate and discussion about poverty
- highlight what is currently being done to tackle poverty
- identify solutions to poverty in Scotland

I expect you share my shock and embarrassment at some of the statistics which the media publish

Advent Bible Study Groups

Would you like to take part in a short Bible study group for Advent? It will be held weekly in the Session Room for the four weeks of Advent, starting on Monday 26 November.

If so, please let me know when would suit you (morning, afternoon

or evening and which days of the week). The material we will use is yet to be decided.



Ann Thanisch (0131 477 2430)

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ

Born in a shed, child refugee, friend of the outcast, political prisoner,
we ask You to give strength and companionship to people who have
no-one else to turn to.

Be with those in our own community who struggle with loneliness.
And in the midst of our busy lives, help us find time to connect with
them.

There is so much wrong in the world: poverty, violence, greed,
hunger and much more.

We ask You to be a light in the darkness, bringing hope where none
exists.

Walk alongside those who fight injustice, and carry those who can't
go on.

Help us keep the fires of justice burning in our own hearts, never
accepting the status quo.

In a world where power is abused and suspicion breeds fear,
we ask for the courage to be bold in the face of hatred.

Help us to stand with those who are oppressed
and to show that goodness and love are stronger than evil.

As we reflect on the many challenges that we and our community
face,
help us to recognise the gifts that we have to offer in tackling poverty.
We ask for guidance in understanding how we are called to service.
Help us to be bold if it means stepping out of our comfort-zone.

(Prayer by Iain McLarty, Church of Scotland Priority Areas.)

Why are the Churches Silent on Brexit?

I guess church leaders are wary of speaking out on Brexit because they don't want to get involved in politics or simply because the issue is too divisive. But that hasn't stopped everyone else from contributing to the debate... industry leaders, trade unions, environmental groups, doctors, teachers, even accountants. And as for the politicians, they never stop speaking out, revealing splits inside their own parties.

Eighteen months ago, the Church of Scotland hosted the Conference of European Churches here in Edinburgh "seeking to be a beacon of calm, peace and sense in these troubled times." Since then the beacon has gone out. There was hardly a word about Brexit at this year's General Assembly, only a line in one report accepting that Britain was leaving the European Union and seeking various assurances. The one public meeting there has been this year was simply a fact-finding exercise among the fishing communities of the North East.

Yet we are facing one of the biggest constitutional changes of the century and 62 per cent of Scots don't want it to happen. The process by which we are heading towards this calamity has not exactly been one of "calm, peace and sense." So I think it's time our church leaders stood up to remind



people why we are in the EU in the first place – for peace and prosperity – and join the call for a second referendum asking if we really want to go ahead with Brexit.

Of course the European Union is not perfect. What institution is? But

being inside it allows us to improve it and help solve our Europe-wide problems of poverty, unemployment, immigration, environmental damage, fair trade and, above all, ensuring the peace which has alluded us for centuries. Surely the churches have something to say about these things.

You might argue that the churches can do this without joining in the debate over Brexit. They are all Christian issues after all. Indeed the Brexiteers say they can all be better addressed outside the EU. But really? It is surely a contradiction to say you're in favour of peace, fair trade, high environmental standards, close relations with the rest of Europe and then walk away from the very institution that has been trying to achieve that for the last 40 years.

So, come on the Kirk, start campaigning for a second "people's vote".

John Knox

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Arranged by St Columba's in collaboration with
Mayfield Salisbury and St Peter's, Lutton Place.

Mysticism And Abrahamic Faiths

Speaker: Rev. Scot McKenna
(Minister, Mayfield Salisbury)

Saturday 27th October 2018
at 10.30 am

St Columba's Middle Hall
Upper Gray Street

Coffee available from 10 am.

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*Are you free on
Tuesday afternoons?*

*Would you like a game
of badminton?*

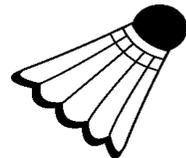
Are you female?

If yes to all three, do come and have a game with the Edinburgh University Women's Badminton Club members at King's Buildings at 2pm on Tuesdays from October to March.

We are a group of mixed abilities with none of us likely to see 50 again, but we have some good games and would love to increase our numbers. In theory, to join us regularly, you should have a link of some kind with the University, but in practice if you are keen and friendly we can find a way of accommodating that somehow.

for more information:

call or text Ann on 07814 949 468



Coming up at Stewart House Men's Club...

12 Oct—*The Secret Tunnels of Edinburgh*, Maurice McIlwrick

19 Oct—*Golden America, Part 5, Utah to Arizona*, Fred Daniels

26 Oct—*Remember the Saturday Matinees*, Ian Rintoul

2 Nov—*Our Man in Havana*, John Graham

Fridays at 10.15am in the church hall. Coffee £1.50. Visitors welcome.

Dates for Your Diary



October

Sun 7 Oct, 10.30am – Harvest Thanksgiving service

with a retiring collection for Edinburgh South East
Foodbank, run by Blythswood Care

Tue 9 Oct, 2.15pm – the Guild resumes in the church hall – “One Journey,
Many Roads” (Rev Betty Smith)

Thu 11 Oct, 7.30pm – Praise and Prayer at Priestfield

Sun 14 Oct, 10.30am – Morning worship

Mon 15 Oct, 7pm – Kirk Session joint meeting with Reid Memorial in
Craigmillar Park Church Hall

Sun 21 Oct, 10.30am – Morning worship

Sat 27 Oct, 10.30am – Mysticism and Abrahamic Faiths St Columba’s
Middle Hall, Upper Gray Street

Sun 28 Oct, 10.30am – Morning worship

November

Sun 4 Nov, 10.30am – Morning worship

Sun 11 Nov, 10.30am – Morning worship for Remembrance

Duties

7 October – Convener: Isobel Smith (667 6336)

Katy Ruggeri, Christine Sloan, Ruth Longmuir, Christine Thomson,
Norman Weibye, Pauline Weibye

14 & 21 October – Convener: Sheena Stenhouse (667 4520)

Julia Yarker, Ian Breadon, Renate Breadon, Kathleen Cockerell,
Brenda Humphrey, Ruth Longmuir

28 October & 4 November – Convener: Gordon Braidwood (667 1773)

John Humphrey, John Kelly, Alison Leslie, Christine Thomson, Flora Paton,
Julie Read

11 & 18 November – Convener: Christopher McLeod (667 1475)

Katy Ruggeri, Christine Sloan, Ann Thanisch, Norman Weibye,
Pauline Weibye, Julia Yarker

	Reader	Sound	Church Officer
Oct 2018			
7th	John Kelly	John Humphrey	Martin Given
14th	John Humphrey	Christopher McLeod	Gordon Braidwood
21st	David Cargill	John Kelly	Norman Weibye
28th	Christopher McLeod	Norman Weibye	Julia Yarker
Nov 2018			
4th	Norman Weibye	John Humphrey	Ian Breadon
11th	Ruth Longmuir	Christopher McLeod	Gordon Braidwood

The deadline for the next edition of Prism is Sunday 21 October.
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