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# How Can We Disagree Well? By Rev Fiona Bennett

How can we disagree well? How can we discuss very different views and end a discussion, perhaps without agreement, but with mutual respect?

Whether it is about views of national identity, parenting, political correctness, inclusion or budgeting, how can we honestly engage and explore conflicting views without destructiveness?

Through exploring mediation, I have become increasingly aware of the transformational potential of bringing people with divergent views together and enabling them to hear each other well. Not just to listen to opposing arguments, but to hear the stories, context and experiences which have brought all involved to their perspectives. It has been my experience that often (not always) when we find a secure enough setting and the courage to share and listen, we are transformed. We may not change our opinion but our

perception is broadened, which also effects how we view ourselves and our own end of an argument.

In Mark's Gospel Chapter 7
Jesus got into a dispute with
a Syrophoenician woman
whose daughter was very ill.
She asked Jesus for healing.
He told her the children
(meaning Jesus' own ethnic
group) should be fed before
the dogs. (Charming!?) She
replied that even the dogs
look for crumbs. And Jesus
told her that for her reply, her
daughter was healed.

Jesus' response toward the foreign woman may have seemed quite justified and reasonable - surely family should get first? But she argues back, that family or not she is still in need - her daughter is still in need. The woman does not rise to the bait of being called a dog, but nor does she give up in despair or shame. The woman changes Jesus' perspective and in doing so all of their situations are transformed.

# Getting Involved

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As followers of Jesus we are called to play a prophetic role in our world today, and I wonder if this role might not be learning and modelling how to disagree well?

To learn for ourselves not how to win an argument but to learn and be changed through it. To learn and to model how we can embrace differences and divergent perspectives as opportunities for growth which, embraced well, lead to a healthier and wiser world for all life. To learn how to disagree without violence and vitriol.

How can we disagree well? These are skills few of us have, but if we could gain them I wonder if they could offer a great light of hope for our lives and world.

# Take note! First Wednesdays has a new home!

# First Wednesdays

Do you identify as **LGBTQI+** and have questions about spirituality and faith?

# First Wednesday of every month

4.30-6pm

You are welcome for all of the time, or just a slice of it!

# Confidential drop-in space to meet people, eat cake, and explore questions - big or small

# City of Edinburgh Methodists

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Edinburgh Inter Faith Association, Edinburgh Churches Together & University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy

# **Fundraising Quiz**



Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7pm at Edinburgh Methodist Church, Nicolson Sq.

Come along for this fun general knowledge Quiz and show off what you know. Prizes!!

The Listening Service is a volunteer service based at Edinburgh Sheriff Court. It is run by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service in association with the Edinburgh Interfaith Association and currently staffed by around 30 volunteers made up of different faiths or none. It provides a confidential and independent listening support service to all court users.

Tickets are £7 which includes refreshments!

# **Burns Lunch**

We had around 74 people stay on for Burns Lunch after the service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Wow! That's a lot of mouths to feed and dishes to wash, so thank you to all those who gave up their time to make it happen!

# **URC Prayers**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, United Reformed churches around Scotland will be invited to prayer for us. You can see the prayer and find those for the rest of the year at <a href="http://">http://</a>

www.urcscotland.org.uk/prayer-worship/

# Safeguarding Training 2019

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1.30-3.30pm Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30-9.30pm

A ttendants: all Junior Church leaders, creche helpers, TLC Youth Group leaders and helpers, Home and Hospital Team members, Elders and volunteers who obtained PVG membership through AUC.

Refreshments to be provided before the training.

Any parents who would like to know more about the Safeguarding practice of AUC are also welcome to attend.

Please contact Ivy for further information and note the date you prefer to attend.

# Pastoral Care

"...bearing with one another in love..."
(Ephesians 4:2)

A 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@augustine.org.uk) or Rev Maxwell Reay (associateminister@augustine.org.uk). 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 directly 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-12pm in the Sanctuary. This is hosted by AUC and run by the NHS Lothian Spiritual Care team. Further details available on through Maxwell.

# Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February to 10th March

his year the campaign focuses on the COCOA industry where there is a big crisis. The slogan to help us in our campaigning and understanding is She Deserves a Living Income.



Fairtrade has always had to challenge a very powerful global trading system. Now as much as ever we need to challenge injustices. Quoting Rev Richard Frazer, "Fairtrade is important to church communities as it reflects the message of justice and peace we find in the Bible. When we buy Fairtrade, we can guarantee that producers get a fair price for their product, a safe environment to work in, and a premium to spend in their community."

So what can you and I do this Fairtrade Fortnight? Buy some Fairtrade cocoa, bake and eat some homemade Fairtrade cookies, send a card to the Prime Minister (pre-paid and available on a Sunday at AUC), keep talking about Fairtrade and cocoa in particular to your friends and family (see material which will be displayed during Fairtrade Fortnight) and enjoy a good sleep after your hot chocolate nightcap! **Anne MacKenzie** 

# Church Meeting Reports: January

A le remembered the life of Vera Dods, who New Leaflets outlining services and events at died in her 96th year on 3rd January. Vera and her late husband had been hard workers at available. the former Dalry Road Congregational Church. [We also remember Vera in an article on p6 ~Ed1

Church Meeting also recommended Andrew Revell and Rev David Coleman be received into AUC membership at a future service.

Tom reported that the Studio was about to be redecorated. We will have a substantial deficit in our Annual Accounts this year, mainly as a result of heavy unplanned building expenditure. The Studio ceiling collapse in the summer, its eventual renewal and redecoration and the resulting loss of rental during these episodes represents a significant portion of this. We have not managed to re-build a Fabric Fund to cope with such emergencies since our Roof Renewal and Heritage Work a couple of years ago; this needs to be addressed as soon as possible. We have an AUC Gift Day on Sunday 3rd March when it is hoped folk can contribute as much as they feel able. Our only fundraising events annually for our Church (Ministry and Building) are the Penny Pots, the Craft Stall Sales, the Annual Concert and Gift Sunday.

AUC for January to the end of March are now

Work to renew our church website is nearing completion.

Thanks go to the children & Junior Church <u>Leaders</u> for the gifts for older people and those unable to attend AUC, which they made in Advent.

£260.20 from the AUC Christmas Card went to Christian Aid. 16 letters were sent to Amnesty International following our Advent Lunch.

As part of our TLC efforts in Lent, there will be focus on Science and Faith. We are invited to display a small item (or a photo of it, if it is valuable) which you think is a useful and important scientific or technological invention. You are also asked to describe it in 30 words. There will be display from late February through March. There will then be an afternoon at St Columba's by the Castle with renowned scientific speakers and discussion of Faith and Science on Saturday 30th March 2-5pm.

Our next Joint TLC Service will be at Greyfriars on Sunday 24th February when Rev David Coleman will preach. Kathleen Ziffo

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Who can stop climate change? We can. We have a responsibility to do so that began when God commanded the earliest human inhabitants of the Garden of Eden to 'till it and keep it'. To keep it; not to abuse it, not to destroy it

**Desmond Tutu** 

SBC claims to be a climate leader. But it hasn't even ruled out funding new coal projects everywhere.

It is still willing to fund coal – the dirtiest fossil fuel – in Vietnam, Bangladesh and Indonesia: three countries incredibly vulnerable to the effects of a changing climate.

It's time to make our voices heard. HSBC is one of the biggest banks in the world and it could be using its power to create the cleaner, safer energy we all need. Instead it continues to fund fossil fuels, undermining the efforts of people everywhere who are working every day to build a safer world.

Tell them it's time to stop funding coal for good.

HSBC is also funding other fossil fuels far more than they are funding renewable energy. They must make a plan for phasing out its finance of fossil fuels altogether.

Get powered up for climate justice and call on HSBC to make the Big Shift so all God's people can thrive.

visit https://www.christianaid.org.uk/ campaigns-climate-change/big-shift/ hsbc-powered-climate-justice

**Harriet Davidson** 



# Helplines:

Stand Alone: www.standalone.org.uk (for those experiencing family estrangement)

LGBT Support: 0300 123 2523

Samaritans: 116 123

Childline: 0800 1111

Rape Crisis: 08088 010 302

Breathing Space: 0800 838587

Edinburgh Crisis Centre: 0808 8010414

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# Vera Dods 1922-2019

era was born in St Cuthbert's Farmhouse in Cornhill on Tweed on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1922. Her father was a farmer and, although born south of the border, on a Sunday they would get in their horse and cart and travel up to Coldstream to church.

Vera had one sister, Mollie, whom she was close with throughout Mollie's life. Vera & Mollie started school in Tillmouth but then moved to Shincliff in Co Durham, when their father moved farm. Farming then, as now, is not an easy occupation and the family left Shincliff to move to Edinburgh. Vera, Mollie and their mum moved in with family in Curry and, due to lack of space, their dad lived elsewhere in Edinburgh.

An uncle paid fees and sent Vera to the Edinburgh Ladies College (now Mary Erskine's), after which she studied secretarial studies at Nelson's College. On finishing her studies, she got a job at Century Insurance on Charlotte Square, where her widowed boss, Len Dods, was in a few years to become her husband.

Meanwhile, the war intervened and Vera was called up to serve down at Cairnryan, with Len traveling down to visit her at weekends.

In 1944 on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Vera & Len married and Vera moved up to Edinburgh—still serving in the army but living with her husband in their home on Craigcrook Rd.

At this time Vera's sister Mollie worked at the Royal Infirmary in x-rays. Just before the end of the war, Mollie tragically died. Vera read daily devotionals and on the day of her sister's death this was the reading:

"Courage brave heart! You've suffered a lot. You've been disappointed so often. You've been gallant all along, and you've tried more than once. And now you feel at the end of your resources – this last blow, this last misfortune has you beat. Or so you think. But you are not beaten. You'll stand up to life again, for remember this: When you are at the end of your resources, God is only at the beginning of

His. Suppose you hand over your burden to him?"

Throughout her life Vera had a love of the garden and of animals. Her family always had dogs. They started with a fox terrier, moved to a cocker spaniel and then onto Welsh Springers who continued to be part of her family for over 40 years. Her daughter Cathy got involved showing the dogs and Vera was always very thrilled with what they achieved.

A huge part of Vera & Len's life was Dalry Congregational Church. They ran the Bible Class, which met every Saturday night during summer to play cricket in Roseburn Park and in winter in the church hall to play table tennis and other games. They went on trips, performed plays and Cathy remembers their home was always open to the young folk.

Dalry Church was a busy community. There were meals, sales and much baking to be done. One particular memory which has stuck in the minds of many former Dalry members was the production of Nobel Women which they produced and shared round lots of local churches. It was a collection of stories of Nobel Women, and Vera told the tale of Lady Jane Grey.

Vera enjoyed her holidays. Cathy has good memories of the caravan they kept in Callander, which was replaced for a while by a cottage in Lethan near Coldstream. When the cottage became too much to manage, they return to another caravan in Callander.

Len was considerably older than Vera and with the pleasure they took in travel at some stage it became clear that Vera would need to learn to drive. However, it was not Len but Cathy who took to helping her. Vera would go for driving lessons, returning home a nervous wreck. Cathy knew she had to get her out in the car immediately to overcome her fears. Cathy laughed as she told me the story of going to Arisaig with Len & Vera on holiday. They found an empty road where Len got out of the car

and sat on the road in his deck chair, leaving Cathy to take Vera up and down teaching her to drive. In one anxious moment Cathy realised that she had got Vera going in the car, but had not told her how to stop! However, they both returned to tell the tale.

Driving became very useful to Vera as she invested a lot of time and care into her friendships and visiting people. She kept up over many years with friends from school, from the army, with neighbours, with people from church and with family.

For the last six years Vera has had dementia and the anxiety which she lived with throughout her life became quite strong. However when she moved into Ashely Court the care and kindness she received was a wonderful blessing for her.

Vera always had a smile for the Ashely Court Staff and a dry sense of humour. (When a friends brought her a 95<sup>th</sup> birthday card with a 95 on it, she read it and said: "95! What a cheek!")

In life Vera was quiet but also determined. On one occasion, having broken both hips, she decided to climb into the loft. Cathy asked her what she was doing and she told her "My name is Percy, for perseverance!"

Always a lover of bright colours, and with barely a grey hair on her head, Vera's passing came somewhat unexpectedly even at 96. Throughout her life many people were touched by her care and she will be missed.

Fiona Bennett



# World Day of Prayer – Friday 1st March Service in Augustine United at 12.30pm



n 1887, the Presbyterian Church of America's Women's Board of Home Missions set up a Day of Prayer for Home Missions and in 1890 two Baptist ladies appealed for a Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions. By 1919 there was an interdenominational national committee preparing worship and asking church women to come together to pray for worldwide Christian mission on the first Friday in Lent.

By the 1928 International Christian Conference in Jerusalem, this day of prayer became the World Day of Prayer and was brought to Scotland by Mary Grace Forgan of the United Free Church. Our first service, prepared by Miss Helen Kim of Korea, was held in 1930 with England starting in 1932, Wales in 1933 and Ireland in 1934.

The Scottish Committee prepared the Women's World Day of Prayer for 1966 and by 1968 the International Committee fixed the first Friday of March as the date when the service would be held, starting at the International Date Line and going round the world with the sun. Since 1980 many countries have dropped the 'Women's' from the title but it is still prepared and organised by women. Although men are very welcome at all the services, it remains sometimes the only opportunity women get to run a worship service.

This year's service is prepared by Christian women in Slovenia and takes as its theme "Come – Everything is Ready" from Chapter 14 in Luke's Gospel where Jesus talks of the invited guests all having reasons to be excused from the feast. We hope that we reach out to some people who may not usually attend these services this year because of the lunch timing and the soup and snacks after the service. Please try to come – if not to Augustine, to some other service in a church more convenient for you. There are many in Edinburgh.

**Doris Caldwell** 

# Time Flies...

t was a joy and a blessing to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fiona's induction at AUC at the beginning of January.

While Fiona delivered the sermon, Junior Church covertly decorated a lovely cake to help mark the occasion.

A longstanding member of our community with an impressive memory (I don't know why I'm being cagey—thanks Tamsin!) pointed out to me that the church newsletter for January 2009 included in it Fiona's statement of call.

With thanks to Rachel, our administrator, we've dusted it off and reproduced a slightly edited version, along with a few pictures—from then and now.

Here's to the next 10 years!

# **Eilidh Carmichael**

# Statement of Call

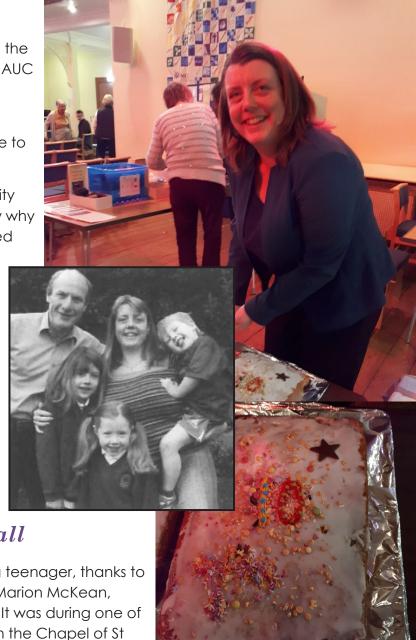
grew up in Aberdeen, and as a young teenager, thanks to the love, grace and transportation of Marion McKean, joined Mastrick Congregational Church. It was during one of the Youth Assemblies, as I sat on a step in the Chapel of St Andrews University, that I believe I heard the first whispers of a calling to ordained ministry.

Having a deferred place at Edinburgh to study Divinity, I spent a year in Austria working with a small Baptist church. My German improved considerably, but as they did not allow women in leadership, my call to ordained ministry, along with other aspects of my faith, were repeatedly challenged.

I came to New College with a deep sense of calling and doubt, and discovered new ways to engage with theology and scripture, which I experienced as very liberating.

After my second year I was invited to spend a year working as a youth worker in a Presbyterian church in Seattle. "It was a blast" as the kids would have said, and I came home and applied for ordained ministry.

I was ordained in 1996, at which point there were no SCC congregations in the central belt, where my soon-to-be husband Peter was working. For the next five years I was minister to two Methodist churches in Wishaw where I loved the people and the care of the small community. At the end of my stationing, one husband and one child later, we began to look around. I was keen to serve in ministry but had an itch in my feed to do something a bit different.



Peter Macdonald of St George's West, Church of Scotland, approached me and asked if I would be interested to become their associate and setting up a project to engage with folk coming into the city centre who did not belong to the Church. So followed the seven tremendous years of setting up what became Creative Space.

I discovered that city centre ministry is in nature and form different to ministry in a residential community and my experience at St George's West filled my imagination with possibilities. After seven years, with another two children, again my feet began to itch as I recognised within myself the desire to use the wisdom and experience I had gained, largely working with folk outside the church and in the city centre, and to tie together with my experience in building up a congregation. And there was Augustine right on my doorstep!

It is a new chapter in the story of our family and a new chapter in the story of Augustine. If my experience so far is anything to go on, I trust they are adventures in the making.

Fiona Bennett, January 2009



January saw Stephen Hoare, Linda Harrison and Ben Forsyth inducted as elders.

Please excuse the poor quality picture!

# **Christmas Carol Singalong**

ifteen of us gathered to sing over the holiday and I hope that no-one was left on the doorstep because we did not hear the bell ring as we sang so enthusiastically and tunefully! We were accompanied by Karl on the piano and interspersed among the carols we were entertained by

a fun reading about the 'Wonky Donkey' by Molly, a delightful song written and sung by Karl, and melodies on the bagpipes by John.

When we had all become a little hoarse we had a break for refreshments and chatter before returning to the Bethlehem Carol Sheets and choosing a few favourites, finishing with 'O! Come all ye faithful'. If you missed this evening of fun see if you can join us this year!

Anne MacKenzie





1806 Isabell Gunn of the Orkney slands assumes the name lohn Fubbister and joins the Hudson's Bay Company to work as a labourer before giving birth in 1807.

# 1812

Or James Barry graduates from the University of Edinburgh Medical School. Following his death in 1865 it is discovered he was assigned female at birth.

Colquhoun and Robert MacBryde meet at Glasgow School of Art and become lifelong

# 1971

Scotland's first gay night, Cobweb Disco takes place in Edinburgh

Scotland's first Gay Centre opens at hton Street.



1982

Lavender Menace Scotland's first LGBT okshop – opens on Forth Street,

wall Youth Project, LGBT Youth Scotland is established in Edinburah



Edwin Morgan Glasgow's Poet Laureate and Scotland's first Makar - comes out, aged 70.

Celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex lives and culture by recognising the significant contribution LGBTI people have made to Scotland and the world at large. Share your milestones at #lgbtheritage

www.lgbthistory.org.uk

# FEBRUARY IS LGBT = HISTORY MONTH

# **Our Tribe**

On Sunday 10th Feb we are marking LGBTQI History Month.

This year, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall uprisings and the birth of the modern Pride movement, the theme will be CATALYST: 50 years of activism.

Catalyst celebrates the people who kickstarted change and the events that were the turning points along the way in our Pride Journey.

Our worship, Church Meeting and Our Tribe's Gathering will explore and celebrate this 50 year journey.

Please join us as you can.

1995

The Lesbian Archive

relocates to

Glasgow Women's Library.

1993

The first ever Glasgay!

Festival takes place with

performances from lan

McKellen and Rhona

### TODAY! 2016 At an LGBTI hustings, the First Minister pledges to reform the Gender Recognition Act and consider equal recognition for non binary people

# 2016

Playwright Jo Clifford is the first trans woman to perform 'Reply from the Lassies' at a Burn's Night celebration in Glasgov

### 2014

The first same-sex weddinas take place at 00.01

### 2014 The Scattish Gove

2010 adds intersex equality to their approach to sexual the Equality Act 2010, orientation and gender providing protection from rimination on the ground equality. of sexual orientation and

# 2009

Carol Ann Duffy becomes the first nan, the first Scot and the first openly LGBT person to be the UK's Poet Laureate

### 2007

Equal rights are granted to same-sex couples applying for adoption.

### 2005

The first LGBT History Month takes place rest of the UK.

# 2005

The first same sex civil partnerships take place in Scotland on

# 2004

The Gender Recognition Act is passed, providing legal recognition for transgender men and

# 2003

Margaret Smith and Patrick Harvie become Scotland's first out LGB MSPs.

1995 Scotland's first

Pride march gathers

on Barony Street in

Edinburgh on

17 June.



# 2001

he age of co for gay and bisexual to 16.

### 2000 The newly-formed

Scottish Parliament repeals Section 28 (Clause 2a in Scotland), the law which prohibited the promotion of homosexuality in schools in Britain

### 1998

Inspired by the real life story of jazz mu: Guardian Fiction

Find out more about LGBT History Month, including what's happening in your area, in our full programme of events: www.lgbthistory.org.uk











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# February: The Lord's Prayer



Happy New Year to our Seedlings readers! We hope the festivities and holidays were enjoyable, whether you were celebrating quietly or with lots of activity.

Here at Junior Church we are still exploring our yearly theme Listening-Knowing-Acting, having finished our January module 'Jesus and the Children.'

We learned about how Jesus modelled God's love for everyone. We explored the 'moebius' circle as a representation of eternal love, and the children cut this out, and made

Matt hew's
Gospel
New Testament
never ending
love for everyone
love for everyone

decorated people - with at least one little heart decoration.



In February we have a new module to explore
- The Lord's Prayer.

At the end of the month there will be a joint service with our partner church Greyfriars.

For thine is the kingd Our next module will be 'The Four Friends', where we learn about the value of friendship and the glory, for e and explore it through stories, games and cooking.

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).

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.

DISCLAIMER: Although we check all information, as ever we can give no warranties as to accuracy or relevance and encourage active checking. The views expressed in our newsletter are those of the individual contributor, they are not necessarily those of AUC or the editor.

# Calendar

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

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February		Season of Epiphany
Sunday 3rd	9-10am	Contextual Bible Study on Genesis 32: 22-31 'Wrestling with God'
	11am	Morning Worship with Communion for Scottish Churches Housing Action Sunday, led by Fiona Bennett with Laurence Wareing.
	12.15pm	Cake Stall with tea/coffee donations to SCHA
	1.30pm	
Manday Ath		TLC Youth 'Go Bowling' Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC 'Living together in religions'
Monday 4th	2pm	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	4.30-6pm	First Wednesdays at City of Edinburgh Methodists (see p.2)
Friday 8th	10am	Walk & Talk, followed by tea/coffee
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15- 10.15am	Living the Questions – A Passion for Christ (video and discussion)
	11am	Morning Worship for LGBT History Month, led by Fiona Bennett
	12.15- 1.15pm	Church Meeting – presentation and discussion for LGBT History  Month
	3-5pm	Our Tribe - Catalyst (see p.10)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC 'Springwell Golden Voices'
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Contextual Bible Study – Wrestling with God
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2-5pm	'Brexit and Book of Ruth' at Morningside United Church. Register via Synod Office
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Bible Study for World Day of Prayer at 121 George St
	7pm	Fundraising Quiz for the Listening Service (see p.3)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Worship and Communion, led by Mike Holroyd with preacher Laurence Wareing
	12.15pm	Church Lunch followed by board games and craftwork
	1-3pm	TLC Youth
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC 'Bring and Buy'
Tuesday 19th	7.30pm	Living the Questions – Honouring Creation (video and discussion)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Bible Study for World Day of Prayer at 121 George St
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15- 10.15am	Meeting Paul with Dominic Crossan (video and discussion) at AUC
	11am	TLC 'Dinosaur Sunday' Morning Worship and Communion at
	10.15	Greyfriars, led by Richard Fraser with preacher David Coleman Refreshments at AUC
Monday 25th	12.15	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Women's Union at Saughtonhall URC 'Rita and Fred'
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-9pm	Coffee, Cake and Conversation
Wednesday 27th	7.30pm	TLC Steering Group Meeting at St Columba's by the Castle
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3pm	Coffee, Cake and Conversation
March		Season of Lenten Pilgrimage
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15- 10.15am	Contextual Bible Study – Prayer
	10- 10.30am	Reception of Financial Gifts with breakfast rolls served
	11am	Morning Worship with Communion, led by Harriet Davidson with preacher Fiona Bennett
	1-3pm	TLC Youth
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Please note the deadline for material for the March issue is Sunday 24th February.