

## CEMC Diary

**Tonight, 7:30pm** - East Lothian Housegroup  
**Tues, 4th Feb, 7:30pm** - Church Council  
**Tues, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:30am** - Novels & Natter



*Gardeners meet every Monday from 2-4pm.  
Credit Union - Wednesdays, 10am to noon at reception desk.  
Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:45pm and then 10:20am on a  
Sunday to warm up & run through. No auditions just come & join.*

If any of the CEMC groups or activities mentioned here are something you would like to know more about, do ask a Steward, check church notice board or call the office, to get in touch with the right person.  
Thank you.

*Please send submissions for Sunday notices to [cemc.notices@gmail.com](mailto:cemc.notices@gmail.com) (or drop off at office) no later than **Thursday**. While every effort is made to include submissions into the notices, there may be times when information has to be reworded, summarised or withheld. Thank you.  
If you wish these notices, or the service sheet for the upcoming Sunday morning, to be delivered by email, please contact [cemc.notices@gmail.com](mailto:cemc.notices@gmail.com).*

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Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 3.30pm

CITY OF EDINBURGH   
Welcome to this church  
God bless your time with us. **METHODIST CHURCH**

**2nd February 2020**

**11:00am** Holy Communion led by Rev Mark Slaney

**6:30pm** Service led by Margaret Freeman

**Wednesdays@TheWell** **11am** - Current, Christian leaning, discussion  
**Noon** - service of prayer & worship **After** - Lunch together

**9th February 2020**

**11:00am** Service led by Rev Helen Jenkins

**6:30pm** Service led by Rev Keith Pearce.



Let your roots grow down into him,  
and let your lives be built on him.  
Then your faith will grow strong in  
the truth you were taught, and you  
will overflow with thankfulness.

*Colossians 2:7  
New Living Translation*

**Tonight, 7:30pm - East Lothian Housegroup**

will meet the home of Graham and Katherine Dalton in Longniddry. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who lives in the area. More information can be had from the Daltons (01875 852373) or Keith & Val Pearce.

**Mon, 3rd Feb, 7pm - Herriot Watt Annual Chaplaincy Lecture**

Making Money for Doing Good: how faith-based entrepreneurs are helping to combat global poverty. Dr Richard Higginson. Tickets free but need to be booked via Eventbrite.

**Tues, 4th Feb, 7:30pm - Church Council**

Church Council Minutes of past meetings are available on request to Jennifer Turner.



**Fri, 7th Feb, 6:30pm - Tu B'Shvat Seder**

Marchmont St Giles, Kilgraston Road.

The Sukkat Shalom Jewish Community invites all to join them in the New Year for Trees by eating fruits of the trees and talking with each other about Judaism and ecology.

Do please rsvp as soon as you can so food can be properly planned. Thank you.

To rsvp or for more information please email [contact@eljc.org](mailto:contact@eljc.org) or leave a message on 0131 777 8024

**Latest Fresh Start needs list**

Items	Clarification
Toiletries	Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, shower gel
Cleaning materials	Washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, multi-purpose spray, unused toilet rolls, laundry tablets, white
Crockery packs	Dinner plates and side plates
Bedding packs	Double bedding - sheets and duvet covers
Food	Rice, instant coffee, UHT milk, tinned new

Next CEMC collection week: This week

**Tues, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:30am - Novels & Natter**

Current Novel - *A Place Called Winter* by Patrick Gale  
Further details to be found on the notice boards or from Marion.  
All are welcome to join in the discussion.

**Sat, 29th Feb. 11:30am (till 2pm) - at Stirling Methodist**

**Mon, 2nd Mar, 7pm (till 9:30pm) - at CEMC**

**Circuit discussions about marriage relationship decisions to be made at Conference this year.**

Questions regarding relationships, sexuality and marriage strike at the very core of human existence and experience. These are issues that pertain to the Church and connect us to society as a whole. But what do human relationships entail? How do we value marriage? And what do we mean when we talk of sexuality, especially in the context of Christianity and God?

As the Church prepares for a final decision on same-sex marriage at Conference this year, we call together all members of the Methodist community to gather in grace and in love, to respectfully reflect on our understandings of marriage and relationships. All discussion will be in accordance with Methodist understanding of scriptural interpretation and reflection, bringing together the four-fold principles of Reflection, Experience, Scripture, and Tradition, to inform our conversations with one another.

As always, coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided. We ask that all who enter into these discussions do so with an open mind and open heart, remembering that each of us live with different convictions, but that we are all united in the grace, mercy and love of God.

For more information, please contact Emma McCabe, Community Outreach & Engagement Officer for Stirling Methodist Church, who will be helping to facilitate these conversations, at [oppstir@outlook.com](mailto:oppstir@outlook.com)

**26th Feb to 26th Mar - Not a Tame Lion, NCT Lent Groups.**

Lent study groups will be held this year on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 5 different times and in several places. The studies are based on the work of C S Lewis. Check out the church notice board or the NCT (Newington Churches Together) website for details and Keith Pearce is the person who knows the most about it here at CEMC.