

# Soundings

Portobello & Joppa Parish  
Church Magazine

February 2017



## ***Portobello and Joppa Parish Church***

**Worship takes place each Sunday at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church  
with two services – one at 9.30am and one at 11am  
(10.30am in July and August).**



## ***From the editor***

There was a letter to *The Scotsman* the other day which pointed out that there are always at least two points of view to anything. For example - said the letter-writer - the lobsters awaiting their fate in the kitchen of the Titanic probably saw its sinking as a miracle.

It's to be hoped that the views of people Portobello/Joppa – don't vary quite as extremely as *that*; and Stewart emphasises, in his letter, that we have many connections within the community. There are also some challenges in this edition of "Soundings", however, perhaps particularly in the invitation to the Chalmers Lectures – which, in discussing the Church of Scotland, "will argue that change is essential to address deep seated problems of decline". This sends a bit of a shiver down my back; I am a person who doesn't very much like change. But then I'm not terribly keen on decline either... .

There are many things in the magazine to cheer one up, though. It's good to be able to do something practical such as filling a backpack for Mary's Meals. Michelle is also busy organising the Holiday Club and would be happy to have volunteer helpers. The Boys' Brigade are doing lots of good work with boys in our community – if you've ever wondered what happens there, now's your chance to find out. You can read about our finances and how the stewardship campaign is going so far. There's also the prospect of the Drama Group's production of *Tinsel!* to look forward to.

And among other articles, we hear from members of our church family aged from 9 to 90 – literally!

Thanks as usual to all contributors.

**P Donaldson**

## ***From the minister***

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

'I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you never again.'



what,

That's one of my favourite Tim Vine one-liners. Those of you who are fortunate (?) enough to receive my weekly e-newsletter will have seen that one. And, many, many more that are truly groanworthy. [If you *don't* receive the e-newsletter and would like to receive it, let me know: [stewartweaver@btinternet.com](mailto:stewartweaver@btinternet.com).]

This newsletter goes out to lots of people in the congregation, in the community and in the other churches. It's a simple and silly way to stay in touch and stay connected.

The idea of connectedness and links came to mind whilst listening to Margaret present the Immortal Memory at our Burns Supper on 21 January. It was a fantastic, sold out evening that raised about £1500 for Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who attended, prepared and helped!

She spoke of the links between the churches, the community and Christian Aid. There were and are many links between Burns' poems and Isaiah, Revelation, John Steinbeck and even Graeme Macrae Burnet's 'His Bloody Project' (compare Lachlan in the Burnet book with Caesar in 'The two dogs'). And, of course, there are linking arms when we sing Auld Lang Syne.

That Saturday evening occurred at the end of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. At noon each day lots of people from the different churches gathered for a short worship and a bite to eat. Alongside the great food were poems, brief discussions, lovely singing, silence. I especially remember Andy Scarcliffe asking if we are settlers or pioneers in our churches. There was lots of conversation and laughter. All of it was topped off at St. Mark's on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, when we gathered for worship, some food and a few party turns, which included 'The coming of the wee malkies' and 'The lost dinner ticket' and

‘Show me the way to Portobello’ sung, of course, to the tune of ‘Show me the way to Amarillo’.

Lots of connections between the different churches. Links between denominations which strengthen us, enrich us and educate us.

There was lots of laughter during the week. Laughter, which can join people together so readily and so joyfully. It lowers our defences so that we can see our brothers and sisters in Christ as fellow travellers who are also working tirelessly, faithfully, conscientiously and joyfully to reach out to those in the congregations, the community and beyond.

How much can be accomplished with some reflection, some food and some laughter!

Let’s answer that question together this year.

**Stewart**

## ***Sharing our gifts***



We’ve had an excellent response so far to our stewardship campaign. A number of you have expressed a willingness to share your gifts for the benefit of the congregation and the wider PJPC community. We’ve also had pledges for an increase in financial giving, which will have a positive impact on the forecast deficit for 2017.

If you’ve yet to return your pledge card or wish to find out more about the opportunities for gifting that are available, then please contact a member of the stewardship team.

A more detailed update will be provided in future editions of Soundings.

**The Stewardship Team**

## ***Count group***



It would be helpful to have at least one other team of five people to count the collection. Each team is on duty for a month at a time, for about half an hour after the 11am service.

Currently this duty happens three times per year but the more volunteers we get, the less often the duty will recur. So far there's been only *one* volunteer! – thank you to her!

This is a good way to get to know people and could be your gift of talents for our stewardship campaign.

If you think you could help, please contact P Donaldson.

## ***Leaving an Eternal Legacy***

Making or updating a Will is an important job that we can often put off. Although it's a serious task, it helps us to focus our attention on the key priorities in our lives. One of these priorities might be how you can continue to support the work of Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (PJPC) in the form of a legacy. A legacy can be small or large - the gift you leave will always make a difference to your church. And because PJPC is a registered charity (SC011728), any legacy that you make could help reduce any inheritance tax due on your estate.

If you wish to consider this further then please discuss this with your solicitor who can ensure that your wishes are clearly reflected in your Will in accordance with the law. If you wish to understand more about how a legacy could help with the work of PJPC then please contact the Honorary Treasurer or Finance Convenor.

## **2016 Financial Position**

The annual report and accounts for 2016 are currently with the Independent Examiner for review. These will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Stated Meeting in May. In the meantime, I am pleased to report that the indicative financial position for the 12 month period ending 31 December 2016 was as follows:

### **Income**

- Congregational Fund - £270,650
- Fabric Fund - £198,467
- Legacies - £ 30,000
- Total - £499,117

### **Expenditure**

- Congregational Fund - £121,914
- Ministry and Mission - £138,781
- Fabric Fund - £227,702
- TOTAL - £488,397

In summary, we managed to balance our books very successfully in 2016 thanks largely to the generosity of our congregation and supporters. Following the sale of the St. James' manse and church complex, we have also benefited from several drawdowns against the funds held on behalf of PJPC by the CofS General Trustees. Special thanks go to David Stocks and Brian Moar for their excellent stewardship of our resources over the past 12 months.

**M Craig**

**Finance Convenor**

## ***Portobello Holiday Club 2017 – Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers***



This summer, our Portobello Holiday Club is running for the third year, with six area churches working together again in partnership with Scripture Union Scotland.

From the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of July from 9am to 12:45pm, our halls at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church and at St Mark's Scottish Episcopal Church will be full of children and volunteers exploring the *Guardians of Ancora – Treasure Seekers* summer holiday club material from Scripture Union. We will be welcoming in school-aged children each morning of the week to take part in arts and crafts, games, music, drama, gardening, baking, Bible study, worship, snack and many surprises throughout the week. There will also be a crèche and nursery group available for volunteers' children. We hope your family will join us!

Registration information and flyers will be sent out to the local schools and churches in May, but for now – save the dates! You can also send Michelle Brown a provisional booking reservation at [portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com)

We are now recruiting volunteers to help with all aspects of the holiday club. If you can give a full week in July to this ministry, or even if you can only give a day or two, we'd love your help. We're looking for help with games, arts and crafts, baking, music, drama, AV technology, snacks, crèche care, administration, small group leaders, and much more.

There will be a training evening for the full team in May and a further training in July. All volunteers will need to complete an online volunteer's application for Scripture Union Scotland alongside going through the Disclosure Scotland PVG process to volunteer with Scripture Union Scotland on this holiday mission.



If you are interested in helping with our ecumenical holiday club or if you know any secondary students who might be interested in volunteering as Junior Helpers, then please speak with Michelle. We would love to have as many helpers as possible as the more volunteers we have, the more families we can welcome to take part.

**Michelle**

## ***Tinsel!***

No! Not a Christmas show in March, but our very own tribute to Hollywood in the 1930s!



The Drama Group first performed TINSEL! in 1998. It was the hard work of Gavin and Nancy, both DG members, and was designed to provide the Group with catchy songs with lots of chorus work, interesting characters and fun!

The script has had a re-write and for those of us who appeared in the show the last time, has provided us with many happy memories.

The dates of the show are

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.**

Tickets will be available soon.

**Sheila**

## ***Boys' Brigade***



The Boys' Brigade was founded in Glasgow by Sir William Alexander Smith on 4 October 1883 to develop Christian manliness by the use of a semi-military discipline and order, gymnastics, summer camps and religious services and classes.

The first group in Portobello was formed in 1885 and we recently celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was lovely to invite some of the past BB members who are active members of the Congregation.

The Boys' Brigade is one of the biggest Christian Youth Organisations in the UK & Republic of Ireland. There are over 1,400 companies with 50,000 children and young leaders along with 15,000 volunteer leaders.

The Boy' Brigade here is flourishing – we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest company in the Edinburgh area - and this in no small way is thanks to the support that we receive from the Church.

We run 3 boys' sections:

Anchor Boys on a Tuesday for boys in P2 and P3.

Junior Boys on a Thursday for boys in P4 through to P6 and

Company Section on a Friday for boys in P7 and in S1 through to S6.

Over 80 boys make use of the Church facilities. And I mean full use – one night we were using the Church to fly mini helicopters and one of the helicopters got caught up on one of the ledges. Luckily there was one ladder long enough to reach and I was able to retrieve the helicopter.

As an organisation we are committed to seeing lives enriched by supporting children and young people to meet together and engage in a range of fun and developmental activities and experiences.

Activities include:

*Camping* (indoor and outdoor) - and we as a Company make great use of the facilities at Craggan on the banks of Loch Tay as well as use of more local facilities in Vogrie for the recent Junior Camp. We certainly enjoy our camps, though these days we tend to use the BB minibus you see outside instead of the old horse and cart.

We are one of the lucky companies in that we receive a regular invitation to the FDF camp in Denmark. We encourage as many of the boys as possible to make the trip and just this year we took 20 boys over for 2 weeks to Denmark.

At the camp we met up with other youth organisations including the Boys' Brigade from South Africa. We had some interesting discussions but we always seem to end up talking about rugby and kilts. Many great friendships have been formed and we are inviting the Danes over next year to sample some good old Scottish hospitality.

*Duke of Edinburgh Awards* – we support the boys through the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This really encourages great team-work and the boys have great fun – especially with the camping side and the long hikes. We also encourage our older boys to help with the Anchor Boy and Junior evenings.

*Games* – indoor and outdoor. The game of RISK is a great favourite with the boys and outdoors we take part in athletic competitions. The Juniors take part in football tournaments and particularly like playing blind hockey – which encourages teamwork. Our Anchor Boys enjoy running-around games, their favourite being dodge ball. They recently enjoyed a visit to Pets at Home where they were introduced to some furry friends as well as the reptiles.

*Cooking* – Boys at all ages enjoy cooking and the Anchor Boys are exceptionally lucky as Sheena McDonald, the Elder for the Anchors, comes

along every Shrove Tuesday to make pancakes and home-made jam. She also bakes for their parents' evening in May.

*Developing Christian manliness* - by the use of a semi-military discipline and order, gymnastics, summer camps and religious services and classes. We still try to instill discipline through drill. We take part in the Annual PE competition.

All of our staff freely give their time up to help, not just for the evenings but also for camps both at home and abroad. Many of the staff in this Company were themselves in the BBs in their younger days and it is through their commitment that we are so strong today.

We as an organisation also look to help out the church where possible – we are actively involved in the Christmas Eve services as well helping various organisations within the church – for example helping set up tables and chairs for the annual Burns Supper.

We are in February hosting a religious event for all Edinburgh Companies

So in these times, where there are so many other distractions for young children, we through the support of the Church and the use of the facilities are able to provide an environment for children to make, maintain and expand friendships – not just in Edinburgh and Scotland but also across the world.

**G Wilson, Officer in Charge, Company Section**



## ***Community Bible Experience***

Join people from the local churches for this initiative. In essence, groups will meet once a week between the beginning of February and the beginning of Holy Week (10 April) to discuss their reading of the New Testament. It will be treated like a book group and the text is not in traditional format. It is instead laid out more like a flowing narrative. If you are interested, please speak to Stewart. More information can be found at <https://scottishbiblesociety.org/our-work/community-bible-experience/>

## ***Ronnie McCulloch***

My brother and I would like to thank everyone who attended our Dad (Ronnie McCulloch)'s funeral on 2nd December. It was overwhelming how many people came. Stewart Weaver's tribute was lovely and he made the whole service very personal to Dad. We raised £540 through the collection which has gone to St Columba's hospice. We really appreciated the kind words and support from so many people. Thank you.

**F Bevan**

## ***Abseil for CrossReach!***

The Forth Bridge Abseil (yes, I know, me neither, but maybe someone?) is taking place on 28 May to raise money for CrossReach, the Social Care arm of the Church of Scotland. For more information and advice, contact:

[Rebecca.Tennant@Crossreach.org.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Tennant@Crossreach.org.uk)

## ***Thank you!***

The ladies of the Flower Committee would like to thank everyone who donates flowers throughout the year, and also the ladies (and George!) who arrange them and the people who deliver them each week.

The flower calendar has been made up for 2017 and there are three vacant dates:

21.5.17

9.7.17

19.11.17

If anyone would like to donate on any of these dates, please contact either: Glennis, Helen or Margaret.



## ***A call to prayer***

### **HEED THE WARNINGS**

“He who is often rebuked, and hardens  
his neck,  
will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”  
(Proverbs 29:1)



In the official magazine of the Naval Institute, Frank Koch reported on a very unusual encounter at sea. A battleship was coming in for manoeuvres in heavy weather. Shortly after the sun went down, the lookout reported a light in the distance, so the captain had the signalman send a message: ‘We’re on a collision course. Advise you change your course twenty degrees.’ Minutes later a signal came back: ‘Advisable for you to change your course.’ The captain angrily ordered that another signal be sent: ‘I am a captain. Change course twenty degrees.’ Again came the reply: ‘I’m a seaman, second class. You’d better change your course.’ Furious by this point, the captain barked a final threat: ‘I’m a battleship! Change your course!’ The signal came back, ‘I’m a lighthouse.’ The captain changed his course! It’s foolhardy to ignore the beacons that warn us of danger. They take various forms: symptoms of health problems, prolonged marital conflict, rebellious children, excessive debt, soul-destroying habits, stress that ties us in knots. The list goes on. It matters not whether we’re successful, influential, and busy. When God sends us a warning and tells us to change course, if we’re wise we won’t argue. Instead we will do it with haste. Let’s get personal. Has God been dealing with us over something in our lives that’s wrong, but we keep resisting Him? Or putting off dealing with it? Things will go right for us when we turn to Him instead of away from Him.

**H McNulty,**

*Prayer Promoter*

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# ***Reforming the Kirk — the future of the Church of Scotland***

**Chalmers Lectures 2017**

**FEBRUARY 1st, 8th and 15th, 2017 • 6.30pm • St Giles**

**Cathedral, Edinburgh**

***FREE to attend, or WATCH online: [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)***

In this series of three lectures, Glasgow-based Practical Theologian and Kirk Minister Dr D Gay will offer a candid, forthright and bold analysis of the state of the Church of Scotland and the choices facing it.

He will explore what it means to be 'presbyterian' in today's Scotland, will offer ideas for reform, including key economic reforms, within the Kirk and will argue that change is essential to address deep seated problems of decline.

## **LECTURE ONE – February 1, Walls Without Church? (*Glory without power...*)**

The first lecture explores the decline of the Kirk as a national institution since the 1960s and asks about the spiritual and psychological effects of this on those who have lived through it. It also asks 'What's left?' - in terms of values, ideas and concrete presence on the ground.

## **LECTURE TWO – February 8, Call and Response (*I don't know but I've been told...*)**

The second lecture explores the relationship between the church's understanding of its own calling and its response in terms of organisation and resources. It questions how resources are raised and allocated for the work of the Church of Scotland and looks at the looming deficits in human resources, as numbers of ministerial vacancies continue to increase.

## **LECTURE THREE - February 15, Grand Designs (*the architecture of reform*)**

The final lecture makes the case for radical structural reform of the Church of Scotland over the next decade, suggesting that a reformed Kirk should aspire to a creative reinterpretation of reformed identity. Dr Gay will argue that the case for reform should be based on how it will serve the church's mission.





## ***Collecting Backpacks as the Portobello and Joppa Parish Church Community***

From January 2017 to April 2017, the Breakfast Club are leading a project to collect backpacks filled with school items for Mary's Meals.

We are inviting the full Portobello and Joppa Parish Church Community and Congregation from the toddlers' playgroup to Messy Church, from the Brownies to Company Section of the Boys Brigade, from the Coffee Club to the Junior Drama Group, from the Guild to the crèche to all take part in this project.

Mary's Meals is a non-profit organisation which works to provide a free meal a day for children in poverty at their place of education, which guarantees that the children will have had at least one meal a school day and encourages the children to attend school and get the education they need, to rise out of poverty. The mission of Mary's Meals is "to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities".

The Backpack project is part of all this. Children at these schools receive a backpack full of the necessities for school to continue, to encourage them to attend school. Items for the backpacks include: a notepad, pencils, pens, crayons, eraser, ruler, sharpener, pencil case, towel, shorts/skirt and t-shirt or dress, flip flops/sandals, small ball (tennis ball), soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and a spoon.

From 29 January to 23 April, the Breakfast Club will be collecting donations of backpacks full of the items listed above or even donations of some of the items on their own (which can then be used to top up other backpacks as necessary). Our bags will be collected after church on April 23<sup>rd</sup> or you could also turn your bag in at a special film screening on Saturday, 22 April from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the church. We will be showing the short film, "Generation Hope" which shares stories of some of the first children to have grown up receiving Mary's Meals. For more information, please contact Michelle.

# Brain-teaser



St Valentine is said to have been martyred for secretly marrying young people, in a Christian ceremony, against the edict of the Emperor Claudius, who didn't want his soldiers to marry in case this made them more reluctant to die for Rome, leaving their wives and children unsupported.

Whatever the truth of this, Valentine would probably be surprised to know that he's now associated with romantic love and has a lot of cards written in his name.

Here's a word search to remind us of him. Try to find the words printed below the grid – they may be left to right, right to left, up and down or down and up.

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A	G	A	G	F	Q	R	N	M	Q
N	S	D	E	A	C	L	D	E	Z
R	G	X	V	J	I	A	U	O	M

VALENTINE, ANONYMOUS, BOY, GIRL, VIOLETS, ROSES, HEART, DATE, CARD, POSTMAN

A Marr

## Getting to know you...



This month's interviewee is Iona. She's 9 years old and in Super Novas at Sunday Stars. She likes playing tennis, swimming and going to Junior Drama at Church. Her favourite things to do at school are maths and art.

**Q. What is an early church memory?**

A. *My christening – although I can't remember it, I have pictures from the day and a book and needlework given to me by the church. I enjoy watching other babies being christened because they are very small. Sometimes they cry a lot. I didn't!*

**Q. What job do you think you would like to do?**

A. *I'd like to work in a café because I like cooking. I like making tapas and did a cookery school in Seville last summer. My favourite tapas bar in Seville is Casa Morales. One of my favourite dishes is "albondingas" (marinated meatballs with a nice sauce) served with potato slices. One day I'd like to work with my friend the chef at Casa Morales.*

**Q. What is a favourite book?**

A. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban because there are loads of mysteries. Sirius Black escapes from Azkaban (which is the wizarding jail) and somehow he doesn't get affected by the 'dementors' when all the other people in Azkaban are affected by them. In the book, Harry has to learn a patronus charm from Professor Lupin to protect himself from the dementors. Read the books yourself to find out more...*

**Q. What would be your ideal holiday?**

A. *To go to Cadiz, in Andaluzia, in the South of Spain. I think it would be really fun and all the tapas would be nice. Cadiz is by the sea and near to the part of Spain which produces sherry. I enjoyed watching Rick Stein's Long Weekend in Cadiz and thought it was quite interesting. I'm learning a bit of*

*Spanish to take with me there in the summer holidays when we visit, hopefully.*

**Q. What do you do to relax?**

*A. Draw a picture. I like drawing abstract pictures with bright colours. Drawing makes me feel calm. We're learning to colour in Mindfulness colouring sheets at Calm Time after lunch at school. Here's one of them...*



**Q. Where would you go in a time machine and why?**

*A. I'd go back in time to the Big Bang when the earth was created and God created the sea and the sand, grass, light and day, darkness, trees and animals, and Adam and Eve. It would be quite exciting although scary.*

## Wood – how to burn it



Oaken logs if dry and old  
Keep away the winter cold.  
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,  
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.  
Elm wood burns like graveyard mould,  
Even the very flames are cold.  
Apple wood will scent the room,  
Pear wood smells like flowers in bloom.  
But ash wood wet and ash wood dry  
A king shall warm his slippers by.

Beech wood fires burn bright and clear  
If the logs are kept a year.  
Chestnut's only good, they say,  
If for years it's laid away.  
Birch and pine wood burn too fast,  
Blaze too bright and do not last,  
But ash wood green and ash wood brown  
Are fit for a queen with a golden crown.



**Submitted by Mrs D Smith**  
Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday for February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

*(This poem exists in various forms on the internet and some sources suggest that it may have been written by Lady Celia Congreve in the 1930s. Anyway, Mrs Smith thought that you would like to read it in our winter magazine. Thank you! And it's probably good advice for those of you with a wood-burning stove.)*



## ***LIFE AND WORK FEBRUARY 2017***

**‘A Movement, not a Programme’** The work of the Path of Renewal project, which is nurturing a culture of discipleship in Church of Scotland congregations.

**A Spiritual Journey** Thomas Baldwin meets author and activist Alastair McIntosh.

**Releasing Gifts** Jackie Macadam examines how congregations in long-term vacancy maintain their Christian witness and presence.

**Keeping Watch Over Loch Awe** The Very Rev Dr Ian Bradley reflects on a beloved architectural treasure in Argyll.

**A Miraculous Escape** The Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan considers the messages drawn from the Bible accounts of Peter’s times in prison.

**MSPs and the Church** Irene MacKinnon reports on the work of a pioneering project bringing together local people through their churches with Members of the Scottish Parliament.

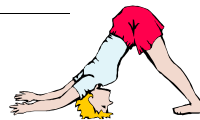
**A Critical Lifeline** The Head of Oxfam Scotland, Jamie Livingstone, offers a first hand account of the food crisis in Malawi.

**The ‘New Guild’** In the second part of our focus on the Church of Scotland Guild, the changing face of the group at Arbroath: St Andrew’s comes under the spotlight.

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## ***The Ladies' Friday Keep Fit class***



The Ladies' Friday Keep Fit class wish to donate £500 to church funds. We hope that everyone had A Merry Christmas.

**J Sharp**

## ***Stamps etc wanted by CrossReach***

CrossReach, the Social Care arm of the Church of Scotland, can turn your used stamps and postcards - and old coins - into cash. They accept:

- Stamps - cut (don't soak) the stamps off with a border of between 4 and 8mm (an eighth an inch of to half an inch) of paper. Please separate UK and foreign stamps (Channel Isle and Isle of Man count as foreign).
- Stamp albums/collections and first day covers.
- Postcards – old, new, sent or unsent. Don't remove the stamps.
- Coins which are no longer in circulation

If you'd like to donate any of these, please leave them on the back shelf at the west side of the sanctuary. Thanks!

## ***Thank you!***

Robin and I offer our very grateful thanks to Derek and James, who helped us to clear out the combustibles etc from Portobello Old. We would not have managed without their help. There were four of us from Bellfield and we would never have managed to carry the heavy objects. They were cheerful at all times, no matter what they were asked to do. So thanks again.

**Lilian**

# A Musical Welcome

## Concert for Refugees

### Orchestra of the Canongait

Conductor: Robert Dick      Leader: Liz Beeston

Cello: Lindsay Martindale

Dvořák: Carnival overture

Elgar: Cello concerto

Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherezade

Sunday 26th February 2017

8pm    Tickets £10/£8 concessions

St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

**AMNESTY**  
**INTERNATIONAL**





## ***MAGAZINE/DIARY DEADLINES***

March	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
April	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
May	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2017

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