



Welcome to our second SCT newsletter

SCOTLAND'S PILGRIM JOURNEYS

The initial 6 Journeys are all now fully up and running. The 'Hubs' are all in place and we look forward to you enjoying them please comment on our Facebook page so everyone can benefit from your experiences. Pilgrimages are becoming ever more popular and we intend to cover the whole of Scotland by adding a further 8 Journeys. Donald Smith is currently slumped over a laptop or actually walking one of the 8 new Journeys as I write, but all should be ready by late autumn. Information will be on our websites: www.scotlandspilgrimjourneys.com www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk Please enjoy these wonderful Journeys, packed with history, culture and good health!



SCT is keen to promote and support church organ playing.

We can provide help for recitals and tuition.

Our own recital is at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh

Monday 9th June 2014

7.30pm

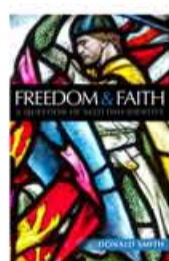
Tickets £10

Come along

REFERENDUM READING

Scotland's Churches Trust is entirely neutral about the forthcoming referendum, but here is some reading which might help:

Freedom & Faith, by Donald Smith. What part – if any – should spirituality play in the Scottish independence Debate?



Discussions about Scottish identity are most often defined by political, cultural, social, ethical and international questions. But is there a spiritual or religious dimension to our identity that we really need to understand? In challenging and absorbing style, Donald Smith sets out to help us to unravel the fundamental spiritual dimension of Scottish identity and enables us to confront our national potential and our demons as never before.

Available from the Scotland's Churches Trust website.

Enlightening the Constitutional Debate. The Royal Society of Edinburgh recently ran a series of public discussion events aimed at informing the debate on Scotland's future. The key issues raised across the course of these discussions have now been summarised in a book, produced as a public education resource, and presents the analyses of a wide range of academics and professionals in Scotland on a range of subjects related to independence. Available as a download from the Royal Society of Edinburgh website.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the following new member churches:

St Leonard's Episcopal, Lasswade, Monzie Parish Church, Allan Church of Scotland, Bannockburn, Langbank Parish Church, Romanian Orthodox Church, Glasgow, Balfron Parish Church, Fortingall Parish Church, Glenlyon Parish Church, Maybole Parish Church (The Carrick Centre), Canobie Parish Church, Trinity Church, Banff and Elgin City Church (Harvest Ministries), Limekilns Parish Church, Southend Parish Church, Saddell & Carradale Parish Church, St Mary's Episcopal, Glencoe, Duns Parish Church, Wrangholm Kirk, Holytown Parish Church, Brucefield Parish Church, Whitburn, St Teresa's RC, Dumfries, St Andrew's RC, Dumfries, St Margaret's, Braemar, City Church, Dundee, St Martin of Tours RC, Ullapool, Bunessan Parish Church, Isle of Mull, Creich Parish Church, Isle of Mull, Carmyllie Kirk, Condorrat Parish Church, Cumbernauld, Craigbuckler Parish Church.

We are delighted with these new Memberships, and to the tremendous response from churches to move to an Annual Donation. The move to an Annual Donation (we suggest £50 but it is just a suggestion), helps us to improve our service to you and offers greater service too. Please consider joining those already making this Annual Donation – for those wanting bank details it is - Sort Code 80-22-60 A/C 10417264

SCT are planning to launch a "Friends of SCT", more on this later

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SCT CHURCH REPAIR GRANTS

Funding assistance was given to the following churches in 2013-14

Hebron Evangelical Church, Aberdeen (formerly Denburn Parish Church)
Brucefield Parish Church, Whitburn
West Kilbride Parish Church
Dunoon High Kirk
Acharacle Parish Church
Condorrat Parish Church
St Andrew's Parish Church, Fauldhouse
Lanark E U Congregational Church
St George's Parish Church, Dumfries
St Andrew & St Cuthbert, Kirkcudbright
St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ardrossan
The Priory Church, Coldingham
Coldside Parish Church, Dundee
St Margaret's Parish Church, Dalry
Girvan North Parish Church
Newhills Parish Church, Bucksburn, Aberdeen
Kilninian Church, Mull
Limekilns Parish Church
Bothwell Parish Church
City Church Dundee (St Francis Friary)
Torosay and Kinlochspelve Church, Craignure
Edinburgh Life Church
Christ Church Episcopal, Huntly
Viewfield Erskine Church, Stirling
Denholm Parish Church
Crosshouse Parish Church
Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church, Motherwell
Sannox Church, Trinity Church, Banff
Fetteresso Parish Church
St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh
Muckhart Church



Ex Lorne Street
Campbeltown

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK

SCT currently has 27 Local Representatives across the country, helping SCT deliver its aims and objectives. This Network began in 1997 with 5 Local Reps and gradually the number increased to cover the whole of Scotland.

However, due to recent deaths and retirements, there are gaps in the network which we are seeking to fill. We have a particular need in the North and West Highlands and would be delighted to hear from interested folks in that area - and indeed in other parts of the country!

We are delighted to welcome the following new Local Reps to the network:

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| Alan Herd | — North & West Borders |
| Robin McHaffie | — South & East Borders |
| Harry Macpherson | — Falkirk & West Lothian |
| David & Beryl Robinson | — East Lothian |
| Fiona Campbell | — Stirlingshire |
| Steve Fulcher | — Argyll South |
| David Gauld | — Dundee & East Perthshire |
| Matt Henderson | — Glasgow |
| Robin Wardhaugh | — Angus & South Aberdeenshire |

We would be happy to talk with and meet anyone expressing an interest. If you would like more information on the Local Rep role with a view to exploring further, please contact the office by phone or email Brian Fraser, Trustee
Tel: 0135530 2416 or email: fraser@dunedin67.freeserve.co.uk

FOR INFORMATION

International Justice Mission

IJM's vision is to rescue thousands, protect millions, and prove that justice for the poor is possible. Our global team of Christian lawyers, social workers, investigators, community activists and professionals works to protect the poor from violent forces of oppression and slavery. When the law is enforced the violence stops. To find out more, please contact: contact@ijmuk.org

Heart & Soul Event Sunday May 18th.

SCT will be taking part in the Heart & Soul celebration being organised in Princes Street Gardens by the Church of Scotland during General Assembly week. Major themes include building church morale and confidence, making connections, hospitality and pilgrimage. SCT's stall is being organised by Nancy Johnston nancyjohnston60@btinternet.com - who I'm sure, will be pleased to hear from you should you be able to help man the stall. Please just call by anyway!

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BRIAN FRASER

Most of you will know Brian Fraser from his role as Director of Scotland's Churches Scheme and co-director of SCT. Brian decided a while ago to retire, and in a recent audience with our Patron The Princess Royal, he was thanked for his hard work in making SCS the success it was. Brian is not being allowed to go of course, and has been made a Trustee of SCT with particular responsibility for our Network of Local Representatives. So we'll still benefit from his drive and enthusiasm for SCT.