

# EDINBURGH CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021



Peace Cranes Exhibition at St John's Church, Princes

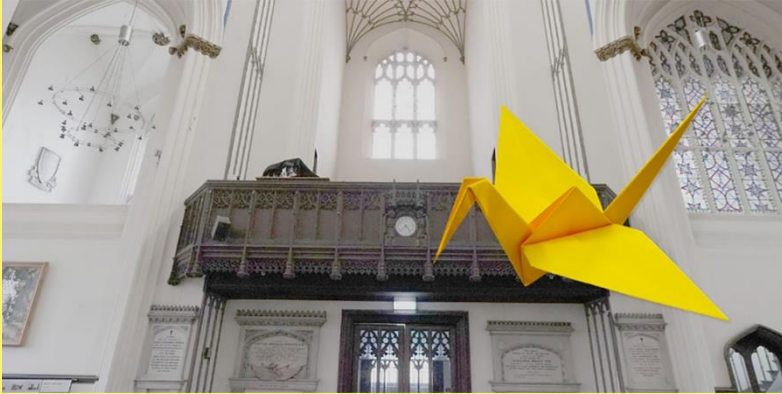
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**Edinburgh Churches  
TOGETHER**  
*working across the city*

## JUST FESTIVAL

Peace Cranes is a monumental exhibition of 140,000 origami paper cranes of peace and hope by Scottish artist Janis Hart. The installation spans the heritage space of St John's Church, Princes Street and uses the dual power of contemporary public art and the peace movement to address the twin existential threats of nuclear war and climate change. This vast number represents not only the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 but the lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic in the UK, as well as the great acceleration of species extinction through the symbol of the endangered red-crowned crane.



Peace Cranes is organised by Peace & Justice (Scotland) with Just Festival, Edinburgh's social justice and human rights festival. The exhibition can be seen between 10.30am - 5pm at St John's Church, Princes Street until 28th August 2021. In addition to this spectacular installation, the Just Festival has a packed programme of events ending with the world premiere of **No Alleluias – A Requiem for**

**2020.** This is an on-line live-streamed performance featuring the beautiful voices of the City Centre Churches Together Choir joined by Just Festival Chorus. Visit the website for booking information on all the events

<https://www.just-festival.org/just-festival-2021-events/>

## 3RD EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED ARTS

After a year's absence, the Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation is once again bringing something different to the Edinburgh Fringe -- a mini festival-within-a festival that celebrates the long alliance between Christianity and the arts. Established in 2018, the "Festival of the Sacred Arts" will take place in St Vincent's Chapel Stockbridge during the middle week of the Fringe -- from Sunday August 15th to Saturday August 21st.



In the opening recital on the evening of Sunday August 15th, The Edinburgh Quartet plays Joseph Haydn's 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with the movements interspersed by specially chosen Passiontide poetry. Throughout the week lunchtime events celebrate the arts of music, embroidery, architecture and painting, along with exhibitions of vestments and photographs. The Festival concludes with the beautiful service of Choral Evensong on the afternoon of Saturday 21st August.

Full details of the events can be found, and tickets purchased, on the Sacred Arts Festival website <http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2021>. Tickets may also be purchased through the Fringe Box Office, and at the door. St Vincent's Chapel

is located at the foot of Howe Street. Local Contact: The Hon Barnaby Miln [barnabymiln@mac.com](mailto:barnabymiln@mac.com) 0131 557 8028 or 07901 782482

The Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of the Bishop and Diocese of Edinburgh, the Vestry of St Vincent's Chapel, the Binks Trust, the William Syson Foundation, and the New College Templeton Religion Trust Project.

## SUMMER CONCERTS

### FESTIVAL SEASON AT OLD SAINT PAUL'S

A series of concerts in late August as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Attend either in person or watch online. All concerts start at 8:00pm and are held at Old Saint Paul's, Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh. Tickets to attend in person and online can be bought on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/old-saint-pauls-church-30901366927>

If you attend in person, you can also pay on the door, by card only, if there are spaces left. Tickets £5.00 in person | £3.00 online (Tickets are subject to a small service charge from Eventbrite).

#### **Wednesday 18 August - Fairy tales and magical beings**

Inspired by the world of the 'little people', a programme of music by Purcell, Britten, Ronald Stevenson and others.

Sally Carr (soprano) | Calum Robertson (piano)

#### **Thursday 19 August - Music for cello and piano**

Works by Stravinsky, Respighi and Fanny Hensel.

William Harris (cello) | George Gillow (piano)

#### **Friday 20 August - 18th century masterpieces**

Music by Purcell, Handel, Telemann and Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate.

Jenny Nex (soprano) | Lucy Whitehead (recorder) | John Kitchen (harpsichord)

#### **Wednesday 25 August - Scottish choral music**

A concert of celebratory music, including the Gloria from Robert Carver's L'homme armé mass.

The choral group Sang Scule, directed by James Hutchinson.

#### **Thursday 26 August - Music for clarinet and piano**

A programme to feature Ruth Gipps' clarinet sonata and The Kelpie of Corrievreckan, as well as works by Clara Schumann and Germaine Tailleferre. Calum Robertson (clarinet) | Anna Michels (piano)

#### **Friday 27 August - Music by Couperin, Purcell and Marais**

Annemarie Klein (recorders) | Ruth Slater (baroque violin) | John Kitchen (harpsichord)

More information at <https://www.facebook.com/ospchurch> and <https://www.osp.org.uk/>



# ***St Michael's Church, Edinburgh***

*(1 Slateford Road, EH11 1NX)*

## **2021 Summer Concerts**

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| Sat 21 August | 4.00pm | Stuart Montgomery (organ and piano)   |
| Sun 22 August | 7.30pm | Brian Bannatyne-Scott (bass), Beth Taylor (mezzo-soprano) and Michal Gajzler (piano) including "Songs of Edinburgh" (Tom Cunningham / Alexander McCall-Smith) |
| Mon 23 August | 7.30pm | Mihai Ritivoiu (piano)  |
| Wed 25 August | 7.30pm | Katie Coventry (mezzo-soprano) and Rachel Spencer (violin)  |
| Fri 27 August | 7.30pm | Twelfth Day (fiddle, harp and vocals)   |
| Sat 28 August | 2.00pm | Ben Kearsley (guitar)   |

**No pre-booking or tickets, free entry with retiring collections**



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# SUMMER CONCERTS MORNINGSIDE PARISH CHURCH

WEDNESDAYS

11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

13.10 – 13.55

ADMISSION BY DONATION

**Wednesday, 11th August:**

Jack Harris (bass-baritone) and  
Morley Whitehead (piano)

**Wednesday, 18th August:**

Margaret Donaldson and  
Morley Whitehead,  
music for 4 hands on 2 pianos

**Wednesday, 25th August:**

Recital by City and University Organist  
Dr John Kitchen

**Monies raised will help fund  
Music Scholarships in the future**

*Please observe social distancing and hand-hygiene  
measures, and wear a face covering inside the Church.*

There are **110** places available. We still need to  
collect contact details. Please contact the  
Church office to reserve a seat (some seats may  
be available on the day):

[office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

0131 447 6745



## ALASTAIR SAVAGE AT ST CUTHBERT'S



Fringe regular and prize-winning Scots fiddler Alastair Savage plays two nights at St Cuthbert's, Lothian Road on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. In these concerts, he will explore the incredible folk melodies of Scotland's past and present alongside the music of Ireland, America and mainland Europe. Concerts start at 6pm. Book via <https://bit.ly/3s72sYa>

## NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITION FOR ST COLUMBA'S BY THE CASTLE

# Immrama

COLUMBA'S JOURNEY, YOUR STORY



Artwork by Paul Anders MacPhail

Immrama were ancient 'voyage tales'  
– allegories of our journey through life.

In the year 563CE, thirteen Irish monks travelled in a small boat to Scotland. Their leader, Columba, or Colmille, became a great Celtic saint, who still inspires people today.

This exhibition combines ancient stories, contemporary art and reflective questions to explore resonances between Columba and today's world and to help people reflect on their own 'voyage tale'.

St Columba's by the Castle Episcopal Church,  
14, Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2PW

2.00-4.00pm daily during the Festival  
For times after that, visit: [www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk)

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## ECO-CONGREGATION SCOTLAND UPDATE



Eco-congregation Scotland is running a series of webinars throughout August starting on 17<sup>th</sup> with **Creation Calls the Tune Part 1**. Awareness about environmental concerns and the climate crisis is at an all time high in churches but how much is that reflected in our worship? To find out

more and book your place on this and other events go to

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/upcomingevents/> Interested in finding out more about becoming an Eco-congregation? Visit the website at <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/> for ideas, projects and information.

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