

Emmanuel Church Clermiston

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A Church for all people to celebrate Good News

Christmas Time Out for Ladies!

Ladies - a date to put into your diary! Take a break from the stress of Christmas shopping and join us for an evening of food, fun and friendship at the Capital Hotel, Monday, 3rd December at 6.45pm. Tickets £15.00 to include a 2 course meal followed by tea/coffee.

Tickets available from Eleanor Mowat.



Florence Mukakabano We support Florence and her family in Rwanda and you may be interested to know a little about her and her family.

Florence was a tiny infant in a refugee camp when her mother died, leaving her father to care for the family. This little baby only survived because her father walked miles every day searching for cow's milk to feed her. But she did live and is grateful to have been in the camp because she would otherwise have had no education.



She became a Christian and trained as a nurse; charged with enthusiasm for evangelism, she aimed to be a missionary. However after Nathan's persistent courting, she submitted to God's guidance and agreed to marry him, so they set up a Christian home together, eventually having four children. Nathan worked as an unpaid pastor of an Episcopal church while Florence rose in the nursing ranks to become Matron of the University Teaching Hospital In Kigali.

In time Florence had the opportunity to obtain a government scholarship to study for an MSc (Nursing). Her native language was a tribal one but the official national tongue is French, because Rwanda was historically a French colony, so she applied for a Swiss or French university but the Lord had other ideas and she was finally accepted for Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh - at that time in

Clermiston. So you know the next part: we made her acquaintance when she came up the road to worship in Emmanuel!

Till I met Florence, I took many of my blessings for granted. We live in a well organised, peaceful, law-abiding country with great transport and public services where we as citizens have rights which are respected and taken for granted. In Rwanda bribery is rife; you may get your contractual salary (or your own money out of the bank) or not, according to the whim of officials! Redress is long in coming! Life is hard for Christians who abide by laws and do not bribe, and security is uncertain. While here, Florence had great difficulty accessing her government grant for fees and accommodation, and frequently was fined for late payments.

However, in spite of this and the stress of being away from her family for 18 months (with only one visit home) Florence submitted her dissertation in January 2006 and returned proudly to graduate in the summer of that year. (More to follow next time)! **Billie Smith**

The Priory Church is hosting a 'Christianity Explored' course at 'The Two Bridges' Hotel in South Queensferry. This started on Tuesday 23rd October but will run each Tuesday until the 27th November. Soup and sandwiches are provided at 7.30pm. Christianity Explored is a shorter course than Alpha but gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. You can ask questions or just listen! For further information, ask Terry or e mail him at tjharkin@priorychurch.com



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Rev. Terry Harkin



UPDATE. Exciting progress is being made!

Volunteers Information Evening - 7.30pm
Friday 9th November at Davidsons Mains
Church Hall

If you are interested in helping with organising food stocks, manning supermarket collections, delivering emergency food parcels to those in need, or if you just want to know more about Edinburgh NW Foodbank **please** come along. Commitment not compulsory! Refreshments provided.

Contact Ewan or Catriona Walker on 0131 2029130

COLLECTIONS

A big 'Thank you!' goes to Emmanuel Church for donating their Harvest Collection to the Foodbank. This, combined with the first supermarket food collection at Morrisons at the Gyle Centre, means that there is 667kg of non perishables in the warehouse, the equivalent of 50 x 3-day emergency food packages for a single person. On December 1st/ 2nd there will be food collections at Tesco in Corstorphine. The Trussell Trust has a national commitment from Tesco that they will match 20% of the collected donations, which is wonderful!

DISTRIBUTIONS

The Rannoch Centre is giving the use of a room as a distribution centre, which will be manned by volunteers.

PARTNERS IN CHRIST

Ewan Walker attended the official opening ceremony of Edinburgh SE Foodbank operated by Blythswood Care. It is fantastic to be reminded of all the works for good that are happening around our city.

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Dates to Remember

Sunday 4th November
Lunch after the service

Alpha - Wednesday evenings
7th, 14th, 21st 28th
'The Brig Restaurant'

Monday 26th November
'The Seedling'
Inter church Coffee morning
at the Kirk Loan Hall - 10.00am

Thursday 29th November
Evening of Prayer

NB Traidcraft Evening
Saturday December 1st
Jane's flat at 8.00pm

NB Time Out for ladies
Monday December 3rd
Capital Hotel - 6.45pm
(See notice)



Give thanks that Ranjit and Annie's results of their immigration medicals were positive. **Pray** that their visa application will come through quickly so that they can start their final preparations for their move to Rotorua in New Zealand.

Pray for Neil Shannon, recently appointed as a Community Worker by Barnton Baptist Church who will be actively engaging with the local community in West Edinburgh. Neil asks for prayer for the wise use of his time and for opportunities to develop positive working relationships in Schools and Community Centres in the area.



Let your creative juices flow...

- Please give Dorothy items for the **December** Newsletter by **Friday Friday, November 23rd**. email ken.dorothy.893@btinternet.com
- Please let Dorothy know any **change of address or phone number**.
- **Remember you can post articles directly to the blog** on the website by emailing info1588.emmanuel@blogger.com
- **Jane updates the website to reflect any changes but please review the website and email janerobbo@blueyonder.co.uk with any new information. It is important to keep the website up-to-date as many people looking for a new church will check the internet first.**

