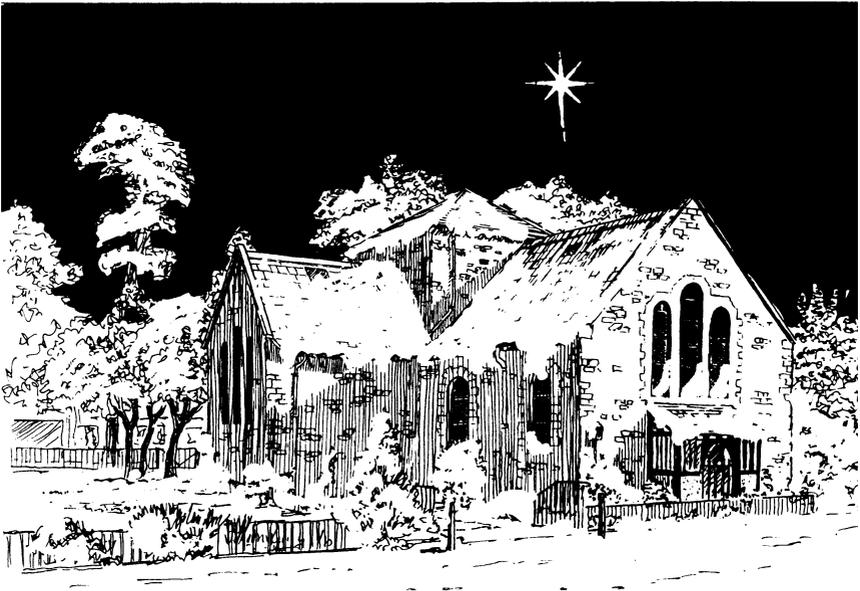


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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

The church year begins in Advent and we come to a new year in hope. The reports at our Annual Meeting give a good impression of what we have done over the past year. I won't repeat the details here – if you haven't read the reports, you should do so! (Ask the Vestry Secretary for a copy.) At a time when some churches are reporting a large decline in post-lockdown attendance and our friends in the Church of Scotland are planning for massive cuts in clergy and parishes, Holy Cross is quietly stable and growing. We thank God for this and I thank you for your support and for all that you contribute to our community.

At Christmas, however, we worship a God who became a vulnerable and fragile baby. Pregnancy and birth can be dangerous and traumatic times today, but they were much more so then. If we take the Incarnation seriously – God became REALLY human – then Jesus and Mary shared this precariousness. If the Church really is the Body of Christ, the Church will also be fragile, precarious and vulnerable. This is true of Holy Cross. It is not good for churches to be rich and powerful, but in our fragility lies our hope. It was this fragile, crucified body of Christ which defeated the powers of evil and rose from the dead on the third day.

I make no apologies for writing about Christian doctrine at Christmas! Especially as the teaching in the previous paragraph is at the heart of what we offer to the world – the value of the little, fragile things and the victory of love over evil. Thinking of Christmas, if Jesus is 'the reason for the season' then it's good to give him a bit of time among the family celebrations. But let's also enjoy all the aspects of Advent and Christmas, while sparing a thought for those – including members of our own congregation – for whom it will be a sad time this year.

At the AGM the Treasurer noted that most of us have transferred our giving to Holy Cross to standing orders or bank transfers. This is a great help for our financial planning. In the past year we didn't have a 'gift day' but costs such as fuel for heating continue to rise. You may wish to help us deal with this by increasing your own giving in 2022, for example by 5%. We may be stable and growing, but we are still fragile and dependent on hall rents to survive so, to quote the supermarket slogan, 'every little helps'. I should note here that we are also seeking income elsewhere and have recently received a grant of £5,000 from the Scottish Episcopal Recovery and Renewal Fund which will pay for decorating the hall and for our new website.

In many ways it has been a good year with lots to give thanks for. The pandemic continues but we give thanks for the work of scientists which has given us effective vaccines. We now look forward in hope to the new year. New things are planned in our children and families ministry, we have a new curate and a link with St Salvador's to look forward to in September or October, and new people to welcome to our events and services.

May God bless you and your families and friends in this new year, may you enjoy some of the quiet anticipation of Advent in the midst of the Christmas rush, and may you have a happy and holy Christmas.

With love in Christ from us all in the Rectory,



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: Ann Ward, on 26th November

BEL CANTO CONCERT CANCELLED

Sadly the vocal ensemble Bel Canto has had to cancel the planned concert at Holy Cross on Sunday 12th December.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The church remains unadorned during Advent.

Christmas Flowers

Sarah and the team would appreciate donations in advance towards the cost of flowers. Helpers will be welcome on the day – date and time of decorating to be arranged. Information from Sarah (sarahmillee@aol.com).



Flower Rota 2022

The new rota will be on the noticeboard shortly. Please sign up for the Sundays when you would like to provide the flowers.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021



Sunday 19th December

7.30 p.m. Holy Cross Carol Service

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3.00 p.m. Christingle Service, a fun, traditional favourite for children and families. Children are welcome to come along in costume and help us tell the Christmas story. Numbers need to be limited, so there will be a booking system which goes live on 10th December on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holy-cross-christingle-2021-tickets-214829229007> or use the QR code on the back page.

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass, a Christmas celebration of Holy Communion with music, carols and incense.

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.00 a.m. a quiet and short Christmas celebration of Holy Communion using the traditional 1970 Liturgy of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

10.30 a.m. a joyful family celebration of Christmas Holy Communion with music and carols.

Sunday 26th December – First Sunday of Christmas

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with carols

These services are open to all and all may receive holy communion. All services follow our **coronavirus plan** with special precautions around receiving the bread of holy communion, the use of hand sanitiser and the wearing of masks (community singing is allowed but masks need to be worn by the congregation, unless exempt).

Volunteer welcomers etc. will be needed for services over Christmas and New Year which are not on the regular rota. There is a list on the noticeboard – please sign up if you can help.



ANNUAL MEETING 2021 APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

Secretary: Nicole Elvin

Treasurer: Colin Mair

Gift Aid Secretary: Colin Mair

Independent Examiner: WK Ramage

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Coordinator: Jean Williams

Lay Representative: Andrew Vass

Alternate Lay Rep: Neville Long

Rector's Warden: Alan Kirkpatrick

People's Warden: Sally Mair

Vestry member: Brian Wright

VOTES OF THANKS

When **Tim Sale** agreed to take on the role of Covenant Secretary and to advise the Vestry on investments he probably did not envisage doing it for the next 28 years!

Covenants were replaced by Gift Aid, but the tax claims still had to be made. All that most of us saw was a short report at the Annual Meeting and a line or two in the accounts, so we did not always realise how much work Tim was quietly and meticulously doing on behalf of Holy Cross.

We owe him a great debt of gratitude for this, and for his wise advice on our investments. A number of Treasurers have benefited from his experience.

Another vote of thanks goes to **Kate Hilton**, who in her five years as People's Warden saw the retirement of one Rector, a period of vacancy and the arrival of the new Rector, promptly followed by a pandemic. She too deserves a well-earned retirement.

SUNDAY DUTY ROTAS

When the duty rotas were restarted after lockdown some of you requested not to be involved. Covid is still with us, but people are slowly returning to the Sunday service. If any of you who have not been involved in recent months would like to rejoin your 'team' please let me know either by email (paulineskinner@blueyonder.co.uk).

Many thanks. Pauline Skinner

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



The Christmas hampers project, which we are helping to distribute, is part of the work of the Edinburgh City Mission – an organisation that works with local churches to spread the Gospel of Christ. Following Jesus' example they help to support people who are experiencing deprivation, exclusion or isolation. They work with various groups providing meals to those in need and one project is a Care Van, which visits various points in the city during the day and at night.

An important part of their work is the support of refugees from Syria and now also from Afghanistan and other parts of the world – those who have been forced to leave their homes due to violence and wars. Many of these refugees are not allowed to work, nor have access to benefits. City Mission works with various groups to provide food for many refugee families who have experienced financial crises. The Christmas hampers contain many items of food suited to their particular diets as well as presents for the children. But they do more than meet a material need as the hampers are also a sign to them that they are not just tolerated but welcome as new citizens. These families are sometimes met with hostility but the hampers indicate to them that we want to embrace them without strings attached. Last year we found that the hampers were very much appreciated, even if communication is sometimes difficult when they have not yet mastered English, although one family from Syria was very proficient in English, including the children, who are now at school in Edinburgh.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed and helped to distribute the hampers for this worthwhile cause.

Neville Long

The Seven Hills Chorus with Strathclyde Harmonica

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

Music for Advent and Christmas

Saturday 18th December at 7.30 p.m.

St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road

Tickets £14, including programme, from Tickets@sevenhillschorus.org or at the door. The Seven Hills Chorus is a local choir which includes several members of Holy Cross.



From Fresh Start Newsletter:

As we move out of restrictions and into what will hopefully be happier, more joyous times spent with loved ones, we must remember that so many people out there are still feeling the after effects of the pandemic. Many people's working lives have simply not returned to what they were and they are struggling financially to make ends meet this festive period. A time that should be spent with precious friends and family will be spent worrying about how they are going to provide their family with their next hot meal or how to store those precious food supplies with lack of amenity in their homes.

Last year, thanks to generous donations, we were able to supply 105 cookers, fridge freezers and washing machines to people in need across Edinburgh. Thomas has been struggling financially and wasn't eating well due to not having a working cooker in his property. Fresh Start was able to provide him with a brand new cooker. He was delighted and said he will 'cherish it'.

This is where you can help! Any donation, big or small, will go to help those who are struggling financially by providing them with a cooker and other essential white goods for their homes. Help to take the stress and worry out of this festive period and donate to our Cookers for Christmas Appeal 2021! You can give online at www.freshstartweb.org.uk or send a cheque to Fresh Start (Cooker Appeal), 22–24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh EH4 4BR.



STARTER PACKS

We cannot yet have the box in church, so please deliver any donations to the Fresh Start warehouse (address above). It is open Monday to Thursday from 9 to 4 (closed Friday). Just now kettles and small electrical items – kettles, toasters, irons, table lamps, hand blenders – are particularly needed. All should be clean and in good condition. Check online for the full list of things for all the various packs. It can cost Fresh Start money to dispose of unsuitable items, so please find another home for anything not on the list.

MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING by VICTOR E FRANKL

Reviewed by Andrew Vass

This is another text from the list I acquired when I visited St John's in Princes Street. The church has produced a list of books useful to those who wish to explore Christian faith. I have reviewed several of them. I am puzzled that St John's should pick a book written by an Austrian Jew which comes from a time when the psychodynamic therapies held sway. Is Frankl (who developed his ideas on logotherapy from his terrifying experiences of Nazi concentration camps) now dated?

His views seem appropriate to us at this Christmas time. As we revisit the Christmas tradition which developed in Victorian times, with its Christmas trees, carol-singing and family values, we can spare a thought for Frankl's chilling verdict, that 'Nihilism is our collective neurosis. Being has no meaning nowadays'. If Frankl is correct then the secular mindset of our times causes many people to simply be unable to share with us any inspiration from hearing, yet again, the story of the shepherds and the birth of baby Jesus. Perhaps we have to spell out meaning so we challenge the cut off – those who don't look for meaning.

Frankl thinks that, 'Striving for meaning is essential for man'. 'He who has a why can bear any kind of how' (as Nietzsche had put it). People can of course have pseudo-meanings. Frankl saw how in the concentration camps those who saw survival as their meaning faded away; their sense of meaning was not sufficiently uplifting. They died quickly, overcome by hopeless, pointless suffering. In the post-war world he felt great sympathy for the jobless who felt useless, and their sense of being useless undermined any sense of meaning they could have. When change is not possible, he tells us, change one's sense of self. Turn suffering (psychological or physical) into a sense of achievement based on meaning.

Modern therapies owe a debt to Frankl. When TEAM CBT focuses clients on the task of positively reframing their negative feelings the aim is to help clients see what they value, what they can be proud of and what they can achieve. When ACT therapy invites people to be mindfully present, de-contextualise self and consider the values they have in specific areas of their lives, the basic idea is to follow through on Frankl's theories. (You may care to google these therapies. TEAM CBT is a new eclectic derivative from cognitive behavioural therapy. TEAM stands for **t**est, **e**mpathy focus, **a**ssess for resistance, and **m**ethods which reduce resistance and treat presenting problems. ACT stands for **a**cceptance and **c**ommitment therapy.)

Frankl is not just writing a secular therapy text. He does focus on the benefits of the Judeo-Christian tradition. 'The shift from self-interest into selflessness is transcending,' he tells us. From Psalm 58 he tells us that the righteous are worthy and indeed will be rewarded. But he tells us that we must work on the tension between 'is' and 'becoming'. Our thinking and behaving tends to be habitual. We may have core beliefs in our backchannels, giving us low morale, sense of failure and sense of being unlovable. We may have developed defensive or aggressive knee-jerk reactions. This can be the 'is' we bring to therapy. Our 'is' can limit capacity for meaning unless we focus on 'becoming'. That, surely, is the journey the shepherds want to take us on at Christmas time.

DECEMBER/JANUARY KALENDAR and READINGS

Wednesday 1st December – Charles de Foucauld, priest and hermit, 1916 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 23 Matthew 15.29-39

Thursday 2nd December – Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, 1637 – **5pm Zoom Evening Prayer**

Friday 3rd December – Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552

Saturday 4th December – Clement of Alexandria, teacher of the faith, c.210

Sunday 5th December – **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – **Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Baruch 5.1-9 Canticale: Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79)
Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6

Monday 6th December – Nicholas of Myra, bishop, 4th century

Tuesday 7th December – Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher of the faith, 397

Wednesday 8th December – The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Isaiah 40.25-31 Psalm 103.1-10 Matthew 11.28-30

Nine months before the feast of her birth, this feast has been kept since the

seventh century but goes back to stories about Mary's conception and birth from the second century. Anglicans and Orthodox keep it as the 'conception' but Roman Catholics call it the 'immaculate conception', holding that Mary, as the mother of Jesus and by God's grace, did not inherit original sin like the rest of humanity.

Thursday 9th December – 5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6
 Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18

Tuesday 14th December – John of the Cross, priest and teacher of the faith

Wednesday 15th December – Ember Day – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 45. 5-8, 18-25 Psalm 85.8-13 Luke 7.19-23

Thursday 16th December – 5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer

Friday 17th December – O Sapientia (O Wisdom); Ember Day

Advent changes gear today and turns its attention towards the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Each day at Evening Prayer has a special and very beautiful antiphon sung before and after the Magnificat, each of which develop titles of Christ. Today it is: 'O Wisdom, who proceeded out of the mouth of the most high, reaching from one end of creation to the other and ordering all things powerfully and gently, come and teach us the way of prudence'.

Saturday 18th December – Flannan, pilgrim, 640; O Adonai (Sacred Lord); Ember Day

Sunday 19th December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; O radix Jesse (Root of Jesse) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Carol service 7.30 p.m.

Collect: O God our Father, you prepared the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our Judge; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1.47-55)
 Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-55

Monday 20th December – O Clavis David (Key of David)

Tuesday 21st December – O Oriens (Morning Star)

Wednesday 22nd December – O Rex Gentium (King of the Nations) – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Song of Solomon 2.8-14 Psalm 33.1-5,20-22 Luke 1.39-45

Thursday 23rd December – O Emmanuel (God with us) – 5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer

Friday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle Family Service 3 p.m.; Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Collect: Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light; bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96
Titus 2.11-14 John 1.1-14

Saturday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY: THE LORD'S NATIVITY – Eucharist 9.00 a.m. (Scottish Liturgy 1970); Eucharist with carols 10.30 a.m.

Collect: Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm 98
Hebrews 1.1-4 Luke 2.1-14

Sunday 26th December – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS – Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (no 9.00 a.m. service)

Collect: Almighty God, you wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may be partakers of his divine nature; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: I Samuel 2.18-20,26 Psalm 148
Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52

Monday 27th December – St Stephen, deacon and martyr (trans. from 26th)

Tuesday 28th December – John the Apostle and Evangelist (trans. from 27th)

Wednesday 29th December – The Holy Innocents (transferred from 28th) – no Eucharist

Thursday 30th December – feria in the Octave of Christmas – **no 5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer** ('feria' is a weekday other than Saturday on which no festival occurs.)

Friday 31st December – feria in the Octave

Saturday 1st January – THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

Sunday 2nd January – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (anticipated from 6th January) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Collect: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last behold your glory face to face; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72.1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

Wednesday 5th January – 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Readings: I John 3.11-18 Psalm 100 John 1.43-51

Thursday 6th January – **5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer**

Friday 7th January – *Kentigerna, Hermit, c.750* – 10.30 a.m. Buggy Service for toddlers and their grown-ups

Saturday 8th January – *Nathalan the Gardener, Bishop, 678*

Sunday 9th January – BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Collect: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptised into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Monday 10th January – William Laud, Bishop, Martyr, 1645

Tuesday 11th January – David, King of Scots, 1153

Wednesday 12th January – *Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915* – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: I Samuel 3.1-20 Psalm 40.1-10 Mark 1.29-39

Thursday 13th January – KENTIGERN (MUNGO), Bishop – 5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer

Friday 14th January – Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 367
– **10.30 a.m. Buggy Service for toddlers and their grown-ups**

Sunday 16th January – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5 Psalm 36.5-10
 I Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11

Monday 17th January – The Confession of Peter – *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

This feast commemorates the incident in the three synoptic gospels where Peter proclaims Jesus to be the Christ the Son of God (Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27–30 and Luke 9:18–20). Since 1908 it has been the start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity which ends with the Conversion of St Paul.

Wednesday 19th January – *Founders of Anglican Franciscan Communities* – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: I Samuel 17.32-51 Psalm 144.1-10 Mark 3.1-6

Thursday 20th January – 5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer

Friday 21st January – Agnes, Martyr, c.304 – **10.30 a.m. Buggy Service for toddlers and their grown-ups**

Sunday 23rd January – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (Sea Sunday – preacher the Revd Tim Tunley) – **Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

Collect: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19
 I Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21

Monday 24th January – Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622

Tuesday 25th January – THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, Apostle. *End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

Wednesday 26th January – Timothy and Titus, Bishops – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.4-17 Psalm 89.1-4 Mark 4.1-20

Thursday 27th January – John Chrysostom, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 407 – **5 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer**

Friday 28th January – Thomas Aquinas, Dominican Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1274 – **10.30 a.m. Buggy Service for toddlers and their grown-ups**

Sunday 30th January – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.; Family Service 4 p.m.

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4 Psalm 24.7-10
Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

Monday 31st January – Charles Mackenzie of Central Africa, Bishop, Martyr, 1862

Wednesday 2nd February – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: 2 Samuel 24.2,9-17 Psalm 32.1-8 Mark 6.1-6

Sunday 6th February – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings; Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 138
I Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

WORSHIP

Our usual weekly services are:

Sunday 9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist – 1970 liturgy (experimental)
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist – 1982 liturgy

Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Thursday 5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

We pray together for about half an hour, using the fixed words of the service with a space for free prayer. To join us contact the Rector.

Any variations to the above are noted in the Kalendar.



HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – What's on...



Christingle 3 p.m. Christmas Eve
Hear the Christmas story and sing carols. Children welcome to dress up! Booking required via [Eventbrite](#) (see QR code). Tickets available from 10th December.



Buggy Services – Fridays in January at 10.30 a.m.



Short, informal services for toddlers and their grown ups. Songs, stories and activities. Time to play afterwards (with hot drinks and cake for the grown ups). Every Friday in January.

Story Time – Fridays in February, 10 a.m.–12 noon



For toddlers/pre-schoolers and their grown ups. Come and relax in the church, read our books, do some crafts and play. Hot drinks and cake for grown ups. Some quiet time in the winter – every Friday in February.

Family Services – Sundays at 4 p.m. (see dates below)



Half an hour of stories and songs followed by refreshments.

30th January: Candlemas

27th March: Mothering Sunday

12th June: Pentecost

Every Sunday

You're always welcome to join us for our regular 10.30 service on a Sunday morning. We have a children's area with books and toys, and you won't be told off for being joyful or grumpy or needing to move around or eat some snack. God put the wiggle in children and we celebrate that. Tea/coffee, juice and biscuits are served in the hall afterwards.

Play Church

In January and February we're hosting Play Church, a portable, child-sized altar with dressing-up clothes and robes to give children the opportunity to learn playfully about worship, liturgy and ministry. If you're involved with a children's organisation or a school and would like to come and explore the Play Church, please get in touch.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page [@HolyCrossEdinburgh](#) and church noticeboard for extra events and services. Please get in touch with any questions or ideas. Izzy Holmes, Children's Minister: families.hce@gmail.com