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Edinburgh Congregation Newsletter

Dear Friends and Members,

This summer programme comes with warm greetings as we look back not only on 100 years and forward into the next century of the Christian Community's life, but back over an eventful few months and forward through the summer towards Michaelmas.

We have been able to celebrate our centenary year with several events and there are more to come, with a conversation on September 18 and a report from the International Synod on September 25. I shall incorporate into the talk on the 18th some of what Rev Vicke von Behr shared with the 50 or so delegates gathered in Forest Row in early June for the Annual Meeting. That was an event filled with the joy at meeting together again, warm sunshine and some deep-going conversations and inspiring workshop activities. Vicke spoke about the *Founding of The Christian Community in the Spiritual World*, encouraging us to recover our sense of newness about the church that rests on the spiritual freedom and responsibility of its members.

Some further highlights in Edinburgh have been the Confirmation Service, the performance of *The Little Prince* and the visit of Rev Paul Newton, as well as the Whitsun celebration with many tongues and four ritual languages celebrated.

Looking ahead to what may be a bit of a summer break for some, the programme is nonetheless filled with events of some interest. We hope many of you will come on **the evening of Tuesday 12 July (7:30pm)** to meet the National Executive Council of The Christian Community in Great Britain and Ireland. This sounds like quite a mouthful, and their work, as well as being a little mystical to some of us, may also seem prosaic and drearily bureaucratic to others. This is why we have arranged the evening (while they are in Edinburgh for a meeting on the Wednesday), so that you can meet the real life people who take care of the administrative, financial and legal tasks of our movement here in these isles, and see that they are wonderful and quite colourful individuals who have the interest and love of our Christian Community firmly in their hearts. Please come in good numbers to show them how alive we, too, are! They will speak of their work and there will be much opportunity for you to ask questions and for them to hear what is important to us and what is happening in Edinburgh.

Bart Lakeman will visit from the Aberdeen congregation on **July 17** to share a remarkable talk with us on: The Last Supper, with pictures on the screen. Lucienne will be here each month and has a number of wonderful talks to share with us.

Please note there will be two Thursdays when there will be

**no Service:
21 July and 22 September.**

With warm summer wishes,

Peter and Lucienne