

Peace and Goodwill

As Christmas approaches this year my thoughts keep returning to the song of the angels in the Christmas story as told by Luke:

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward men'

Peace and goodwill to all people are welcome in any age, and ours is no exception. Just as Christ was born into a world of division, violence and strife, as we come to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones and friends we are only too aware of the lack of peace and goodwill that is evident across our world - even in our own increasingly polarised communities.

And yet the world need not be that way, and we need not be lacking in compassion and goodwill towards other people. Peace in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our communities is something we can all benefit from and make happen.

In the Christmas story the glory is revealed among the poorest in society and amidst the disenfranchised. A refugee couple, with no place to call their own carry with them the hope of the world.

Do we welcome the outcast and stranger any more today? Have we learned to open our hearts to the needs of others, especially the vulnerable as we hear again the angels' song?

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you will find a home and a space at Queen's Cross. We are a community seeking to build upon these values of peace and goodwill with a welcome for all and

an openness to everyone regardless of faith or circumstance. If you are able to join us for any of the Christmas festivities – be sure you will receive a warm welcome.

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Scott



Rev Scott Rennie
Queen's Cross Church



MUSICAL CONNECTIONS

We meet on the first and third Monday of each month from 2pm until 3.30pm in the Garden Room at QX.

Music and singing are wonderful ways of encouraging people living with dementia to join in and communicate. There is considerable evidence that, even in quite advanced stage of dementia, favourite, familiar songs will lead to a response and a chance to communicate.

During our first year at Queen's Cross, we have become an information Help Point for Playlist for Life. Playlist for Life is a Scottish initiative started by Sally Magnusson, whereby adults living with dementia (and indeed any of us!) are encouraged to choose songs which are meaningful to them and we play them, or sing along, and encourage conversation.

Albyn School Music Department is sharing the Musical Connections adventure with us and our first year has been very successful and enjoyable for both the friends with dementia who come along and volunteers from the local community. Tea and coffee is provided and a warm welcome guaranteed! Please contact the Office at QX if you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help.

LIVELY MINDS

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Garden Room and Main Hall at QX.

- At Noon a buffet lunch is served
- at 12.30 pm the talk starts

Liven up your Tuesday afternoons and come along to the QX Lively Minds group.

Have you a lively, enquiring mind, and you like to listen and learn from interesting and engaging speakers? Then the Lively Minds group is for you.

Come along to our arranged programmes of fortnightly talks on Tuesdays where you will meet up with new people, listen to our specially invited and stimulating guest presenters and have opportunities to contribute to stimulating discussion. More recent speakers have been Craig Pike who enlightened us about wills and power of attorney, and photographer Andy Hall who gave an entertaining talk on Scotland's light and photography.

Further talks are planned as follows, so come along and liven up your Tuesday lunch.

LIVELY MINDS PROGRAMME



3rd December	<i>Charlie House</i> , with Joan Cowie and Helen Stewart
17th December	<i>The Absolute Truth about Christmas</i> , with Rev. Scott Rennie
7th January	<i>A new Stadium for Aberdeen Football Club</i> , with Allan McKimmie and Chris Gavin
21st January	<i>From Climate Facts to Reasons to Act</i> , with Erik Dalhuijsen
4th February	<i>Torry Tales</i> , with John Dunn
18th February	<i>Benefits- What Benefits?</i> , with Sarah Flavel
3rd March	<i>Television- The Serpent in the Corner of the Room</i> , with George Mitchell
17th March	<i>My Experience as a Muslim Living in Aberdeen for 27 Years</i> , with Saida Mbarki
24th March	<i>One Person's Attempt at Saving the Planet</i> , with Rev. Shuna Dicks

THE MONDAY GROUP

We meet every Monday, 10am to noon, in the Garden Room at QX.

The Monday Group is a drop in group for adults with additional needs and their carers. Some of our Monday Club friends come along on their own if they are in assisted living accommodation.

The main aim of the group is to offer a chance for people to get together and socialise. Having asked the group members what they would like us to offer, they said that the flexibility to play games, listen to music or just chat was what they liked best. Chatting with the volunteers over tea or coffee and lovely home baking seems to be the aspect they enjoy most.

POP-IN COFFEE THURSDAYS

We meet every Thursday, 10am to noon, in the Garden Room at QX.

Every Thursday morning you can be sure of good company and chat in the Garden Room at Queen's Cross. From 10-12 you can order your coffee or tea at Cognito and the friendly staff there will bring it through to the Garden Room.

There are always people there to make everyone welcome and this gives a great chance for anyone who fancies a coffee and a bit of company to come along. You can just pop in, stay for as long or short time as you like, and take the opportunity to meet other people living in our community. Everyone is welcome – why not try it one Thursday morning?



Sunday 22 December - 6.30 pm

Beer & Carols
@ The Dutch Mill Hotel

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- Sunday 1 December**
 - 9:00 Men's Breakfast @Cognito at the Cross
 - 10:30 Worship & Gift Service @QX Sanctuary
- Monday 2 December**
 - 19:30 Aberdeen Chamber Music Trio Orfeo @QX Sanctuary
- Tuesday 3 December**
 - Noon Lively Minds Talk "Charlie House" @QX Garden Room
- Sunday 8 December**
 - 10:30 Worship @ QX Sanctuary
- Sunday 15 December**
 - 9:30 Traditional Worship @QX Sanctuary
 - 10:30 All Age - Advent Service @QX Sanctuary
 - 18:30 Carols Round the Tree @QX Church Forecourt
- Tuesday 17 December**
 - Noon Lively Minds Talk "The Absolute Truth About Christmas" @QX Garden Room
 - 19:30 Charlie House Christmas Sing-A-Long Concert @QX Sanctuary
- Wednesday 18 December**
 - 12:30 Business Community Carols Grammar School Band @QX Sanctuary
- Sunday 22 December**
 - 10:30 Worship @QX Sanctuary
 - 18:30 Beer & Carols @The Dutch Mill Hotel
- Tuesday 24 December**
 - 18:30 Family Worship & Christingle Service @QX Sanctuary
 - 23:30 Watchnight Service @QX Sanctuary
- Wednesday 25 December**
 - 10:30 Christmas Day Service @Midsocket Church
- Sunday 29 December**
 - 18:30 Joint Service @Rubislaw Church

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



As I approach the end of my first year at Queen's Cross Church, I would like to thank all sincerely for the very kind welcome I have received. The choir has increased in number with new folk adding to ranks of well-established members. They are a lovely bunch of friendly people and I hope anyone else who might be interested in joining would enjoy the informal rehearsals of a mixed repertoire on a Thursday evening, and the performance on a Sunday – some ability in singing, the only requirement. Please have a word with me if you think this is something you might like to do.

The establishment of choral scholarships at QX has enabled us to have Eilidh, Steph and Tom join us this year. I am sure all will agree that we are so fortunate to have these talented young people with us.

As we approach the Christmas Season, as well as church events in our calendar, we embark on a QX community choir which will rehearse during November and December leading to a concert performance of Christmas music along with pupils from Albyn and Aberdeen Grammar Schools at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th December. We are delighted that the proceeds from this event will go to Charlie House. Tickets for the event are available online at Eventbrite or from QX reception.

ABERDEEN CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

A series of concerts on Mondays at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary at QX

Tickets: £15; concessions: £7.50; from Aberdeen Box Office or on the night at the door from 7 pm. Further details from www.aberdeenchambermusic.org

Monday 2nd December 2019

TRIO ORFEO (Flute, Viola and Harp)
Angela Stone, Tim Janssens and Jaik Bakker.

- Ibert: Deux Interludes
- Takemitsu: Towards the Sea
- Fauré: Après un Rêve
- Debussy: Beau Soir
- Massenet: Méditation
- Debussy: Sonate en Trio

Monday 10th February 2020

ENEGÅRD QUARTET
Arvid Engegård, Alex Robson, Juliet Jopling, and Jan Clemens Carlsen.

- Mozart: Quartet NO. 15 in D minor, K. 421
- Sibelius: Quartet "Voces Intimae", Op. 56
- Grieg: Quartet in G minor, Op. 27

Monday 20th January 2020

FITZROY STRING QUARTET
Stefano Mengoli and Laura Custodio Sabas, Emily Pond and Michael Newman.

- Mozart: String Quartet No. 14 in G, K.387
- Bartók: String Quartet No. 3
- Mendelssohn: String Quartet in E minor, Op. 44, No. 2

Monday 16th March 2020

Philip Higham (Cello) and Susan Tomes (Piano). Beethoven: Sonata No. 4, Op. 102/1

- Suk: Ballade and Serenade, Op. 3
- Schubert: Arpeggione Sonata
- Janáček: Pohádka
- Beethoven: Sonata No. 5, Op. 102/2

THE NESS BOYS

An Evening of Music with The Ness Boys from Shetland in the Sanctuary at QX

Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm

In aid of Charlie House and Queen's Cross Church. Tickets £10 per person including refreshments. To purchase tickets : <https://thenessboys.eventbrite.co.uk>

SCOTTISH NATIONAL JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 7.30pm

Tickets available at Aberdeen Box Office. More details on the Scottish National Orchestra website: <https://snjo.org.uk>.



Visit our Website: www.queenscrosschurch.org.uk for updates on these events and future performances

Sunday 5 January

- 9:00 Men's Breakfast @Cognito at the Cross
- 10:30 Joint Service @Rubislaw Church

Tuesday 7 January

- Noon Lively Minds Talk "A New Stadium for Aberdeen Football Club" @QX Garden Room

Sunday 12 January

- 10:30 Worship @ Sanctuary

Sunday 19 January

- 9:30 Traditional Worship @QX Sanctuary
- 10:30 All Age Worship @QX Sanctuary

Monday 20 January

- 19:30 Aberdeen Chamber Music Fitzroy String Quartet @QX Sanctuary

Tuesday 21 January

- Noon Lively Minds Talk "From Climate Facts to Reasons to Act" @QX Garden Room

Sunday 26 January

- 10:30 Worship @ QX Sanctuary



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Music @ QX

Life is precious
Queens Cross Church presents
CHARLIE HOUSE CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG CONCERT
in aid of Charlie House

starring over 100 singers in our community choir & choirs from Albyn and Grammar Schools

Tuesday 17th December
7:30pm at Queens Cross Church

FOR TICKETS PLEASE GO TO EVENTBRITE LINK

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/75678904641>

Christmas Afternoon Tea Party

With Entertainment

Sat 14th December
15:00 pm
Main hall

Tickets: £12

available in the church office

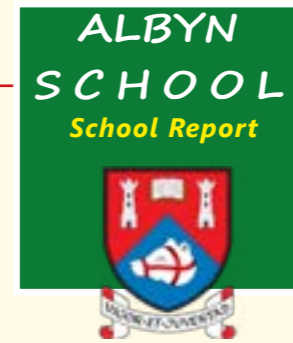
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ECO CONGREGATION



Climate change

Young people across Scotland and elsewhere in the world have been involved in climate protests over the past year. Protests took place at schools in Scotland in March, May and September. How do we respond? Climate change will affect the lives of children growing up today.

The recent out of control bush fires in Australia, the droughts in Africa and closer to home, the severe flood in central England, children in school today naturally are concerned. How can we help?

It is suggested that the best response the Church can make at this time is to encourage us all to listen to the concerns of children, learn from them and consider how to offer support.



Listen: what are children telling us about the future? 'Eco anxiety' around the climate emergency may come on top of anxieties about education, future job or housing prospects and Brexit.

Learn: children are often better informed about the climate emergency than older generations and may be more critical of our economy and way of life. Do they have ideas for a better way forward to protect the planet and future generations?

Support children in action and advocacy. What are children asking you to do and how can you help? Are there changes you can make in your community or can you get involved in advocacy or campaigning? Yes, you can as Eco Congregation Scotland has worship resources and information on how you can get involved.

The West End introduces
Climate Week North East

At Queen's Cross Church

With guest speaker Professor Pete Smith, Professor of Soils and Global Change, Aberdeen University, and contributor to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, who will speak about:

"What can individuals do about climate change?"

The talk will be followed by an interactive discussion.

QX Sanctuary, Albyn Place

Aberdeen, AB10 1YN

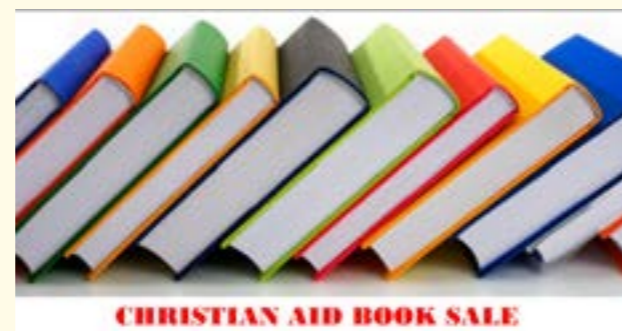
Date: Friday 20th March 2020

Time: 7.30pm

Admission: Free

Refreshments Provided.

BOOK SALE 2020



CHRISTIAN AID BOOK SALE

QX will be holding a book sale in the spring, to raise funds for Christian Aid. If you can donate some books you are welcome to bring them in to QX Reception at anytime over the next few months.

The Book Sale will be held from 9th until 16th May 2020. Look out for posters showing the times when you can come along to QX to refill your shelves.

You can get further details from QX Office:

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or

office@queenscrosschurch.org.uk

Albyn School accelerate in the fast lane all the way to Silverstone



And yes, it's congratulations to their Formula 24 team who competed in October at the Silverstone race track. The team have been working hard all year competing in races and thanks to their commitment earned their place on the Silverstone race track!

Albyn School came 5th out of 54 kit cars and 30th out of 100 teams. The pupils had a great weekend and were very excited. Now they can start to improve the cars with new designs and modifications!

Netball News

And from success on the race track to success at Netball. A huge congratulations to Rosie on being selected to join Scottish Netball's new National Academy Programme

Rosie is one of 33 athletes to be chosen by Netball Scotland to join in the inaugural year of their new team development programme.

The team will now start to build towards competing in the Netball World Youth Cup 2021! Well done Rosie.



STEM Day @ Albyn

The School's U2 pupils participated in a STEM day recently. They took part in the Ultimate BP Challenge, creating a piece of wearable technology that would improve lives. The pupils came up with many creative and innovative ideas, creating prototypes, blue prints and 3D models.

Carragh McWhirr (innovations Manager) from Xodus Group joined us in the afternoon, discussed the ideas with the groups and selected our winner. She chose the 'Reminder Finder' which was a device that will help Dementia sufferers regain their independence. The group consisted of Anya, Natasha, Nuala and Ailsa. Well done to all! All designs will now be entered into the National challenge ... watch this space!



Lower School

Pupils in the Lower School were delighted to hand over a cheque to Kelly McKenzie, Community Fundraiser at VSA, for a very impressive £509 that was raised during the Out of Uniform day a few weeks ago.

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Celebrate
Christmas
With
Us!

Wednesday 18 December 12.30 pm

*Business
Community
Carols*

Followed by tea,
coffee & mince pies

with
the Grammar
School Band



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Celebrate Christmas with us!

Advent 2019

1st Sunday in Advent - 1st December

10:30 Worship and Gift Service

2nd Sunday in Advent - 8th December

10:30 Worship and Communion

3rd Sunday in Advent - 15th December

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:30 All Age Worship with QX Nursery Songs

18:30 Carols Round the Tree

with hot chocolate from 'Cognito'

Charlie House Christmas Concert - Tue 17th December

19:30 Over 100 singers in our Community choir
& choirs from Albyn and Grammar Schools

Business Carols - Wed 18th December

12:30 Business Community Carols
with the Grammar School Band

Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies.

4th Sunday in Advent - 22nd December

10:30 Worship

18:30 Beer & Carols @ The Dutch Mill Hotel,
in aid of Instant Neighbour

Christmas Eve - Tue 24th December

18:30 Family Worship & Christingle Service

23:30 Watchnight Worship by candlelight

Christmas Day - Wed 25th December

10:30 Christmas Day Worship at Midsocket Church



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