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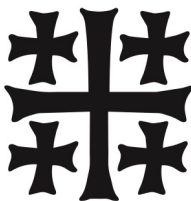
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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

In the last couple of months we have had a couple of fantastic community events, the Garden Day in July, accompanied by bacon rolls, and the Barbecue in August, which was not in the least dampened by the rain. Thanks to all who organised these and to all who took part – sharing the Eucharist builds up our community but so do social events like these.

As things open up again, for example with the return of singing in Church, we realise that we will not be returning to ‘Things As They Were Before’. Some things will stop and new things will start. One question which we discussed at Vestry was our congregational fellowship lunches. The barbecue proves that we can put on meals, but the lunches will not happen unless someone organises them. There are lots of people at Holy Cross who can provide food but they need someone or a team to coordinate this. Might you be the person needed?

We must not do things ‘because we have always done them’ – often God is telling us to stop - and I think it is a good principle that those who do the work should have a say in what is done. So, if you and your friends would like to take on organising our lunches you might want to consider whether we should keep having them each month or have them four or five times a year. There will be no Harvest Lunch on Sunday 3rd October unless you step forward to organise it!

Our community is growing in numbers, changing its character, and it is great to welcome new people each Sunday. I would like to thank all those who have filled out the questionnaire, well over half our regular worshippers, and I ask anyone who hasn’t to fill in a copy so your voice is heard. They are at the back of the Church and I can send an electronic copy to anyone who needs one.

A major responsibility of ours is the management and care of our property: the Church, the Hall and the Rectory. Thanks to Brian Wright who has just taken on the job of our property convener, with help from Howard Thompson from the diocesan buildings committee, Colin our Treasurer, Ian Elvin (who led the installation of our new heating system) and Andrew Vass. After recent works our property is generally in good repair but there is always work to be done.

In the next few months, Rowan MacLeod will be taking over management of our hall and she is working with Colin and me to set up new rules and

systems for our hall users. Rowan is a dance teacher and has experience of venue management. We have a great resource in our hall, both for connecting with our community and as a source of income, and it is well used. Rowan will be responsible to Vestry through me and will work closely with Colin on the financial side. I'm glad to say that we have already begun conversations with the Davidson's Mains Lights Committee on how our hall and grounds can be used for this fun community festival.

This month sees some new services starting. There is a great tradition of Anglican Latin liturgy. In England Queen Elizabeth I issued a Latin Book of Common Prayer, and it is part of our common Christian heritage. I find Latin worship helpful in my spiritual life and it became clear from the two Latin worship videos we produced during lockdown that others at Holy Cross and beyond found it useful too. It is not for everyone, but we had Mass in Latin using the 1970 Scottish Liturgy in August and will have a sung Eucharist on the eve of our patronal feast, details below, with music from the Scottish Plainsong Choir and the *Schola Sancti Cuthberti*. People are intending to come to Holy Cross for this from all over Scotland. I should note here that, as a look at the noticeboards of Episcopal Churches in our city will confirm, 'Eucharist', 'Mass' and 'Holy Communion' are all different words used by Anglicans for the same service.

We will also start our new 'Children and Families' services in September and thanks to Izzy and her team for organising these. There was more information about them in our last e-news. In children's ministry and some other situations I find it helpful to call myself 'Father Stephen', and some of you already use that from time to time at Holy Cross. It is shorter than 'Stephen the Rector', less formal than 'Doctor Holmes', and 'Reverend Stephen' is just bad English. I only mention this as it may sound strange to some and I want to say that I expect no one to feel they should use it – call me what you want, preferably polite! It is a common custom in the Episcopal Church, women priests are sometimes called 'Mother', and it is not a valid objection to quote Jesus' words in Matthew 23:9, 'Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'. Jesus was not forbidding us to call our Dads 'father' nor was he forbidding the use of the term in spiritual fatherhood, Paul says to the Corinthians 'I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel' (1 Corinthians 4:15) and he, Peter and John regularly call Christians their sons. What it does do is to remind us that all fatherhood (and motherhood) gets its meaning from God – when I am called 'Fr Stephen' it recalls me to the great responsibilities of my vocation as a priest and minister of Jesus Christ. So, what you call me is unimportant, whereas

avoiding bad interpretations of Scripture is important.

Of necessity, much of the above is about our community, but we are called to look out beyond our locality. Like many of you I have been greatly saddened by the events in Afghanistan and Haiti. There is information about Christian Aid's appeals on page 7. Many Muslims would agree with me that a great number of the problems in Afghanistan are rooted in bad religion and the misguided interpretations of sacred texts. This challenges us all, to support those in need with our prayers and donations and to ensure that we bear witness to a healthy, life-giving and healing religion – for that is what Jesus offers us.

Every blessing for our patronal Feast of the Holy Cross

With love in Christ,



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism: Alecia May Sayers on 25th July.

HOLY CROSS WEEKEND

Saturday 11th September

5 p.m. Sung Latin Vigil Mass of the Holy Cross, with the Scottish Plainsong Choir.

Sunday 12th September

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

4 p.m., 'Caring for Creation': Children and Families Service

Tuesday 14th September

7.30 p.m. Holy Cross Vigil ending with Sung Compline at 9 p.m.

This is a quiet contemplative set of services interspersed with silence following the same pattern as last year, when it was on the Saturday. This year it is on the traditional date for Holy Cross Day. Feel free to come and go as you please. It will be in three parts:

7.30 p.m. First Vespers of the Holy Cross. A said service of Evening Prayer in modern language, in the same format as our Evening Prayer on Zoom. A booklet with the words of the service will be available.

7.55 p.m. Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending with **Benediction** at 8.45 p.m. During the silence there will be three 'stations',

each consisting of a reading, prayer for each member of the congregation by name, and a Holy Cross prayer from the Greek Orthodox tradition. Incense will be used at the beginning and end.

9.00 p.m. Compline by candlelight in traditional language, sung by a cantor.

An explanation of some of the parts of the Vigil:

First Vespers – Like ‘Evensong’, ‘Vespers’ is an original name for the service of Evening Prayer. It is traditionally prayed at dusk and the name comes from the Greek *hesperos* and the Latin *vesper* which means ‘evening’ and is taken from the name of the Evening Star (Venus). For the ancient Jews the day began at dusk and the Church has continued this by having feasts begin the evening before with ‘First Vespers’ and conclude after ‘Second Vespers’ the evening of the following day.

Benediction – This means ‘blessing’ (*benedictio* in Latin) and it is given with the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated bread that is kept at Holy Cross in the aumbry – the gold locker in the East End of the church. The Sacrament is one important way that Jesus is present among us, as he said, ‘Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the world’. In our time of prayer the Sacrament will be put on the altar as a focus for our prayer, something some of us find very helpful. At the end of the time of prayer the priest blesses the congregation with the Sacrament.

Incense – This was taken over by the early Christians from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple and is mentioned in the New Testament (Revelation 8:3-4) where it is said to symbolise the prayers of the saints ascending to the throne of God. The Scottish Episcopal Church coronavirus guidelines recommend that it is used in moderation at this time.

Stations and Names – A ‘station’ is literally a place where you stand (*statio* in Latin), a stop on the way. It is used of stops on a pilgrimage, like the Stations of the Cross we do in Holy Week, and thus also of fixed prayers made in a time of silence. Holy Cross Day is the feast of our congregation so it seemed important to keep the tradition of praying for each member of the congregation by name during the Vigil. Holy Cross prayers from the Greek Orthodox tradition – The ‘Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross’ is one of the most important feasts in the Orthodox year and has a series of beautiful prayers and chants. Our Church has a number of links to the Orthodox Churches and so it seemed good that we might share the richness of their tradition.

Compline – This is the traditional Night Prayer of the Church which calls on God for protection during the hours of darkness. If sung in the ancient Gregorian Chant, using the traditional words, it is one of the most beautiful of services and has become very popular in recent years especially with the younger generations



EMERGENCY APPEALS

The Rector writes in his letter about the situation in Afghanistan and in Haiti.

Christian Aid has a website page to inform our prayers and to invite our giving to the Global Hunger Emergency Appeal which will benefit many Afghan refugees amongst others. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/afghanistan-our-response>.

On the same website there is information about the terrible earthquake in Haiti – with an opportunity to support the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/haiti-earthquake-appeal>.

HARVEST - SIGNS OF HOPE

The baobab tree is truly a tree of hope. Although the climate crisis is destroying homes, crops and lives, the Makande women's group in Malawi have united to protect their families and community. Christian Aid has helped the group set up a baobab juice business, providing vital income to adapt to the changing climate.

Creator God,
from the tree of the garden of Eden,
to the tree in the city in Revelation,
we thank you for your vision of creation healed.
Help us to be your agents of restoration,
tending to the beauty of the earth,
and enabling your healing of the nations. Amen.

LONDON MARATHON FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Ken Dickson from D Mains Parish Church has reached 84% of his £4,000 sponsorship target. If you would like to support him his Just Giving page will be open until mid-October at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ken-dickson2

SALE OF PICTURES AND SCOTTISH BOOKS

St Andrew's & St George's West in George Street are holding a sale of pictures and Scottish books from Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th October, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. There will also be a **Coffee Morning** from 10 to 12 on the Saturday.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

After all the Covid-induced interruptions we now seem to be back on track with the regular production of paper copies of the magazine. Thank you to all subscribers for their patience.

September brings the start of our financial year, which means that magazine subscriptions are due. The cost remains at £8 for the year (10 magazines) if you pick up your labelled copy in church or have it hand delivered to your door. If you receive the magazine by post, the subscription is £15 to cover postal costs. There is no charge if you just read it online.

You can pay your subscription into the church bank account (details inside front cover), put it in an envelope in the plate in church, or send it direct to the Treasurer. Cheques to Holy Cross. Whatever method you choose, please make sure it is marked as 'magazine subscription' with your name.

If you are reading this online and would like a regular paper copy, please tell the Editor (contact details inside front cover). Also if you would like to change the way you receive your paper copy, or no longer want one, please let me know.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to Janette, Yvonne and Ann Hughes Smith for filling the gaps in August.

5th Sept.	Seona Young	19th Sept.	?
12th Sept.	Yvonne Boughton	26th Sept.	Jane Allan

Flower Rota 2021 – HELP NEEDED!

The flower rota is still rather bare. Please fill the spaces. Write your name on the list on the noticeboard, or contact Sarah. You don't have to be a floral artist - a simple bunch of flowers is just as welcome.

For further information, or if you would like to donate the flowers but not arrange them, please contact Sarah (sarahmillee@aol.com or 237 5147).

Harvest Festival - Sunday 3rd October

Please contact Sarah about donations (in cash or kind) or with offers of help in decorating the church.

VOTIVE CANDLES

We are again allowed to light votive candles with our prayers. The suggested donation is 50p.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In my Bible Study group we regularly use a wide variety of different liturgies for our worship, whether on Zoom during Lockdown or more recently face-to-face. We have used the following re-wording of the Lord's Prayer, which was a first for me. I liked it very much. Here it is:

(From New Zealand Prayer Book)

Let us pray together now in the words Jesus taught us.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is Heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your Heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on Earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen.

Jean Williams

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY SERVICES

SUNDAYS 12th SEPTEMBER and 7th NOVEMBER

See back cover for details

CONCERT

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER at 3 p.m.

Calum Robertson (clarinet) and Juliette Philogène (piano) playing two pieces by Jennifer Martin, one being the premiere of a newly commissioned work. More information in the next magazine.

NEWS FROM FRESH START: SHOPS AND STARTER PACKS

FreshStart

Fresh Start Pantry continues to run. Fresh Start Shop is now open next door to the Pantry on Ferry Road Drive, selling affordable 'homewares' to the general public. Work continues on the refurbishments and we are hoping to be fully open by September with Fresh Start services running in the overall space. Our revamped training course, 'ReFresh' is currently underway in the newly refurbished training room with opportunities for all trainees to participate in placements in a number of Fresh Start services.

We continue to take donations for our Starter Packs and food for our packs and the Pantry. Donations are taken: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No donations on Fridays! **Please also note that we have a full list of items we will take on our website. Please do not donate items we cannot use as it costs Fresh Start money to dispose of them.**

We are currently recruiting for **volunteers** for our Shop and our Pantry. We have a number of roles available and short, flexible shifts. Please do get in touch directly if you are interested in hearing more.

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WALKING WITH CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS - a review of TRUE SCIENTISTS, TRUE FAITH by R.J. BERRY

It used to be thought that Richard Dawkins and Stephen Hawking had had the last word on science's relationship with religion, and it was to the effect; 'religion is dead because it isn't good for you and God can't exist'.

Many writers have disputed such simple generalisations. This book brings us the views of our leading scientists. One of these is Francis Collins, famous for his role as Director of the team of U.S. scientists which managed to work out the secrets of DNA and genetics. Some claim that this discovery makes him the greatest living scientist of our time. For Collins, the surprising thing about human beings is that we do have a moral compass, and reasoning and enquiring minds. We have this power but we don't often use it.

The general view of scientists in this book is that the key lesson from science which leads them to believe in God is that the universe is remarkably fine-tuned with laws of physics and the orderly behaviour of atoms. Sir John

Houghton, a onetime Professor of Atmospheric Physics at Oxford University wrote; “The order and consistency we find in our science can be seen as reflecting orderliness and consistency in the character of God himself.”

Perhaps we too are meant to live orderly and consistent lives. But is that asking for miracles? Richard Dawkins has stated that miracles are just superstitious nonsense. Several of the scientists in this book take issue with that. R.J. Berry (erstwhile Professor of Genetics at the University of London) wrote; “Miracles are unprecedented events... it is important to affirm that science (based as it is on the observation of precedents) can have nothing to say on the subject.” Perhaps, the existence of an orderly universe which supports life is in itself a miracle. Can we trust the story of the miraculous life of Jesus of Nazareth?

There are scientists who find the historical evidence for the Christ of faith appealing. Simon Conway Morris (Professor of Palaeobiology at the University of Cambridge) does. He writes; “We know the resurrection (of Christ) was proclaimed from the earliest of days, simply, forcibly, and unequivocally, with no ifs and buts. Paul was almost certainly converted within five years of the resurrection and he insists the central dogma was not his invention, but crucially (so to speak) handed down to him.”

Atheistic writers have often claimed that Christianity is bad for you, and makes for cultic and selfish behaviour. Richard Dawkins claims that we religious folk are the ones who have the most selfish genes. Oh dear! But you might not know that he has tweaked his thinking on this just a tad. Recently he suggested that his concept of the selfish Gene or Meme is actually just a metaphor and not a scientific concept.

How might scientists of a Christian persuasion argue that Christian faith is good for you? In one chapter, Rosalind Pickard wrote; “Because of the powerful words of the Bible to consider others better than self, to look out for others’ interests and not just our own, and most of all because of the example of Jesus, I was and remain challenged to turn from my selfishness.”

There are many people in all walks of life and who have many kinds of beliefs (atheistic, sceptical, and religious) who I fear, are all a little prone to cultic thinking. So, I believe we should all stand back from beliefs and try to consider how salubrious our belief systems are. One won’t always get it right - especially if one’s big ego gets in the way of one’s attempts at honest introspection. But Francis Collins has a good point. We have a capacity for moral reasoning, and it would seem that as we have the capacity, we are supposed to use it.

Andrew Vass

SEPTEMBER KALENDAR & READINGS 2021

'Creationtide' is from September 1st to the Feast of St Francis, October 4th.

Wednesday 1st September – Giles, Abbot, c.710 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Colossians 1.1-8 Psalm 34.9-22 Luke 4.38-44

Giles was a hermit in Provence who was supposed to have saved a hind from a huntsman. His cult was spread by crusaders and pilgrims and he eventually became patron saint of Edinburgh and Elgin.

Thursday 2nd September – Martyrs of New Guinea – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

When the Japanese invaded New Guinea the Bishop instructed the Anglican missionaries to stay put and eight clergy, teachers and medical missionaries were killed by the Japanese in 1942 together with two local Christians who helped them. After the war the missions began to flourish, the Church of the Province of New Guinea was established in 1977 and now most inhabitants of New Guinea are Christian.

Friday 3rd September – Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 604

The son of a Roman Senator, he became a monk and was elected Bishop of Rome. He reformed the liturgy and church music ('Gregorian chant'), governed parts of Italy when Imperial authority weakened, sent missionaries to convert the English, and published popular works on Christian teaching including a guide for pastors and a commentary on Job.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 5th September – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Collect: Almighty God, your only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 35.4-7a Psalm 146 James 2.1-17 Mark 7.24-37

Wednesday 8th September – **The Birth of Mary, Mother of God** – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 12:6-7 Matthew 1:18-23

The Nativity of Mary has been celebrated on this day since at least the sixth century where it was associated with a Church in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate. In the Eastern Church it stands at the beginning of the Christian Year which starts in September. It soon spread to the West and became popular because of Mary's role in the life of Christ. Most feasts are of the death or 'heavenly birthday' of the saint, Mary shares with Jesus and John the Baptist having also a feast of her human

birth as her giving birth to the Son of God sanctified human procreation.

Thursday 9th September – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Saturday 11th September – Vigil of the Holy Cross – Latin Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. with the Scottish Plainsong Choir.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross has been celebrated since the fourth century and commemorates the rediscovery of the original cross in Jerusalem. The word ‘Exaltation’ of the cross is taken from John 3:14 and in the Orthodox Liturgy a cross is lifted up and shown to the people on this feast. As Good Friday concentrates on the pain of the cross, this feast celebrates all the benefits we receive from the cross.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Patronal Feast) – Sunday 12th September – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.; ‘Caring for Creation’: Children and Families Service, 4 p.m.

Collect: Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Readings: Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 22.23-28 I Corinthians 1.18-24
John 3.13-17*

Monday 13th September – Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258
A North African lawyer, he converted to Christianity and soon after became Bishop of Carthage. He encouraged his people under persecution and showed mercy towards Christians who rejected Christ but wanted to return. Eventually he was martyred under the Emperor Valerian.

Tuesday 14th September (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, transferred to Sunday) - 7.30 p.m., Holy Cross Vigil ending with Sung Compline at 9 p.m.

Wednesday 15th September - Mary at the Cross – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: I Timothy 3.14-16 Psalm 101 Luke 7.31-35
Old Simeon said to Mary ‘a sword shall pierce your heart’ (Luke 2:35) and meditation on the sorrows of Mary led to the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows in the eleventh century. This devotion called Our Lady of Compassion was particularly strong in medieval Scotland. In meditating on the Cross of Jesus the day before, we share Mary’s experience.

Thursday 16th September - Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, sixth century – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

St Bede tells us that Ninian was the apostle of the Southern Picts, he visited Rome

and St Martin at Tours and founded a bishopric at Whithorn. Scholars debate the various traditions about him but he was certainly an early Bishop and missionary in Galloway.

Friday 17th September - Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess and Mystic, 1179

Hildegard grew up in the cloister and became a nun at the age of 15, later being elected Abbess of Rupertsberg near Bingen on the Rhine. She had many visions, composed music and wrote books about her visions, theology and science. She rebuked Popes and Kings and died at the age of 80.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 19th September – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Collect: O Lord, hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Readings: Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12-22 Psalm 54 James 3.13-3,7-8a
Mark 9.30-37*

Tuesday 21st September - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was a tax collector who was converted by Jesus and wrote the first Gospel, supposedly first in Aramaic. His emblem as an Evangelist is a man, as he begins his gospel with the genealogy of Jesus, and he supposedly preached the gospel in Ethiopia.

Wednesday 22nd September – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Ezra 9.5-9 Psalm 48 Luke 9.1-6

Thursday 23rd September - Adomnán of Iona, Abbot, 704 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Adomnán was the ninth Abbot of Iona and wrote the Life of St Columba. He led the Columban family of monasteries, led them to accept the Roman date of Easter and got the political leaders of his time to accept the 'Law of the Innocents', protecting women, children and non-combatants in times of war.

Friday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham

Mary appeared to a Saxon lady called Richeldis in the village of Walsingham in 1061 and a great pilgrimage centre sprung up there, on a par with Canterbury and Rome. Pilgrimage was revived in the twentieth century around a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth and there are Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox shrines in the village which work closely together and welcome tens of thousands of pilgrims each year.

Saturday 25th September - Finbar of Caithness, Bishop, c.610

Finbar was born in County Cork, the son of an illegitimate blacksmith and a slave.

He became a monk and a bishop and is the patron of Cork. He is also venerated in Caithness and on Barra in the Western Isles.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 26th September – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Collect: O Lord, we ask that your continual pity cleanse and defend your church: and because she cannot continue in safety without your succour, preserve her evermore by your help and goodness; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Readings: Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 19.7-14 James 5.13-20
Mark 9.38-50*

Monday 27th September - Vincent de Paul, priest, 1660

A French priest who worked for the poor and founded the Sisters of Charity with Louise de Marillac. He also founded a congregation of priests to work in the poorest parishes and some of his disciples worked in the Western Isles.

Wednesday 29th September – St Michael and All Angels – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Revelation 12.7-12 Psalm 103.19-22 John 1.47-51

The Archangel Michael is the Prince of the Heavenly Host and appears in Daniel, Jude and Revelation in the Bible. Early Christians in the British Isles loved Michael and many churches are dedicated to him. Today we give thanks for the ministry of the angels whom we join in praise at every Eucharist.

Thursday 30th September - Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420 – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Jerome was a famously grumpy monk and theologian who translated the Bible into Latin. He was born in modern Croatia and died in Bethlehem but also worked in Rome. He was one of the outstanding scholars of Christian history.

Sunday 3rd October - Harvest - Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Matthew 6.25-33

WORSHIP

Our usual weekly services are:

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

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.



Family Services at Holy Cross

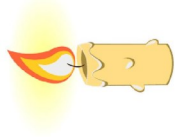


Half an hour of stories and songs, followed by refreshments.
Bring your own packed tea – drinks will be provided.



Sunday 12 September, 4pm

Caring for Creation : Loving the world around us



Sunday 7 November, 4pm

Saying Goodbye : Remembering those we miss



All are welcome

God put the wiggle in children – we don't need you to sit still and be quiet!
We have toilets and baby changing facilities in the hall. Accessible entrance at the west door.
For more information, follow us on Facebook @HolyCrossEdinburgh or email families.hce@gmail.com