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## *Lenten Wilderness, By Rev Fiona Bennett*

This year the season of Lent runs from 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Easter Sunday on 1<sup>st</sup> April. From Valentine's Day to April Fools' Day, we are invited to journey through the season of Lent and try to strip down our distractions to focus on what is really important and truly life giving for ourselves and our world. Lent remembers the story of Jesus in the Wilderness doing just that; he was confronted with what kind of Messiah he was going to be, one that fixes things quickly with power and coercion or one who slowly and radically shows and lives a way of transforming love and grace. He chose the latter.

From the comfort of damp Scotland, we may think of the hot dry wilderness as a metaphor, but for many people in our world today wandering in the wilderness is an enforced reality.

I wonder what Nana and Ibrahim thought as they fled their village in Nigeria to escape Boko Haram,

wandering in the wilderness until they found a refugee camp? Or Dimmi, forced to leave her home and wander in the dry wilderness of Kenya because there was no water due to climate change? In the wilderness with so few resources, stripped down to very basic needs. What is important and how does that inform and change our perspective on the rest of our lives and living?

Christian Aid are inviting us to journey with Nana, Ibrahim, Dimmi and others throughout Lent in their daily reflection "Count your Blessings". Both an adult and children's version are available free from [www.caid.org.uk/Lent](http://www.caid.org.uk/Lent)

Whether you choose to follow the Christian Aid stories or not, may this Lent (from days of lovers to fools!) provide you with space and perspective to make choices about how you are called to live and follow Jesus today, that you may know and share his transforming love and grace.

## Getting Involved

Within AUC there are Ministry Teams which are responsible for different areas of Church Life. If you would like to know more or get involved with one of these please e-mail the contact person.

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### AUC Volunteering

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### Local Community

#### Volunteering

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For too long the Bible has been used as an instrument of domination and death.

**Let's change that.**

# MANNA AND MERCY Retreat

**With Justin Taylor**



From **Wednesday 14th February 2018** | 7-8.30pm  
for 6 weeks

Sign up for a retreat, and join us as we take a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

**Dates:** 14 Feb • 21 Feb • 28 Feb • 7 Mar • 14 Mar • 21 Mar

**Everyone welcome**

Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL

Book Price: £7.50

[Please collect and read the book before the retreat.]



For further information, contact: Justin Taylor, jtaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk



## Fairtrade Fortnight 2018

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

When campaigners, businesses, schools, places of worship and consumers like you and me show support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.

To celebrate this opportunity there will be a

### Big Brew

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am-12.30pm and 2.30pm-4.30pm

**Anne Mackenzie's house**

Come and enjoy a chat and a fairly traded cuppa and some light refreshments!

## Getting To Know You

**Our names are...** Steven Smillie & Tyler McNeil (Steven's on the left and Tyler's on the right as you look at this picture).

**We spend our time...** Tyler works as a small animal vet in Loanhead after graduating in 2016 from the Royal Dick Vet School. Steven is a chartered accountant and works as an audit manager in Melville Street.

Unfortunately we both work relatively long hours but in our spare time Tyler practises yoga & Steven plays badminton. We enjoy spending time together rock climbing, cycling, hill walking and attending church. We both love to travel and make the most of our holiday allowances getting some sun and exploring new countries as well as visiting Tyler's family in Colorado, USA.



**Our favourite places are...** Tyler's family cabin in the Colorado wilderness is a special place for him associated with memories of ice skating,

snow shoeing, cross country skiing and generally enjoying the outdoors with his large extended family every new year. Steven is originally from Polmont but loves Edinburgh, especially watching the sun go down at the top of Arthur's Seat and admiring the architecture.

Edinburgh was the perfect backdrop to our marriage, performed by Fiona in AUC last September with Karl

providing beautiful music. Our foreign guests made us realise how lucky we are to live in such a great city!

## Amplify your voice!

**D**id you know the Scottish Government is currently consulting on reforming gender recognition laws in Scotland? Augustine and the wider URC Synod of Scotland Church & Society Committee hope to respond affirming our support, but it is vital that as many trans people, friends and allies do so alongside us.

The consultation is open until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5.00pm. If you'd like help responding we'd recommend looking at the [Equality Network's campaign](https://equalitynetwork.org.uk/campaign). You can access the consultation here: <https://consult.gov.scot/family-law/review-of-the-gender-recognition-act-2004/>

Please encourage any other allies that you may know to respond as well!





**Relaunch Date**  
**Sunday 11th February 2018**  
**at 3.30pm**

*Join us for the launch of Our Tribe's new monthly  
Sunday event at 3.30 - 5.00pm  
(Doors open at 3pm).*

*at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge,  
Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.*

*Explore the Christian faith, spirituality, sexuality and gender  
identity in a safe, inclusive environment. Our Tribe is a space  
for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community,  
friends, family and allies.*

**All Welcome.**

**Contact: Rev Maxwell Reay on 07957 543359  
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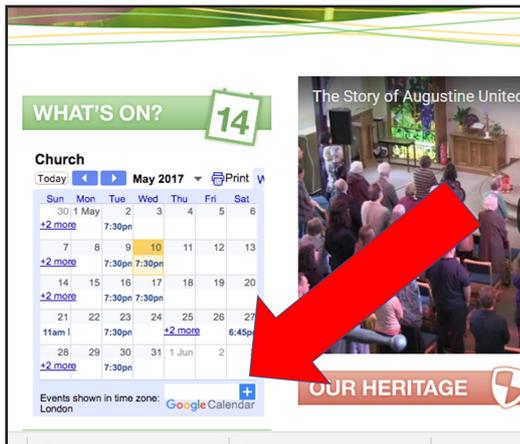
*Our Tribe is a joint  
ministry of Augustine  
United Church  
and Metropolitan  
Community Church.*



***inclusive and progressive Christianity for all***

## AUC Events in Your Pocket

We are an active church with lots going from week to week. If your attention span and memory are as short as mine, you will have trouble keeping track of it all. Now, thanks to Google and the efforts of Rev Fiona Bennett, there is a new way of staying on top of events!



Embedded on the home page of the AUC web site ([www.augustine.org.uk](http://www.augustine.org.uk)) there is a constantly updated calendar of events under the title 'What's on'. Click on the image of the calendar and you will find each event can be clicked on to reveal more detail.

However, that is not all. If you click to open the diary and then click on '+Google Calendar' at the bottom right hand corner, you will be asked to log into your Google account and then whether you would like to add the AUC calendar to your own calendar. I said 'yes' and now I have AUC events alongside my personal diary entries.

This means that new AUC events (*those in red in the second image*) are constantly put into my own online diary, without me having to do anything. Updates or alterations are fed in automatically. I can hide or reveal the events, or unsubscribe at will. I know my personal events (*those in blue*) will not show on the AUC website, because it only works one way.

Now, even if I am unable to attend an event, I am at least reminded of it, and can prayerfully think about it! All this information is on my

laptop, work computer and my smart phone. It is a little more complicated getting the diary onto an iPhone, because Apple and Google only barely tolerate each other, but it can be done.

You might want to try integrating the AUC calendar yourself. Obviously, this will be easiest for those of you who already have a Google account and use the calendar. If you do not, you will find it reasonably easy to set up.

You will, of course, have a moral dilemma to deal with. Should the giant Google, with its hollow motto 'Don't be evil', know everything about you, including the appointments you are thinking of going to? In my case, it already does, and resistance is futile.

Fri	Sat	Sun
9	10	11
Break for mid-term	February holidays	
Walk & Talk 10:00 – 12:00 Meet at AUC		Sunday Wor AUC Junior 11:00 – 12:30 11:00, AUC AUC
		AUC Church Discussion 12:30 – 14:00 AUC
		Our Tribe Launch 15:00 – 17:00 AUC
Dear all We hope you will 16:00, 16:00 in Seminar R		

I am hoping that the inclusion of AUC events in my profile might act like prayers to the Google algorithms to say, 'this is what I care about and believe in', but I know that this thinking is as flawed as it is sacrilegious. All Google cares about is what kind of shoes I am thinking of buying.

Having said that, Google calendars are rather cool, so why not test them out! If you have any comments, or need advice, then let me know.

**Alex Peden**

# Meredyth Somerville

1924—2017

Meredyth Somerville was born Joan Meredyth Lawrence on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1924 in Hoylake, in the Wirral. She was the second of four children, a vibrant redhead and proud of her maternal Welsh heritage.

Meredyth's younger sister, Elspeth, died in her thirties – a huge loss. Elspeth had worked for Barnardo's as a house mother and subsequently Meredyth adopted Barnardo's as a favourite charity throughout her life.

Meredyth left school in 1942 and joined the land army. She described it as hard work and nothing like the movie "Land Girls" – there was no time to chase boys! By this time, hostilities were coming to an end and she realised it might be possible for her to go to university and she was accepted for a place at Edinburgh to read Geography.

At university she met Charlie Somerville – at Classical Music Society outings. She and Charlie were married in Crowborough on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1950 and were together happily for over 66 years.

Shortly after the wedding, Charlie was sent to work in Antwerp, which had been damaged by wartime bombing. Meredyth was painfully shy, unused to the language and to make matters worse suffered a bad miscarriage. It was a tough time and after about 18 months they were glad to return to Edinburgh. They found a top flat on Lauder Road where Robert and Elspeth were born and then a large dilapidated house at 33 Canaan Lane. Three more children soon followed – Hugh, Andrew and Mary.

Family memories of home life were that she was always busy and yet was always available to listen – and where needed to act. She was strict, not always patient but everyone felt her love very strongly. With a large family to feed, she spent a lot more time in the kitchen than she would have wished. She and Charlie were very hospitable.

When Mary was old enough to go to school, Meredyth went to work part time. Her work was important to her and she needed the intellectual stimulus. Initially she worked in the registry office, which developed her interest in family history. She became a Research Assistant in the Geography Department at Edinburgh University, where she met and worked with Ian Adams, with whom she collaborated to write and edit several books.

She was a founder member of the local group of CASE, the Committee for the Advancement of State Education, lobbying for quality education for all, especially those with special needs.

Meredyth was a keen family history researcher, compiler and keeper of family trees. She wrote an as yet unpublished biography of Charlie's grandmother Anne Jane Anderson (known as Jane) – a remarkable woman who triggered in Meredyth an interest in the early female medical students and led to her publishing a paper about Sophia Jex-Blake.

Meredyth understood the importance of Carcant to the family and she and Charlie spent as much of their time there as possible. Together they tackled as many jobs as they felt they could do and encouraged their family to do the same. When Meredyth and Charlie converted the Hayloft at Carcant into a flat in the 1980s, she turned her hand to all sorts of skills such as carpentry, plaster boarding and so on. In keeping with the family ethos for not being extravagant with the earth's precious resources, they did much of the work themselves, reusing materials they acquired from different sources – kitchen fittings, internal doors floor coverings.

Meredyth and Charlie played a very active role in the life of our church and she was a quietly conscientiously and popular deacon, Junior Church Leader and historian. Meredyth wrote a

history of Augustine, which is still available on our church website.

They opened their home in Canaan Lane and indeed Carcant to ministers and the congregation alike. In years gone by, they hosted a church picnic at Carcant every summer.

Meredyth would collect house to house for Barnardo's and Christian Aid. She was actively involved in One World Week and the Society for Children and Women's Development. In the 1980s and 90s, Meredyth volunteered for the ARK Housing Association. She was on the committee for many years and visited the house regularly, befriending the residents.

Avid reader, Meredyth is reputed to have read War and Peace whilst in hospital having given birth to Robert. Her favourite book was Cranford. She did tapestry until her hands became too arthritic, enjoyed gardening, classical music (particularly chamber music) and when younger was a competent pianist.

In 1980, Charlie and Meredyth were delighted

to become grandparents for the first time with the birth of Donald (to Elspeth & Ewen). Over a period of 22 years more grandchildren followed, 14 in total. Like her mother, she was known as Nain by her grandchildren (the Welsh for grandmother). Although outwardly upstanding, principled, honest and considerate, her grandchildren will all testify that she could cheat at board and card games. Some very dubious words were put down on the scrabble board which they were assured were legitimate!

The Lawrence family has a family word "boozematic" meaning the need felt by the matriarch to have all the family gathered to her bosom. The family would answer the call - the comment that their mother was "feeling boozematic" was all the explanation needed.

This epitomised Meredyth, who packed so much into her life but above all liked to be surrounded by her large family.

**Rev Fiona Bennett**

## *Pastoral Care*

*"...bearing with one another in love..."*

*(Ephesians 4:2)*

**A**t AUC, we aim to provide a web of care which promotes growth in relationships and good spiritual/mental health, through both informal and formal contacts.

If you are looking for individual support please contact a minister: **Rev Fiona Bennett (minister.auc@gmail.com)** or **Rev Maxwell Reay (revmaxwell.auc@gmail.com)**.

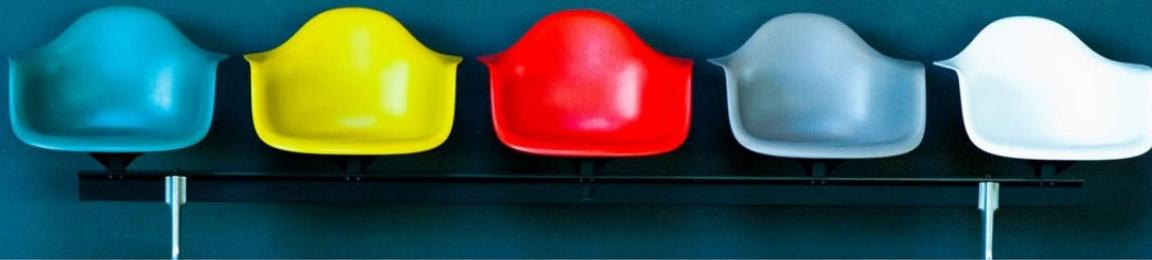
As well as offering 1:1 support in the setting which is most appropriate for you, they can link you with the pastoral visiting team which offers regular support to the housebound.

Prayer requests are welcomed. They can be shared with the ministers either directly or via Nicola in 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-12pm 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 and the office are on the cover of Seeds.

# Vacancies



## Centre, Property & Finance (CPF) Ministry Team

**C**PF is the ministry team within AUC which manages the room letting, the finances and the building. The CPF Team is made up of the Treasurer, Centre Manager, Property Convener, Administrator and a couple of other members. We are looking for assistants to some of the key posts, to strengthen this team and share the workload.

Could you be our next Assistant **Treasurer**, Assistant **Centre Manager** or Assistant **Property Convener**?

If you are interested please speak with Tom Murray ([murray.tom@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:murray.tom@blueyonder.co.uk)).



## Coffee, Cake and Conversation

*A time for spiritual, pastoral and social connection*

Meeting monthly on

Tuesdays from 7.30 - 9.00pm and

Thursdays from 1.30 - 3.00pm at

Augustine United Church,

41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

**Dates for 2018**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov

**Everyone Welcome**

Contact: Maxwell Reay, NHS Chaplain on 0131 537 6734  
Rev Fiona Bennett on 07552 162717



## Walk and Talk

A chance to get together for a short walk, chat with folks and finish off with a cuppa at a local cafe on the **second Friday** of every month.

**Dates for 2018**

12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March  
at **10am for 10.15am** start

13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> August  
and 14<sup>th</sup> September  
at **2.30pm for 2.45pm** start

12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December  
at **10am for 10.15am** start

Meet at

Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge,  
Edinburgh EN1 1EL

Walks are about 2 miles

**All Welcome**

Maxwell Reay, Chaplain 0131 537 6734  
[maxwell.reay@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:maxwell.reay@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)



## Eco-Congregation, AUC and Me.



### Photo Competition (Camera or Mobile)

Eco-Congregation Scotland is holding a photo competition. Winners in each category will receive a £50 prize, with winning photos displayed at the Annual Gathering in AUC on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The Theme of the Gathering is 'Pass the Planet'.

Entries must be received online by Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March. For rules, terms & conditions see poster on AUC notice boards, online at the [Eco-Congregation website](#) or speak to Kathleen.

#### Competition Categories

- Biodiversity
- Care for Creation
- Climate Change
- Energy
- Transport
- Waste
- Farming
- Urban Land Use
- Rural Land Use
- Pollution

Also this month, a few more tips worth considering to make your lifestyle a little greener. Taking on just one new idea will make a difference!

1. Switch to a renewable energy supplier.
2. When buying new electrical equipment, chose the most energy efficient.
3. Use draught excluders where there are...draughts—below doors, at windows etc.
4. Insulate your home as much as possible—close curtains/blinds at dusk to preserve room heat.
5. Buy locally produced food when available to reduce plane emissions.
6. Avoid buying products with plastic wrapping or buy those with minimal packaging.



As we get ready to mark Homelessness Sunday, we hear briefly from Mustard Seed Edinburgh, a newly established missional community that was planted out from St Paul's & St George's, and get an update on Scottish Churches Housing Action.



Mustard Seed Edinburgh has partnered with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to offer their Life Skills programme. It is the only centre in Edinburgh able to offer this course, which is free to attend and open to all.

CAP Life Skills is an eight week programme beginning on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February which gives people the confidence and decision-making skills. It offers budgeting advice and practical skills such as cooking on a budget and making money go further. Anyone interested can contact [markharris@caplifefskills.org](mailto:markharris@caplifefskills.org) or phone 07519 268800.

#### Scottish Churches Housing Action

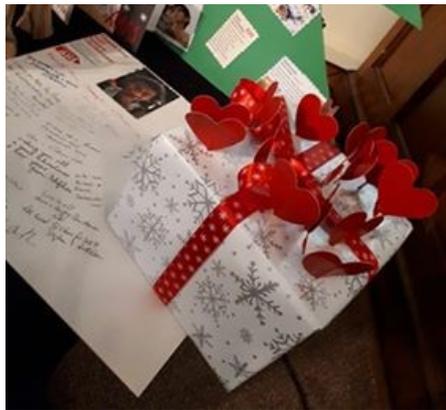


no room for homelessness!

Elsewhere, we thought you might like to know that Scottish Churches Housing Action has announced David Cressey as its Chief Executive. He will succeed long-standing Chief Executive, Alastair Cameron, on his retirement.



## Communal Christmas Card



Many thanks to all those who contributed to our Christmas card which raised £248 for the work of Christian Aid. With the UK Government's Aid Match, this means almost £500 went from AUC to support those affected by the severe food crisis in South Sudan.



Thanks too to all those who joined in with the Amnesty International letter writing campaign. We posted more than 25 cards and letters, helping AUC stand in solidarity with those facing injustice around the world.

**Harriet Davidson**



Here on the left we have a few snaps from Anne MacKenzie's Christmas Carol Singalong. Sadly these are all the pictures we have room for, but it looks like a great time was had by all!



...And over here on the right we have pictures from a few services in December: the introduction of new members above and the induction of elders below!



### Helplines:

Trauma Counselling Line Scotland: 08088 02 04 06 (M-W 5-8pm; Th-F 9am-2pm; 24/7 answerphone; [www.survivorscotland.org.uk](http://www.survivorscotland.org.uk))

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

**Annual Theme: “Beginning and Belonging – Stories of Faith and Life”.**

**Module for February: “Jesus Calls Helpers”**

In February we will:

- ◆ explore Jesus Calls Helpers through a craft activity. Children will help serve Communion and there will be a short Godly Play ‘taster’ session for our very young members.
- ◆ hear a story about Jesus and his disciples and explore this further through active games.
- ◆ attend The Local Church joint service – this time we are at St Columba’s by the Castle.

*Note from the Junior Church Team—We’re always happy to hear from anyone with suggestions, ideas, or feedback on what we are doing for our young people here at Augustine. Speak to one of the team on any Sunday.*

## *We fed the whole congregation on one Sunday in January!*

**W**e discussed Jesus’ baptism, and made honey biscuits to share with the congregation. The children made the biscuits from scratch (no pre-prepared mix here!) and helped to serve them. All of the children attending came to the table - for our youngest member this was a first, and an achievement!



God,  
Thank you for the story of Jesus’ baptism that reminds us that we are your children and you love us. Bless the honey biscuits we have made and bless us.  
Amen

**L**ittle hands are just as helpful as big ones for these biscuits. The older kids helped with the serving and hopefully the congregation enjoyed the biscuits. An all-age success!

*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

AUC Worship Services at 11am on Sundays at AUC, George IV Bridge. (All events at AUC, unless otherwise stated. Later updates on website/notice sheet)

<b>February</b>		<b>Season of Epiphany</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Worship and Communion for Homelessness Sunday, with Rev Leslie Morrison</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Cake Sale for Scottish Churches Housing Action</b>
	<b>1-3pm</b>	<b>Training for Welcome Stewards (Meeter, Fire Officer and Reader)</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC – Bring &amp; Buy</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Worship with Rev Trevor Jamison</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Church Meeting on Eco-Congregations and 'going for an award'</b>
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Our Tribe Relaunch (see p.4)</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC – The Springwell House Choir</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at St Columba's by the Castle</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Contextual Bible Study</b>
		<b>Season of Lent</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Mercy &amp; Manna TLC Lent Study (see p.2)</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Worship and Communion for LGBTQI History Month</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC – Age Scotland</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30-9pm</b>	<b>Coffee, Cake &amp; Conversation</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Mercy &amp; Manna TLC Lent Study</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>1.30-3pm</b>	<b>Coffee, Cake &amp; Conversation</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Joint Service and Communion at St Columba's by the Castle</b>
	<b>2-5pm</b>	<b>Exploring Church Membership 'Belonging and Being'</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC – Bring &amp; Buy</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Book Group 'A Different Picture of Jesus'</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Mercy &amp; Manna TLC Lent Study</b>
<b>March</b>		
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2-4pm</b>	<b>Augustine Assignments (Youth Group)</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>AUC Gift Day, donations followed by bacon rolls</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Worship and Communion</b>

**Please note the deadline for material for the March issue is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

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

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