

Five things you need to know today



Climate March

Advent yarnbombing

Twelve day pass for Glenogle Swim Centre

Christmas Craft Workshop

Out of the Blue – Gretna 100

Yesterday Edinburgh was awash with rain, and a bit of colour amidst the downpours from those taking part in the Climate March.

The head of a march of as estimated 7,000 people who braved the weather in Edinburgh to march through the city urging Britain's and Scotland's politicians to reach a deal to cut carbon emissions and stabilise climate chaos at next week's Climate Talks in Paris which start this Monday.



Pictured at the head of the march as it winds its' way down The Mound towards Princes Street Gardens are SCCS (Stop Climate Chaos Scotland) chairman Tom Bannatine and other speakers who addressed the rally at the gardens.

The Meadows to Princes Street Gardens demonstration was organised by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland – a coalition of green and humanitarian charities and NGOs.

[Read more here](#)



On the first Sunday in Advent (that's today!) people living

in Edinburgh and south to Penicuik, west to Falkirk and further out to Peebles in the Borders will find they have been yarn bombed by angels. The knitted angels will adorn railings, trees, fences, and buildings.

Each angel will have a tag – a message of good news and a link to a [website](#) where people can, should they wish, find information about local church services. The website also work as an Advent calendar with a daily advent thought right up until Christmas Day.

But Rev Lynsay Downs, who initiated the yarn bombing project, says that the participating churches are not looking for anything back – the angels are a gift. Lynsay says, “These knitted angels are all about bringing a gift to others that doesn’t ask anything in return. Our real hope is that the angels raise a smile and remind those who see them that Christmas is coming – a time when space is to be made for peace and joy to be at the centre of our lives.”

Watch out for displays of angels in Dunbar, Morningside, Murrayfield, Penicuik, Portobello and all over the diocese.



Christmas has come early at Edinburgh Leisure...pop into Glenogle Swim Centre for more information or to buy your 12 day pass.

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Out of the Blue Drill Hall based film maker Ray Bird's brilliant documentary film of their Heritage Lottery funded [Gretna 100](#) social history project is now available on Out of the Blue's [Youtube channel](#).

The film powerfully illustrates how a participatory arts project can have a long lasting impact for participants and audience alike.

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