

CEMC Diary

Holy Days.

Peace on Earth and Good Will to All



There will be no notices published next week. If you have anything urgent speak to ministers & stewards for verbal announcement.

*Gardeners are currently in hibernation until Spring.
Credit Union - Wednesdays, 10am to noon at reception desk.
Choir practice resumes Next year! on Thursdays at 7:45pm.
All singers welcome!*

If any of the CEMC groups or activities mentioned here are something you would like to know more about, do ask a Steward, check church notice board or call the office, to get in touch with the right person.
Thank you.

*Please send submissions for Sunday notices to cemc.notices@gmail.com (or drop off at office) no later than **Thursday**. While every effort is made to include submissions into the notices, there may be times when information has to be reworded, summarised or withheld. Thank you.
If you wish these notices, or the service sheet for the upcoming Sunday morning, to be delivered by email, please contact cemc.notices@gmail.com.*

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Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 3.30pm

CITY OF EDINBURGH 
Welcome to this church
God bless your time with us. **METHODIST CHURCH**

23rd December 2018

There is no Early@TheWell this month

11:00am Service led by Rev Hilda Warwick & Jackie Henderson

6:30pm *There is no evening services tonight.*

24th December 2018 CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm Carols in the Square
followed by fellowship with Hot Chocolate and mulled apple

25th December 2018 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30am ! *O Come Let Us Adore Him!*

Other than for these services, CEMC office, The Well & all will be closed until 3rd Jan 2019.

30th December 2018

11:00am Service led by Anne Lochhead & Priscilla Samasuwo

6:30pm *No Service*

6th January 2018 Covenant Sunday & Epiphany

11:00am Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Pearce

6:30pm Service led by Rev Hilda Warwick

May you be filled
with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.



Almighty God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

(Orthodox Blessing)

PLANNING AHEAD

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson



Tues, 15th Jan, 10:30am - Novels and Natter

The current book is *The Betrayal* by Helen Dunmore
The Betrayal is a powerful and touching novel of ordinary people in the grip of a terrible and sinister regime, and a moving portrait of a love that will not be extinguished.

See church notice board for more.

All are welcome Further details: Marion Hellewell

Beginning 24th Jan, 6pm - Disciple

A programme of bible study, the first in the series, exploring the Old Testament, is 12 weeks. Come and, hopefully, discover new things, once a fortnight, 6pm till 7.30pm *with a prompt finish and start time.*

Soup Lunches: Following the Our Calling consultation in October and successful after service lunches in October and December, it has been decided to make this a **monthly event on the second Sunday of each month.** To do this we will require a rota of people who can help. The tasks are not too onerous: heating up soup prepared by the Café, setting tables, serving and clean up. If you are willing to be part of this fellowship activity please contact Beth Ann Brick at church or at beth.brick@merckgroup.com.

Room Booking!

Due to the increase in bookings for our building and with new staff involved, it is now becoming very important to book rooms for any church activity with *as far in advance the better and using the relevant forms!* Any catering requests will also need proper form to ensure The Well staff have it securely in their plans. Call the office and the venue & facilities manager (*Alex, currently*) can make sure you have what you need. Thank You

Listening Service Board is in real need of people to take part in policy and management decisions *and* a new chairperson! Please talk with Hilda or Margaret Walker.