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## Web of Creation

By Rev Fiona Bennett

"Whatever language you prefer, the apparent truth is that we belong to a web of creation in which nothing, absolutely nothing, is inconsequential. The hairs of your head, a baby's sneeze, the gravitational pull of an electron at the far edge of the Milky Way – none of these things is negligible. Not one of them can be subtracted from creation, or even rounded off, without changing the whole gorgeous geometry of the universe. Day by day, we may not be able to measure their effect, but that does not seem to bother them. They just keep on doing their jobs, helping to lay down the patterns which give shape to our lives. "

(*'The Luminous Web: essay on science and religion'* by Barbara Brown Taylor, p.97)

This quote from Barbara Brown Taylor is from a book she wrote in 2000 in which she reflected theologically

on some of the recognised theories about how the universe has come to be and how it exists. I am sure the science will by now be revised, but in the book she points to the wondrous interconnection – 'web' – of all matter and invites us to look for God not sitting as a distant watchmaker, but in the very midst of the chaotic, yet patterned web.

As we enter into Creationtide we take time in our worship to reflect on this world of which we are part; to consider its health and the decay which humanity is causing through our over consumption and carelessness.

In many ways humanity has seen itself as the master of the planet, with the earth a resource to support our living; but the environmental crisis is waking us up to a much bigger picture, which science painted for us several years ago: The picture that humanity is not superior to the

## Getting involved

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### Local Community

#### Volunteering

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< 1 earth, but part of it. The picture that every single atom of earth is part of an interconnected web of life, and when we tug at our thread in Scotland demanding resources, the threads in Bangladesh tighten in resources they supply. They tighten and tighten until they snap and poverty or flooding take grip. As we encourage or diminish the health of our planet, we encourage or diminish the health of us all.

The 'web of life' is an image full of wonder and responsibility; it implies both gift and calling and offers an insight which enables us to encounter God the Source of Life in all things.



## ABC Update



The contractors successfully completed restoration of the Merchant Street side of the roof in July, but the building work was then suspended during the Festival season. Work has restarted apace in September, and we began to experience the benefits of our new audio-visual equipment at the service last Sunday.

Meanwhile planning for the project launch has been ongoing. Full details and flyers will follow, but here's some dates for your diary:

**Sunday 23rd October:** 11am TLC Service at AUC. Building celebration with our TLC partners

### **Sunday 27th November (Advent Sunday): Grand Launch Day**

11am	Morning worship
12.30-1.30pm	Official opening and lunch (Invitations will be sent out due to building capacity)
2.30-4pm	Advent Cabaret—Concert and quiz

### **Monday 5th December: Doors Open Day (as part of Edinburgh's 24 Doors of Advent)**

The audio-visual installation will be available for the public to find out all about this church and its history, along with leaflets and booklets, and guided tours.

### **Heritage Guide Training** (all at AUC):

Sunday 25th September	2-4pm
Sunday 9th October	12.45-2pm
Sunday 23rd October	Post-service-3pm (alongside TLC tours)

Also, East Link talk by Rev Dr Jack Dyce on the History of the URC in Scotland Sunday 9th October 2.30-4pm.



Tamsin Kilgour



## *Three Churches Pilgrimage to the Heart of Scotland*

The sun shone as pilgrims from Greyfriars Kirk, St Columba's by the Castle, Augustine United, the Grassmarket Community Project and friends from as far away as Ontario gathered beside Greyfriars Bobby before climbing into a comfortable coach and a minibus. Richard (Frazer) was our 'tour guide', telling us he was fulfilling a lifetime's ambition! He told us that 'Pilgrimage' as an opportunity for idolatry and sacrifice was outlawed at the Reformation and today it is an opportunity for sharing friendship with other travellers.

We arrived at Dunkeld Cathedral in time for Morning Worship in a full church, with the organist and a choir of angels in the organ loft contributing very sensitively to the worship. Members of the Cameronian Regimental Association were in the congregation marking the 327th anniversary of the Battle of Dunkeld. Rev Fraser Penny reminded us that it is not always wise to 'keep things for good' (like Sunday best clothes) – the Bible, the Word of God, should be used every day, even if it becomes dilapidated!

We picnicked in sunshine beside the River Tay with plenty of time to chat with friends old and new and to be nourished ready for our walk through Birnam Wood. We stopped at the Birnam Oak and Richard reminded us of Macbeth and the three witches, and told us about the association of the Stone of Destiny



Birnam Oak and Dunsinnan Hill



with Dunsinnan Hill. Then we returned to the coach for a beautiful drive through the Heart of Scotland to Dunsinnan Hill where energetic pilgrims climbed to the top while the rest were driven by our very helpful coach driver to Collace Church. There was a guided tour of the fascinating buildings and the Churchyard before we were all graciously served with tea and tray bakes by members of Collace Church. Finally, Richard conducted an informal service of Holy Communion – sharing the fruits of the earth as Jesus told us to do as we remember Him.

Our pilgrimage had been a day of sharing – the beautiful countryside, worship, friendship, stories and bread and wine. This was a day in our life pilgrimage which continues as we go out to share the love of God with others each day.

**Anne Mackenzie**



Picnicking by the Tay

Collace Church







## *C4L CLMT Update— Some thoughts on sustainable food*



It is Creationtide once again – the time the churches have deemed we should particularly seek to connect with all that God has created, and continues to create. We belong to the earth as do all creatures in and on it. How can we each learn to care more for the planet God has given us? We are interconnected in the amazing Web of life (Fiona has mentioned this often).

In the early 1970s many people at Augustine began to recognise how interdependent we are in the world, in that our food and our clothing materials (like cotton or flax) come from right around the world. We depended then, as we still do, on others for the food and crops grown in their lands and with their climates. In past decades, we ate much more home-grown in-season fruit & vegetables but now you can eat strawberries or Brussel sprouts or mangoes at any time of year! It is true that the producers in these countries benefit from our western trade, but not much of the profit ever reaches the workers, and the damage to the environment by transporting the goods is immense.

There are ways we can help encourage each and every one of us at AUC to be more alert to how we can consume food sustainably, and how we can avoid animal waste of many kinds. Charging for plastic shopping bags has already made a substantial difference to the amount of plastic being ingested by animals, or sea creatures – one example of a good idea bearing fruition. Hopefully the recently announced microbead ban will further improve things.

If you have suggestions to help make what & how we eat more environmentally-friendly and sustainable; or if you have/want ideas about how we could develop as an eco-congregation caring for God's creation please speak to any member of the Commitment for Life CLMT. Members are Nicola, Della, Jonathan, Doris, Nancy, Gill, Eilidh, Joy & Kathleen.

Kathleen Ziffo



We have received the following update from **Bob Gould** about the Edinburgh Food Project. One

of their current 7 centres is hosted at the Grassmarket Community Project.

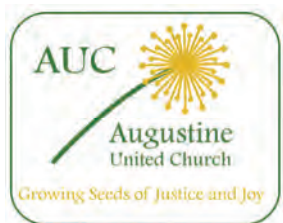
At our church meeting on Sunday 4th September we agreed, in response to this, that at our Harvest Worship we would collect items for the foodbank, alongside our collection for Christian Aid.

*“The Edinburgh Food Project is a local charity, operating under the Trussell Trust, providing emergency food to people in crisis. Due to changes in the benefit system, redundancy or debt, many people in our city have crises, in which they may have to choose between food, electricity and rent. We cover the North West and Central areas, with 7 foodbank centres, and have a further 2 opening in the East, Craigmillar and Oxbgangs. Our function is to provide people with short-term emergency food parcels while their crises are addressed.*

***Sadly, the need for our services remains high - we currently help up to 145 people per week. Therefore, we are constantly in need of additional supplies to stock the foodbank warehouse and would be very grateful if your congregation would be able to support us at Harvest time this year. We would also be happy to come to you and give a short presentation about how the foodbank works and how the donated food makes a difference in our community...***

*Thank you in anticipation.”*

The foodbank is only able to accept non-perishable food. A list of items currently most in need will be available on the weekly noticesheet in the run up to Harvest, and is kept updated at:  
[edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)



## *Augustine Away Day— Saturday 27th August in Cramond Kirk Halls*

Around 30 to 40 souls from AUC made the trip out to the beautiful Cramond Kirk for our biennial Away Day on the last Saturday in August. And what a great day it was! We were ably led throughout by the wonderful Christine Rarity-Middleton, who kept us to time and inspired us in equal measure. The purpose of the trip was to reflect on the past few years of life as part of AUC and to think about what our future focus and ambitions might be. We did this mostly by breaking out into smaller groups, where we all donned our journalistic hats and went to work imagining the headlines we'd create for an AUC newspaper – past and future. Copies of the Dandelion Daily, the Holy Post and Prophetic Times, to name a few, created mirth and food for thought in equal measure. We broke the day for lunch, during which we also took a moment to celebrate the birthdays of Della and Lucy with a fantastic spread of cakes.

My favourite tasks of the day focused on our personal connection with Augustine. We were asked to find, from a collection of around 100 pictures and words spread out across our small group tables, the two cards we felt most reflected our current relationship with AUC. We went around the table explaining our rationale and it was really lovely to get to hear

more about other people's relationships with the church. Later we returned to the pictures and words and picked a new set that we would like to reflect our future relationship with AUC. Again, it was interesting to hear how people felt they could most be of use to our congregation and how they could develop on the many gifts we all have.

The day ended with communion before we went our separate ways.

The discussion points from the day will now be taken away and mulled over by the Church Council and will come back to a future church meeting. However, I suspect a lot of us, whether we're Elders or not, will have found much to think about and reflect on from a beautiful day.

**Eilidh Carmichael**



### ***Congratulations...***

To **Della Morris**, who celebrate her 80th birthday on 22nd August.





## ***LGBTQI-Friendly Church Fair***

***Saturday 24th September  
7-9pm at AUC***

**O**ur Tribe in September is our second annual LGBTQI-friendly Church Fair, being held in partnership with Edinburgh Student Christian Movement.

It will offer an opportunity for students, families and friends to connect with LGBTQI-friendly churches and organisations.

As at all Our Tribe meetings there will be an opportunity to share communion.

Do come along and welcome/welcome back our students.

***All Welcome***

## ***Coming up at Our Tribe***

***October 29th***—Fundraising Quiz

***November 26th***—Transgender Remembrance

## ***Our Tribe in July—Picnic***

**W**hilst Paradise Green finalised their set up downstairs, we prepared a welcoming space for our picnickers - a space filled with sweet & savoury nibbles and java strength coffee!

In the midst of our preparing, we hosted a Japanese tourist who wanted a quick snap of the sanctuary and we provided a hot cup of tea to a retired Anglican minister who now found himself homeless.

The format for the evening was informal - some conversation, some giggles and maybe some poetry. I shared a couple of excerpts from two of my favourite writers - Kahlil Gibran & Richard Bach and then Lewis kindly read through two of his own poems - they were both beautiful.

We welcomed a few new faces. Robin, a student from Amsterdam, had encountered our stall at the LGBT fair earlier in the day and joined us for the evening - and another visitor, determined to find his faith and his feet felt at home as we ate and shared.

**Christine Rarity-Middleton**



## ***Helplines:***

LGBT Support: 0300 123 2523

Samaritans: 116 123

Childline: 0800 1111

Silver Line: 0800 4 70 80 90

Rape Crisis: 8088 010 302

Breathing Space: 0800 838587

Edinburgh Crisis Centre: 0808 8010414

**Please note that the deadline for material for the next issue is Friday 23rd September.**

You can send your material to [newsletter.auc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.auc@gmail.com) or via the church office.

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**safeTALK**  
*suicide alertness for everyone*

***SafeTALK©—  
Sunday 2nd October,  
1-4pm at AUC  
Cost: £10***

The Mental Health Ministry team at AUC is aware that suicide and suicidal feelings can be very difficult/anxiety-provoking topics to talk about. To offer us some support in this area, we have organised a SafeTALK training session.

SafeTALK is "***Suicide Alertness For Everyone***" TALK. The training enables participants to recognise the signs and feel comfortable talking about suicide, and signpost people on to find support. It is not training to become a full mental health first aider, but teaches skills to offer an effective pastoral response; a highly useful tool for anyone involved with pastoral care, listening or support of others.

There is a maximum group size for this certificated Choose Life course, so please contact Rachel Fitzgerald in the AUC office to book places (contact details on cover).



***Time for Creativity @ AUC***

The theme for this year's 10th Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival (SMHAFF) is '***Time***'.

***Time for Hope, Time for Friendship, Time for Talking***

Experienced puppet maker, Morag Paterson will lead willow puppet making workshops exploring the connection between creativity and mental wellbeing. No experience required.

***Time for Windows***

Get together to colour three stained glass windows which will be displayed from October as part of SMHAFF.

***Dates***

Tuesday 27th September 1-4pm  
Thursday 29th September 1-4pm  
Friday 30th September 10am-4pm  
Tuesday 4th October 1-4pm

***All welcome***

***Pastoral Care***

If you have prayer requests or would like to contact a minister, please contact:

Rev Fiona Bennett (minister.auc@gmail.com)  
Rev Maxwell Reay (revmaxwell.auc@gmail.com)

Requests can also be made via the Prayer Requests box in the porch (kept locked, accessed by the ministers) or via the Church Office.

If you would like support due to a mental health issue, you would be welcome at the Mental Health Drop-in, held weekly on Tuesdays 10.30am-Noon in the Sanctuary (followed by a Time for Reflection). This is hosted by AUC and run by the NHS Lothian Spiritual Care team. Further details are available on the 'Tenants and Room Users' noticeboard, or speak to Maxwell.

(Full contact details for Fiona/Maxwell are on the cover of Seeds)



*Were you aware that Augustine is an SCM Link Church? Below Lucy outlines what SCM is, and some of their past/planned activities in Edinburgh. The LGBT+-friendly Church Fair at Augustine on 24th September is being held in conjunction with SCM.*

**H**i. We're Student Christian Movement (SCM) Edinburgh

We're an open and active group of students, passionate about exploring and living out our faith in the real world. We promote an inclusive, aware, radical and challenging faith that seeks justice in the world around us. We come from a wide variety of backgrounds and faith traditions, students of all faiths and none (and from any university in Edinburgh) are welcome to come along to any of our events.

In the past year, we've had events and guests covering a variety of topics including Christianity and Money, Faith and Feminism (in collaboration with FemSoc), Trans & Christian with Maxwell Reay, and How to be a Bad Christian, discussing love, faith and scepticism. We've also participated in a Refugee Crisis Candlelit Vigil, the SCM Scottish Regional Gathering, which was held in Edinburgh this year, and AUC's inaugural Friendly Church Fair, affirming our commitment to LGBT+ inclusion.

In June, our efforts were recognised when we won 'Most Active on Campus' at the national SCM awards. This was awarded for "excellent social media presence, with fantastic panel discussions organised throughout the year, working with other faith groups on campus to promote dialogue and understanding."

Our first event of the coming year will be a discussion workshop about Religion and Politics, including liberation theology and the role that religion plays (or should be permitted to play) in politics and vice-versa. Following that, we have plans for events including a guest speaker on gender issues within

churches, an exploration of Christian Atheism, interfaith events with other faith societies in the University and discussion nights about the intersection of faith with a variety of topics including science, the environment and the world.

To find out more, visit [www.movement.org.uk](http://www.movement.org.uk) for general information or [www.facebook.com/SCMedinburgh](https://www.facebook.com/SCMedinburgh) for information about our group and upcoming activities.

**Lucy Parker**



## ***Student Welcome Breakfasts***

**T**hroughout September, a weekly 'Church Search' is held at Edinburgh University—local churches, including Augustine, attend and introduce themselves, and then 'buddy' anyone interested along to their morning service.

We will be offering students breakfast at Augustine between the meet-up and our service on Sundays.

Elizabeth and Jonathan Bay are leading this for AUC. Do speak to them if you'd like to find out more.



## Crosses of the World (Part 1)

*During July, there were various questions from the congregation about different crosses. Coincidentally, Junior Church were spending July learning about different forms of the cross, and in June the URC had launched its new logo. So...killing several birds with one stone here's some of what we've learnt. (Although, being creationtide, I should point out that no birds were harmed in the production of this article ☺! - Ed.)*

*This month we'll look at the crosses we used during the Festival. More will follow in the next edition of Seeds.*

These brightly painted crosses come from Central America, especially *El Salvador*. Like stained-glass windows they can represent Bible stories, things to thank God for, or, like this one the story of a Christian schoolteacher and martyr.



*'God's Eye' from Latin America:*

These brightly coloured diamond-shaped crosses are traditionally made from yarn woven around sticks. They are often carried as symbols of faith during festival processions. Although any colours can be used, the centre is always light—it represents God's Eye watching over us.

The Mennonites are a worldwide Christian denomination which began in the Netherlands. Their main focus is on peace-making, symbolised on their cross by a dove. The offset layers represent movement.



### Can you name/place these?

Junior Church learnt about these crosses during Godly Play. Can you name them?



*(Answers next time).*

### Updated URC Logo

Have you seen the refreshed URC logo, released at the start of June?



It continues to consist of a (Latin) cross and Fish (Ichthus in Greek, representing the acrostic 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'). However, as the designer describes "We now have something much more contemporary. We're using a brighter, sharper colour than before, and the rough, loose edges of the cross give a new feeling of energy. We wanted to reflect a church that is vibrant and dynamic".

An updated Synod of Scotland logo is being created, and other versions may follow.

# September—How the Bible Came to Be

Junior Church begin their new annual theme this month—“*Trust in God. Reach out to others*”. We’ll be using units from a new curriculum resource, PowerXpress, produced by Cokesbury (United Methodist Publishing House). We used some of these with the children last year and they found learning with them fun.

After looking at “*How the Bible Came to Be*” during September, we’ll be looking at stories from the Old Testament until Christmas, moving on to New Testament topics in the New Year.

During September, we will learn about how God has used people throughout the ages to preserve the Bible and make it available to everyone. We will:

- ♦ Learn how the Bible stories were originally passed on by people telling the stories to others, later being written down on scrolls and tablets (not the iPad sort ☺). Now the Bible is available in print, and in thousands of different languages.
- ♦ Make our own scrolls; and do some detective work to put a story together, like archaeologists had to in the past, when they found old scrolls.
- ♦ Do some artwork to learn about ways stories can be passed on when/where few people can read or write.
- ♦ At the end of the month we’ll join the whole church in an All-Age Worship service for Harvest.



**Happy Birthday to...**

**Miriam** who will be 2 on 14th September

**& Joseph** who will be 4 on 26th September

## Baptism



On Sunday 24th July we celebrated, along with her parents Monika and Esias, and sister Danielle, the baptism of

**Mari Swanepoel.**

It's been lovely getting to know the whole family over the last few months, and share this occasion with them.



Wednesday 28th	2-4pm	Craft Group in the Library
Thursday 29th	1-4pm	SMHAFF Time for Creativity – see p.7
	1.10-1.30pm	Service with talk by Rev Paraic Reamonn, Minister of St Andrew's Church, Jerusalem at Greyfriars Kirk. Refreshments after
	7.30pm	"Getting to Grips with the Bible" – TLS Lite Module (Session 4/6). For those pre-registered. Led by Rev Trevor Jamison and Dr Nicola Robinson
Friday 30th	10am-4pm	SMHAFF Time for Creativity – see p.7
<b>October 2016</b>		<b>Season of Wholeness</b>
Saturday 1st	2-4pm	Augustine Assignments (Youth Group)- see p.11
Sunday 2nd	11am	Morning Worship with Communion
	1-4pm	SafeTALK training – see p.7
Monday 3rd	2pm	Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC
Tuesday 4th	1-4pm	SMHAFF Time for Creativity – see p.7
	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday 5th	2-4pm	Craft Group in the Library
Thursday 6th	7.30pm	"Getting to Grips with the Bible" – TLS Lite Module (Session 5/6). For those pre-registered. Led by Rev Trevor Jamison and Dr Nicola Robinson
Sunday 9th	11am	Morning Worship for Covenant and Stewardship Sunday
	12.45-2pm	Church Meeting – AUC Heritage Guide Training
	2.30-4pm	URC in Scotland History Talk by Rev Dr Jack Dyce. (Useful but not mandatory for guides. East Link event)
	3pm	Annual Pet Blessing Service at Greyfriars Kirk

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## AUGUSTINE ASSIGNMENTS

Augustine Assignments, our ecumenical youth group restarts on Saturday 17th September. If you are 11-18yrs old, would like to bake, engage with social justice, make art and talk about God do come along.



In September we're going to begin by baking, learning about the history of salt, and discussing interpersonal peace-making.

See our Facebook page, or contact Elizabeth & Nicola on [aucassignments@gmail.com](mailto:aucassignments@gmail.com)

(Future meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, except during the mid-term break: October 1st, November 5th & 19th and December 3rd & 17th).

*Junior Church welcomes families in all their wonderful diversity. We do our best to offer a safe and nurturing space for families and their friends. We have varied activities each week, from storytelling, to crafts, games and video making. We have a crèche for little ones and baby changing facilities are available. We use materials to appeal to children's different learning styles using the PowerXpress curriculum, and also use Godly Play ([www.godlyplay.org.uk](http://www.godlyplay.org.uk)).*

*Children at Augustine are welcome to receive communion and to fully participate in the life of the church. Children regularly help during services, and sometimes serve communion to the wider church community.*

*Please feel free to contact us using the details on p.2 of Seeds if you have any questions.*





# Calendar

September 2016		Season of Creationtide
Saturday 3rd	11am-7pm	URC Synod of Scotland Youth Praise Service at Rutherglen URC. 11am for music workshop, 6pm for worship (pizza to start)
Sunday 4th	11am	Creationtide Worship with Communion
	12.45pm	Church Business Meeting (pre-Synod)
Monday 5th	2pm	Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC: Bring and Buy Sale
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	Contextual Bible Study: Jeremiah 1 – "Known"
Thursday 8th	1.30pm	Women's Union AGM at Giffnock URC
	6.30 for 7pm	Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace event at AUC: An Evening with Matthew Fox (Tickets and more information on their website: eicsp.org)
	7.30pm	"Getting to Grips with the Bible" – TLS Lite Module (Session 1/6). For those pre-registered. Led by Rev Trevor Jamison and Dr Nicola Robinson
Friday 9th – Sunday 11th		Edinburgh Speakers Festival at AUC. See programme (available at AUC or <a href="http://www.edinburghspeakersfestival.com">www.edinburghspeakersfestival.com</a> )
Saturday 10th	10.30 for 11am-4.30pm	Synod of Scotland Meeting at Coatbridge URC
Sunday 11th	10am	Student Welcome Breakfast at AUC following Edinburgh University Church Search (9.30am outside University Library)
	11am	Creationtide Worship
	3pm-5pm	A Time of Reflection for Those Touched by Suicide (being held during Suicide Prevention Week)
Tuesday 13th	7.30pm	Spirituality Book Group: Inclusive Church – Disability (1)
Wednesday 14th	2-4pm	Craft Group in the Library
Thursday 15th	7.30pm	"Getting to Grips with the Bible" – TLS Lite Module (Session 2/6). For those pre-registered. Led by Rev Trevor Jamison and Dr Nicola Robinson
Saturday 17th	2-4pm	Augustine Assignments (Youth Group). See p.11
Sunday 18th	10am	Student Welcome Breakfast at AUC following Edinburgh University Church Search (9.30am outside University Library)
	11am	Creationtide Worship with Communion
	2.30-4.30pm	URC Safeguarding Training with Synod Safeguarding Officer, Stewart Cutler. Please let Kathleen know if planning to attend
	7-8pm	Refugio at Greyfriars Kirk
Tuesday 20th	7.30pm	Coffee Cake and Conversation
Wednesday 21st	2-4pm	Craft Group in the Library
Thursday 22nd	1.30-3pm	Coffee Cake and Conversation
	7.30pm	"Getting to Grips with the Bible" – TLS Lite Module (Session 3/6). For those pre-registered. Led by Rev Trevor Jamison and Dr Nicola Robinson
Saturday 24th	6.45 for 7pm	Our Tribe – LGBTQI-friendly Church Fair. See p.6
Sunday 25th	10am	Student Welcome Breakfast at AUC following Edinburgh University Church Search (9.30am outside University Library)
	11am	All-Age Worship for Harvest
	12.30pm	Church Lunch – Bring and Share
	2-4pm	AUC Heritage Guide Training
	6pm	St C's @ SIX – Agapé service and meal at St Columba's by the Castle
Monday 26th	2pm	Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC: Start of Autumn session. Speaker – Rev Dean Fortescue
Tuesday 27th	1-4pm	SMHAFF Time for Creativity – see p.7