What's on in Edinburgh this Week - Five Fantastic Fundraisers

The 200: William Douglas and Ruth Barrie recently found out their youngest son **Sol** was ill with a brain tumour. Sol has had surgery to remove the tumour but now faces radiotherapy and chemotherapy. 'The 200' fundraiser involves the continual performance of 200 songs, from memory, in one day. From Skellefteå in Sweden, Rossco Galloway will be attempting 'The 200' to help the family directly. Mike Kearney from Portobello will also be attempting 'The 200' to raise funds for The Edinburgh Sick Children's Hospital where Sol is being cared for. These gigs will be played SIMULTANEOUSLY, in a race to the finish, on Saturday 14th May, starting around 8/10am and ending around 12/2am on Sunday respectively (according to time zones). From Queens, New York, Tica Douglas will be joining in (weather permitting) and performing 200 songs also. Mike's stint will begin at 8am in his home in Portobello, then move round various venues in the area, ending in the Dalraida on the Promenade from 8pm. For full details of venues and times please see the event's Facebook page here. If you are not able to attend but wish to donate to this appeal, you can do so via JustGiving here.

Example № Christian Aid Booksale: since its beginnings in 1974, this legendary book sale has raised over £2 million for Christian Aid's work. Expect around 100,000 books of every kind throughout and around the church. And there are pictures, music, toys and games, antiques and collectables, stamps and postcards and ephemera too. 10am-4pm Saturday 14th May, 10am-3.30pm, Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th May, 10am-7pm Thursday 19th May, 10am-3.30pm Friday 20th May, St Andrew's & St George's West Church, 13 George Street.

- Christian Aid Coffee Morning: baking for sale, a hamper raffle, quiz, and balloons for the kids! 10am-12 noon, Saturday 14th May, Marchmont St Giles Church, Kilgraston Road. Admission £2.50 (children free).
- Christian Aid Holy Corner Book Sale. The Holy Corner Churches Christian Aid Group's sale goes from strength to strength; last year's sale of books, CDs, DVDs and music raised over £15,000. 10am-5pm Saturday 14th May, 11am-6pm Monday 16th-Friday 20th May, 10am-5pm Saturday 21st May, Morningside United Church, 15 Chamberlain Road.
- St Giles At Six: Coro Edina. The Edinburgh chamber choir present an a capella concert of music chosen especially for the wonderful acoustic of St Giles' Cathedral, with music by Purcell, Stanford, MacMillan and Vaughan Williams' Mass in G minor. This concert is hosted by the St Giles' Neighbourhood Group. 6pm, Sunday 15th May, St Giles Cathedral, High Street. Admission is free, and all donations will go to Cunningham House for the homeless.