Five things you need to know today

At St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place

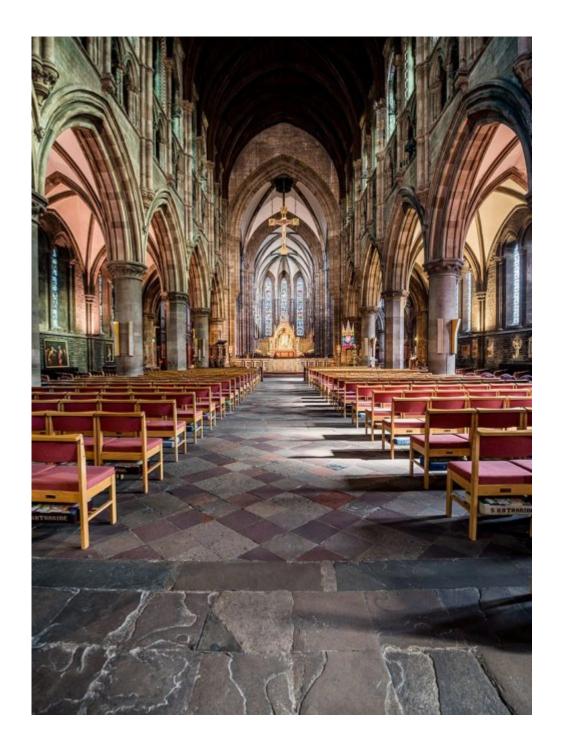
There will be an event on Monday by Scotland's oldest interfaith organisation, the Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA), and The Oxford Foundation promoting peace.

The evening will include music, meditation, messages and prayers designed to promote greater lasting peace in all faith and non-faith communities in the capital.

United for Peace: Edinburgh's Communities United Against Hate will bring the whole city together to combat hate with the tools of understanding, respect and love.

The event is free and open to the public. To register visit https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT

Professor Joe Goldblatt, Chair of EIFA said: "I am personally looking forward to coming together with hundreds of my fellow local citizens to do something positive about the many crises we are now seeing throughout the world. In my faith of Judaism we call this tikkun olam which means 'to repair the world'." I am personally grateful to The Oxford Foundation for helping us discover new tools to repair what some believe is an irreparably broken world."



Luath Press popping up

Local publishers Luath Press will pop up next week in John Lewis offering readers an opportunity of getting to know the people behind it and their books.

There will be meet the author sessions and some book related gifts on offer. The pop up will be in the 4th floor beside the Christmas shop.



Tilly the Tram

Tilly the Tram is back with a new story featuring key destinations such as St James Quarter, the Port of Leith and the Royal Yacht.

The book is written and illustrated by members of the staff at Edinburgh Trams and follows volume one launched in 2018 as part of a safety campaign.

Dozens of free copies of 'Tilly the Tram's New Adventure'

suitable for children up to age five will be distributed to schools in Leith, Ocean Terminal, and Newhaven.

Revenue from any sales will be donated to charity.

Read more here.



More calls for a new Eye Pavilion

Two of Scotland's oldest sight loss charities, Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans, have launched a new campaign calling for a new eye hospital in Edinburgh.

The charities, who are warning that people's eye health is being placed at risk due to the current poor facilities, are asking people to sign a petition calling on the Scottish Government to commit to funding the new eye hospital in Edinburgh, without any further delays.

Sarah Boyack MSP continues to chip away at the Health Minister Michael Matheson to get a firm date for a new building, first promised by The Scottish Government in 2018.

She said: "The current eye hospital building is a grave area for concern with real risks to patient safety due to leaking roofs and broken lifts. With growing numbers of people living with sight loss and median waiting times for ophthalmology now at 14 weeks, a new eye hospital in Edinburgh is desperately needed.

You will find the petition here.

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