

# The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal — Edinburgh

## Programme

### Advent 2016 - Epiphany 2017

#### The Act of Consecration of Man

Sundays 10am

Thursdays 10.30am

(except 16 March)

Christmas Day Midnight – 8am – 10am

Twelve Days of Christmas 10am

(except Thursdays 10.30am)

Epiphany (6 January) 10am



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## REGULAR EVENTS

Gospel Study: St. Matthew's Gospel	Thursdays 11.45am – 1pm	Most weeks: Please enquire for specific dates
Remembering the Dead  Close of Day at the Altar	Saturdays 4pm 5pm	31 Dec, 28 Jan, 25Feb, 25 March
Choir	Thursdays 7.30 – 8.30pm	To be announced

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

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## Other Activities at Fountain House

**Working with Will** - a group supporting Inner Work  
Weekly, alternate Wednesdays and Tuesdays, 7.30pm - 9pm

Supporting inner work and the motivation of our individual will into action  
with conversation, study and reflection on practice.

Contact Janice Hutchinson, (0131) 443-2113, [janice.h@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:janice.h@blueyonder.co.uk)

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

Practical and spiritual work in the sphere of death and dying  
Contact Anne Byrne, (0131) 669-9480, [annebee106@hotmail.com](mailto:annebee106@hotmail.com)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Advent

Sunday 27 November	11.30am	Preparation for the Advent Garden
	4pm	Advent Garden Children's Festival

### Visit of Rev Tom Ravetz Regional Coordinator (Lenker) for Great Britain and Ireland

Friday 9 December	7.30pm	In the Beginning - Creation and the Big Bang
Sunday 11 December	11.30am	The Priesthood of all Believers: Leadership in The Christian Community
	1pm	Bring and Share Lunch
	2pm	Members' Meeting: Forming the Vessel
	3.45pm	Closing Service

Friday 16 December      4 – 6pm      Party at the Manse

Saturday 24 December      2pm      Festive Preparations for Christmas

4 – 5pm      Christmas – a Time for Listening  
Conversation with *Paul Newton*

## Christmas

Sunday 25 December	9 – 9.45am	Bring & Share Breakfast
Saturday 26 December – Tuesday 5 January	after the service	‘Listening Circle’ and Singing around the Tree
Sunday 1 January	11.30am	The Stars of 2017 – Eclipses & their Rhythm Talk by <i>Christian Maclean</i>

## Epiphany

Friday 6 January	11.30am	What did we Hear? Conversation with <i>Paul Newton</i>
Sunday 8 January	11.30am	Epiphany Gathering Arranged by <i>Elisabeth Dean</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 13<sup>th</sup> January

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

Materials and refreshments will be provided.

Friday 17 January	7.30pm	Individual Forgiveness and Social Healing Talk by <i>Paul Newton</i>
Sunday 22 January	11.30am	Members’ Meeting
Sunday 29 January	11.30am	Healings in the Gospels Talk by <i>John Andrich</i>

## After Epiphany

Sunday 12 February	11.30am	Congregational Meeting: Annual Review
Friday 17 February	7.30pm	The State of Education today Talk by <i>Gert Biesta</i>
Sunday 26 February	11.30am	Sir Walter Scott – an Appreciation Talk by <i>David Campbell</i>
Sunday 5 March	11.30am	The Consecration of Priests Talk by <i>Paul Newton</i>

Ordinations in Forest Row 10 – 12 March  
Details to be announced

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## Absences and Future Dates

Paul Newton will be on holiday late February: exact dates TBA.  
GB and Ireland Synod (London): February 29 – March 3.

Easter Sunday: April 16, Ascension Day: May 25, Whitsunday:  
June 4

# Gospel Readings

## Advent

Sunday Nov 27      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      Do you love me?  
Monday Dec 26      Luke 2: 1-20  
Sunday Jan 1      John 1: 1-18      In the beginning

## Epiphany

Friday Jan 6      Matthew 2: 1-12      The coming of the Magi  
Sunday Jan 15      Luke 2: 41-52      The 12 year old Jesus in the Temple  
Sunday Jan 22      John 2: 1-11      The marriage at Cana  
Sunday Jan 29      Luke 5: 17-26      Healing of a paralysed man

## After Epiphany

Sunday Feb 5      John 5: 1-18      Have you the will to become whole?  
Sunday Feb 12      Matthew 20: 1-16      The workers in the vineyard  
Sunday Feb 19      Luke 8: 1-18      The parable of the sower  
Sunday Feb 26      Luke 18: 18-34      Through the eye of the needle  
Sunday March 5      Matthew 4: 1-11      The temptation in the wilderness  
Sunday March 12      Matthew 17: 1-13      Transfiguration



**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.

### **Priests in Edinburgh**

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