

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious
Renewal

Fountain House
21 Napier Rd
Edinburgh EH10 5AZ

Tel: (0131) 229 4514

ReligiousRenewalEdinburgh@gmx.com

Michaelmas 2023

Edinburgh Congregation Newsletter

Hopefully you have had a good and restful summer and managed to soak up some warm sunshine! Now that summer turns to autumn and the equinox lies behind us, we can reflect with gratitude on the fruits of the summer: from nature, from friends and family, from experiences and inner lessons learned. And we can gather inner resolve and strength to meet the coming challenges.

In the congregation over the summer we enjoyed receiving various visitors and hearing about life in other countries, hearing extraordinary stories out of the lives of two of our members and the incredibly lyrical and creative translations Charlie Lawrie presented to us of many of Goethe`s poems.

We now look forward to our **Michaelmas Festival**, details of which are both in the Programme and in an email that was recently circulated. Lucienne and I are hoping that many of us can gather for this weekend event.

Erika invites everyone to join in the chapel after coffee on her birthday, 8 October, where she will share with us some of her **favourite recitations**. Let us celebrate this special event with Erika!

We are very happy that the **Polwarth String Quintet** will perform beautiful music for us again - on Sunday 29 October, when we will be treated to Brahms` Sextet No. 1.

Finally, we are very happy that Catrina Valentien and Anna Cardwell will offer several Friday **Christmas Craft evenings** in the lead up to Christmas. More details of exactly what crafts will be offered each time will be sent out nearer the events.

On the subject of Christmas Crafts: the **Christmas Table** or Market that proved so popular last year will be up again this year - probably on Sundays 10 and 17 December. We won`t be blessed by all the amazingly generous hours that two or three people last year put in to create the treasures on sale, but we are very much hoping that others will join the effort. We **appeal to as many of you as possible** to create **craft items** and **Advent baking goodies** that can go on sale to raise funds for the church. Please speak to Peter if you have questions.

With warm autumn greetings,

Peter and Lucienne