Bellany watercolour star of the show at the Christian Aid Art and Scottish Books Sale

Now in its ninth year, the annual Christian Aid Autumn Art and Scottish Books Sale (25-27 October) at St George's and St Andrew's Church West, George Street, Edinburgh is becoming a firm favourite for those looking to buy high-quality prints or original art works, and also Scottish books.



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This year's highlights include a water colour by John Bellany, one of Scotland's most renowned artists. This is the first time the painting, entitled 'Star of Hope' has been for sale or indeed on public display. The painting depicts Fraserburgh harbour.

James Holloway, convener of art for the Sale and previous director of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery said; "We are really fortunate to have John Bellany's colourful harbour scene for sale. In the centre of the watercolour, Bellany has painted the Peterhead-registered boat 'Star of Hope'. What a great symbol for the centrepiece of the sale whose purpose is to spread hope across the world".

Another wonderful item for sale is a lithograph of The Queen by Pietro Annigoni dating from the early 1950's.

Proceeds from sale will go to this year's Christian Aid <u>Harvest Appeal</u> and will be match funded by the European Union. Every £1 you spend will be worth £5 for life-changing work in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Malawi.



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