

# The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal – Edinburgh

## Programme Advent 2015 - Passiontide 2016

### The Act of Consecration of Man

Sundays 10am

Thursdays 10.30am

*(except 3 March)*

Christmas Day Midnight – 8am – 10am

Twelve Days of Christmas 10am

*(except Thursdays 10.30am)*

Epiphany (6 January) 10am

Holy Week (20 – 26 March) 10am

*(except Thursday 10.30am)*



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## ~ REGULAR EVENTS ~

**Congregational Life Group** Sundays 6 Dec, 24 Jan,  
11.30am 21 Feb, 26 March

*For all those interested in fostering the life of the congregation*

**Remembering the Dead** Saturdays 30 Jan, 27 Feb,  
4 – 5.15pm 26 March

*Please note: we will not have a gathering on 26 December*

**Choir** Thursdays To be announced  
7.30 – 8.30pm

**Gospel Study:  
St. Matthew's Gospel** Thursdays 3, 10, 17 Dec  
11.45am – 1pm 7, 14, 21, 28 Jan,  
4, 11 Feb,  
10, 17 March



**Seasonal Craft Activities** Fridays 5 Feb, 18 March  
**with Catrina Valentien** 3 – 5pm

*For further information about any of the above, please contact Paul Newton*

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## Other Activities at Fountain House

**Edinburgh Threshold Care Circle**  
Saturdays, 4.30 – 6pm; roughly monthly

*Practical and spiritual work in the sphere of death and dying*

## ~ SPECIAL EVENTS ~

### Advent

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| Sunday 29 November   | 1.30am  | <b>Advent Gathering</b><br><i>Arranged by Deirdre Hill</i>   |
| Friday 4 December    | 7.30pm  | <b>“The Destiny of Man is his Daimon”:<br/>Demonic Possession &amp; the Ancient Mysteries</b><br>Talk by <i>Revd Luke Barr</i> |
| Sunday 13 December   | 11.30am | <b>The Festival Cycle</b><br>Talk by <i>Paul Newton</i>  |
| Thursday 24 December | 11.30am | <b>Festive Preparations for Christmas</b>  |

### Christmas

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| Saturday 26 December –<br>Tuesday 5 January | – after the<br>service | <b>Singing around the Tree</b>   |
| Sunday 27 December                          | 11.30am                | <b>Christmas and the Incarnation of the Gospel</b><br>Talk by <i>Paul Newton</i> |
| Sunday 3 January                            | 11.30am                | <b>Members’ Meeting</b>  |



# Epiphany

<b>Sunday 10 January</b>	11.30am	<b>Epiphany Gathering</b> Arranged by <i>Linda Muir</i>
<b>Sunday 17 January</b>	11.30am	<b>The Stars of 2016 and the Polarity of Sun and Moon</b> Talk by <i>Christian Maclean</i>

## Winter Plant Observation in the Fountain House Garden

A four-week course with

*Lynda Hepburn* (Goethean botanist) and *Jane Sheppard* (artist)

**Fridays, 9.30am – 12.30pm starting January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Cost: £40 for 4 sessions payable at the 1st session, or £15 per single session.

Materials and refreshments will be provided.

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or Lynda, [lynda@summittranslations.co.uk](mailto:lynda@summittranslations.co.uk), 337-591

<b>Friday 29 January</b>	7.30pm	<b>The Esoteric Life of the Essenes</b> Talk by <i>Selina Horn</i>
<b>Saturday 30 January</b>	2 – 4pm	<b>Music and the Threshold of Death</b> Workshop with <i>Selina Horn</i>
<b>Sunday 31 January</b>	11.30am	<b>Music and the Threshold of Death</b> Talk by <i>Selina Horn</i>

## After Epiphany

<b>Friday 12 February</b>	7.30	<b>Planning for Death</b> Talk by <i>Joan Adam</i>
<b>Sunday 14 February</b>	11.30am	<b>Congregational Meeting: Annual Review</b>

## Passiontide

<b>Sunday 28 February</b>	11.30am	<b>Rituals around Death</b> Talk by <i>Paul Newton</i>
<b>Friday 4 March</b>	7pm	<b>Kitchen Table Quartets</b> <b>A Telling of T.S. Eliot's</b> <b>'Four Quartets'</b> By Ashley Ramsden and Flora Pethybridge
<b>Sunday 13 March</b>	11.30am	<b>Meeting for Members</b>

## Holy Week

### A Meditative Path through Holy Week

Friedrich Rittelmeyer, a founder of The Christian Community, gave guidance for meditative work for the training of thinking, feeling and will. The training of feeling is centred upon seven stages: the washing of the feet, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, the crucifixion, the descent into hell, the resurrection and the ascension. Our Holy Week study will focus on the first five stages.

<b>Sunday 20 March</b> <b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	11.30am	<b>Meditative Training of</b> <b>the Life of Feeling</b> Talk by <i>Paul Newton</i>
<b>Monday 21 March –</b> <b>Saturday 26 March</b>	after the service	<b>Holy Week Study</b>
<b>Friday 25 March</b> <b>(Good Friday)</b>	2.45pm	<b>Silent Contemplation</b>

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### Absences and Future Dates

Paul Newton will be in Germany for the ordinations and for further training **February 15–24**.

International English-speaking Synod (Forest Row): **February 29 – March 3**.

**Easter Sunday: March 27, Ascension Day: May 5,**  
**Whitsunday: May 15**

# Gospel Readings

## Advent

Nov 29

Luke 21: 25-36

Coming of the Son of Man

## Christmas (12 days)

Midnight

Matt 1: 1-25

His name shall be called Emmanuel

Morning

Luke 2: 1-20

Proclamation to the shepherds

Day

John 21: 15-25

When they had finished breakfast

Sunday Dec 27

Rev 4: 1-11

The four living creatures

Friday Jan 1

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning

## Epiphany

Weds Jan 6

Matthew 2: 1-12

The coming of the Magi

Sunday Jan 17

Luke 2: 41-52

The 12 year old Jesus in the Temple

Sunday Jan 24

John 2: 1-11

The marriage at Cana

Sunday Jan 31

Matthew 8: 5-13

Entering Capernaum

## After Epiphany

Sunday Feb 7

Luke 18: 18-34

The rich young man

Sunday Feb 14

Matthew 4: 1-11

The temptation in the wilderness

Sunday Feb 21

Matthew 17: 1-13

Transfiguration

## Passiontide

Sunday Feb 28

Luke 11: 14-28

Casting out a demon

Sunday March 6

John 6: 1-15

The feeding of the 5000

Sunday March 13

John 8: 1-12

I am the light of the world

## Holy Week

Sunday March 20

Matthew 21: 1-17

The entry into Jerusalem

Monday March 21

Matthew 21: 18-22

Jesus curses the fig tree

Tuesday March 22

Matthew 21: 23-32

By what authority?

Weds March 23

Matthew 21: 33-46

The parable of the wicked tenants

Thursday March 24

Luke 23: 13-32

The bearing of the Cross

Friday March 25

John 19: 1-15

Under Pontius Pilate

Saturday March 26

John 19: 16-42

The Crucifixion and Burial



**The Christian Community in Edinburgh** belongs to the international movement for the renewal of religious life in which seven sacraments are celebrated in new forms relevant for today. These sacraments are Christ's way of speaking to us and of our joining in His deed in our lives. Through them He nourishes and supports our earthly existence. All who come will find a community striving to cultivate an environment of free enquiry in harmony with deep devotion. Conversations with a priest help to prepare for the further step into Membership, and to clarify this mature, free decision and its importance for the future.

**The Act of Consecration of Man** is the renewal of the archetype of early Christian worship which includes bread and wine. Its unusual name implies that the ultimate goal of our lives is to become a true human being through Christ. Progressing through the festivals of the year involves our souls in an evolving relationship to Him through the changing prayers and colours of the service.

The **Sacramental Consultation** supports individual efforts to take more responsibility for life and opens up the way to the healing power of Christ. It is confidential and held on request. Conversations with a priest are of course always possible without this sacrament.

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