



Origin Scotland present **Christmas According to Hollywood** at the Usher Hall on Saturday 3rd December at 7:30pm. Tickets from £4 to £15 from www.usherhall.co.uk or 0131 228 1155.

This year, the Exile Band, Choir and Orchestra explode onto the stage with an all-new show: Christmas, according to Hollywood! Expect awesome tunes, groovy Gospel, and of course, your favourite Christmas carols, as we experience the different meanings of Christmas.



Carols By Candlelight, Usher Hall, Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm. Usher in Christmas with this joyous concert of carols and seasonal classics performed in full 18th Century costume in an evocative candle-lit style setting. Box Office: 228 1155 or at www.usherhall.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON?

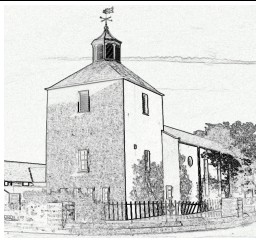
27 November – 4 December

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| TODAY | 🕒 10:30 | Prayer Meeting – Upper Room |
| | 🕒 11:00 | Morning Service |
| | 🕒 18:15 | Evening Service |
| MONDAY | 🕒 19:30 | Prayer Group |
| TUESDAY | | |
| WEDNESDAY | 🕒 | Small Groups |
| THURSDAY | 🕒 | Small Group |
| FRIDAY | | |
| SATURDAY | | |
| SUNDAY | 🕒 10:30 | Prayer Meeting – Upper Room |
| | 🕒 11:00 | Morning Service |
| | 🕒 19:30 | Spirit Level Plus |

WORD FOR THE DAY:

Hebrews 10: 23-25

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



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The Bulletin

Sunday 27th November 2011

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Morning Service

Welcome
Call to Worship
Praise As The Deer Pants For The Water
Prayer
Children's Talk
Praise Crucified To Save Me
Offering Still My Soul Be Still
Dedication
Reading Psalm 42
Praise Jesus Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts
Prayer
Praise Jesus You're The Hope I Cling To
Sermon
Meditation
Praise You Are My Anchor
Benediction

READING: Psalm 42



A very warm welcome to worship this morning. Please join us in the hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat after the service.



Fellowship Lunch today. Please join us – you will be very welcome!



Evening Service tonight at 6:15pm.



The Biggest Birthday Party In the World, Saturday 10th December, 2pm and 7:30pm – for free tickets, please see Ian after the service.

Upwards, Inwards and Outwards in Faith

INTIMATIONS:

Forthcoming Services:

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| Sunday 27 th November | 6:15pm | 2 Timothy 3: 15-17 |
| Sunday 4 th December | 11:00am | Psalms 19 |

Prayer Group meets tomorrow evening, Monday 28th, at 7:30pm in the Upper Room.

Voice – the new edition of Voice is now ready for collection by distributors.

The Biggest Birthday Party in the World – Saturday 10th December at 2:00pm and 7:30pm here at Colinton Mains Church. **For your free ticket, see Ian after the service.** Or call 0131 638 1777, text 07789 764255, or call in at All Nations (Monday to Friday 11:00am – 2:00pm).

Scottish Government Consultation on the Registration of Civil Partnerships and Same-Sex Marriage - now is the time for you to respond. We pray, based firmly on God's word and not our own, that the huge response will indicate to the Government that the proposed changes should not proceed but be dropped. Be part of the on-line consultation - closing date Friday 9th December. *Care for Scotland* has produced a suggested response for those pressed for time - pick one up from the vestry. Fill in the online response at: www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations/justice/samesexmarriage.asp

Please also consider signing the petition at www.ipetitions.com/petition/marriagescotland/

Order your Caring Christmas Tree now! It's that time of year again and the Caring Christmas Trees website is now open for business. Caring Christmas Trees provides support for the work of Bethany Christian Trust in Edinburgh, as we'll use all the profits from our competitively priced trees to provide a homeless person with a hot meal, a bed for the night, breakfast and advice. We're using the same simple process as last year – so you can buy your tree online at www.caringchristmastrees.com or by phone on 0845 111 8733. You can also help by volunteering to help at our distribution sites on 9th & 10th and 16th & 17th December – just log on to the website.

Free Will Offering Envelopes – The Free Will Offering Scheme is currently used by about 100 people here at Colinton Mains. The Scheme is a help in individual budgeting and is also used to record givings under Gift Aid. The FWO envelopes for 2012 are currently being prepared for distribution during December. Anyone who would like to consider or start receiving envelopes will be very welcome so please do contact me as quickly as you can at church or at the following number. *Lesley Gallacher* - 441 4470

Gift Day – Our recent Gift Day raised the sum of £2,330. Many of you were able to give under Gift Aid, which will enable us to claim an additional £444 from the tax man. Thanks to all who contributed so generously and allowed us to reach our target. *Sandy MacKenzie*

OTHER NOTICES:



Tearfund's Christmas Challenge is the Big Give's annual matched funding event. If you would like to support Tearfund, now is the time to make a donation. Online donations must be made via theBigGive.org.uk between the **5th and 9th of December**. Donations made during this time will be matched by a combination of pledges donated by our major donors and the Big Give's Philanthropist Fund. Tearfund is a Christian international aid and development agency working globally to end poverty and injustice, and to restore dignity and hope in some of the world's poorest communities. We operate in more than fifty countries around the world. As well as being present in disaster situations and recovery through our response teams, we speak out on behalf of poor people on the national and international stage by petitioning governments, campaigning for justice and raising the profile of key poverty issues wherever we can.



Just Christmas 2011 challenges you to remember those who will be hungry at Christmas. Operation Mobilisation (OM) is feeding the hungry all around the world in Nepal, India, Zambia, Somalia, S.Africa, Albania, Greece, Bosnia, Moldova, Romania, Guatemala, Panama, Chile, Costa Rica, Syria, Kazakhstan, Sudan, Russia, Ethiopia and Thailand. Just imagine deciding to spend differently on presents this year – thereby releasing some money to buy life-changing gifts for the poorest of the poor. You've just imagined Just Christmas. Find out more at www.uk.om.org/.



Fresh Start – Can you help Fresh Start to help others? Their 'Hit Squad' decorating service consists of teams of volunteers who work alongside new tenants to decorate up to two rooms in their home. The tenant chooses the colour scheme with all paint and equipment provided by Fresh Start. This is an invaluable service as it helps to make the new tenant feel more comfortable in their new home and hopefully use their new decorating skills to paint more rooms. New volunteers are being recruited now. All you require is basic DIY skills and heaps of enthusiasm to help folk who have endured homelessness and are moving into their own tenancies. If you are able to spare time during the working week and want to make a lasting difference in someone's life please contact Fresh Start: Tel 0131 476 7741. For more info: www.freshstartweb.org.uk.



Nativity Carol Concert today, Sunday 27th November, 4:00pm, St Andrews Square. As usual, the service, hosted by the City Council, will be led by some of our Edinburgh church leaders, with the music once again from Origin in partnership with schoolchildren from Edinburgh.



Edinburgh Nativity, Thursday 1st December, 6:00-7:00pm, Festival Square, Lothian Road. Presenting the traditional story, with a modern twist, of the birth of Jesus Christ. Portrayed in both current and traditional styles, the production will illustrate the significance and crucial relevance of the Christmas message today.



Thrift Shop, Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre, 1:00 - 3:00pm on Monday 5th December. Good quality children's and adults' clothes and household goods at very reasonable prices. Donations of clothes, books etc. gratefully received. Oxfangs Care, 12 Firrhill Neuk, Edinburgh EH13 9FF; www.oxgangscare.weebly.com; tel. 445 3332.