

# ST JOHN'S COLINTON MAINS CHURCH

## Bulletin

23 September 2018  
Minister: Rev. Peter Nelson



A very warm welcome to worship. Please join us in the hall after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a time to chat.

Welcome & Intimations

**Praise**

**Come, Let Us Worship Jesus**

Prayer

*Hopes and Dreams*

**Praise**

**My Lighthouse**

*Link to Hope*

Offering

Prayer

**Praise**

**May the Grace**

*The Church's Hope*

**Praise**

**Be Thou My Vision**

Benediction

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### OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE: 23-30 September

TODAY	10:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service – Youth Dedication Service
MONDAY	19:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	10:00	Little Steps Baby & Toddler Group
	10:00	Drop-in Cafe
	19:30	Nurture Group
	19:30	Small Group
THURSDAY		Small Group
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	10:30	Prayer meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service
	18:30	Evening Service

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OUR GOAL IS GROWING – GROWING IN LOVE FOR GOD, EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBOUR



You are warmly invited to come along to our

## Evening Service

next Sunday evening, 30 September,  
at 6:30pm.

Please come – and bring your friends!

## Please join us as we pray together

We meet for prayer each Sunday morning at 10:30am in the Session Room. Please join us if you are able – you will be very welcome.

● We meet in the Session Room for a time of congregational prayer each Monday evening from 7:30-9:00pm and we would be delighted if you would join us. Please don't worry if you don't feel comfortable praying aloud – come along anyway and join us in this special time in communion with the Lord, as we pray for our people, the work of our church, and the world at large.

## Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for you, please speak to Peter. Alternatively, you can put your prayer request in the box at the main door of the church (anonymously if you prefer) or email [dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk). Your request will be treated in confidence.

We also have an email prayer circle of people who are willing to pray for you at any point in the week, so if you would like to be supported in prayer at any time, please email [dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk). And email that address also if you would like to join the prayer circle.

*'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.'*

Ephesians 6: 18



## LITTLE STEPS BABY & TODDLER GROUP

at St John's Colinton Mains

Every Wednesday in term time, 10:00-11:30am

Run by church members for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and their parents or carers.

No church connection necessary – just come along and you will be made very welcome.

Each week there will be: **Free Play • Games and Crafts • Bible Story and Song Time • Musical Instruments • Snacks for the Children • Coffee & Home Baking.**

Cost: parents/carers are invited to contribute £1 per family if they wish to do so.

## Davy Blackburn's Marathon Effort to Raise Money for Baby Timothy – TODAY!

Davy is running a half marathon today to raise funds towards a life-saving operation for Timothy, a baby from Ukraine who was born with a deformity of the skull that can lead to underdevelopment of the brain and loss of sight and hearing. His parents are unable to raise the £10,000 needed to pay for an operation that could cure the condition. If you would like to make a donation to the appeal for Timothy, there is a sponsor sheet in the hall, at the servery.



## Congregational LUNCH Sunday 7 October

This lunch is for everyone, so please put the date in your diary and come along after the morning service on Sunday 7 October. It is a good chance to share fellowship and get to know each other better. There is no cost – lunch is provided by the church – and no tickets either. Just come along on the day. Gluten-free and other dietary requirements will be catered for. A representative from Tearfund will be at the morning service – Harvest Thanksgiving – and at the lunch, and will talk about the work of Tearfund. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ***HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE, 7 October***

Our harvest gifts will be shared between Cunningham House, the Church of Scotland's CrossReach service for homeless people, and the Salvation Army foodbank in Gorgie Road. In both cases, the emphasis is on tins and packets of foodstuffs with a long shelf-life, which can be handed out to those in need or used as starter packs for homeless people who are going into their own tenancy. Particularly useful items:

**Cereals • tinned meat • fish • soup • tinned fruit • tinned vegetables and sauces • long-life milk and fruit juices • tea & coffee • pasta • rice • sanitary products for women.**

**Treats such as sweets and chocolate are also welcome.**

However, please do not hand in any fresh produce (bananas, apples, veg, meat, bread or cakes, as they do not keep long enough and won't be passed on. I know that this congregation always digs deep and thank everyone in advance for the continuing love and concern shown for those less well off than we are. *Lesley Gallacher*

### **FAMILY AND ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL**

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2018>

**Link to Hope** is a Christian charity which sends shoeboxes full of small gifts to families and elderly people living in abject poverty in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.



**A shoebox for a family** contains a gift for everyone. Maybe a scarf for the mum, a tape measure for the dad, toys and games for the children, as well as stationery and coloured pens. Also toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo and soap to keep everyone clean and free from the germs that make them ill. And of course, sweets and chocolates for everyone!

**Boxes for elderly people** are similar but the children's games and education materials are replaced with a wind-up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

If you would like to fill a shoebox, and show love to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe, the necessary leaflets are on the hall table. Please speak to Fiona Park if you have any queries. Boxes should be brought in to the church by the end of October.

*The Drop-in Café has its first meeting of the season this Wednesday, 26 September, from 10am-12noon in the Session Room. Come along for a cuppa and a chat. You will be made very welcome!*

**RELEASE INTERNATIONAL warmly invite you to a special event here at St John's Colinton Mains on Saturday 6 October:**

**Listen, Learn, Love – an Introduction to Christian Work in the Islamic World.**

Guest speakers: Asif and Dr Sara Afshari. Asif was born in Pakistan and has served as an evangelist, trainer, apologist and regular contributor to TV ministry outreach in Asia. Sara was born in Iran and serves on Release International's Council of Reference. She is an expert on Christian media in the Middle East. Both will offer important insights into Christian ministry in the Muslim world. We would love you to join us.

A light buffet breakfast will be served at 10am and the event will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There will be a bookstall (cash only) and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions, pray together, and give towards our work in the Muslim world.

To help us make arrangements, could you please let me know if you plan to attend by replying to [jfraser@releaseinternational.org](mailto:jfraser@releaseinternational.org).

**Prayers for Our World**

• **In Zimbabwe**, 30 people have died in the latest cholera outbreak, with thousands of cases now reported. Please pray for all of those affected and for the government and various agencies as they attempt to bring the disease under control.

• **The Philippines**: On Saturday 15 September, Typhoon Mangkhut struck the islands of the Philippines. Thousands of people were evacuated from coastal areas before it struck, but at least 59 people were reportedly killed (as of 17 September), mostly as a result of landslides. It is anticipated that the impact will be similar to Typhoon Haima, which hit the area in 2016.

There has been much damage to agricultural crops and houses, much flooding and many landslides in mountainous areas. Crucially the typhoon has hit at the start of the rice and corn harvest season in Cagayan, a major agricultural region. **PLEASE PRAY:**

- Pray for the immediate needs of the people of the Philippines, for water provision, food and essential items.
- Ask God to be with all those who have lost loved ones following the typhoon, that he would comfort them.
- Please pray for all those working to meet urgent needs and for help as people try to rebuild their lives.

[www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

**WORD FOR THE DAY**

**Acts 17: 27-28 [NIVUK]**

**God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring'.**

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