

Scottish Churches House

**Make Poverty History**  
Edinburgh Demonstration  
Saturday, 2 July 2005

**Weekend Special at  
Scottish Churches House**  
Solves the problem  
of where to stay,  
Fri-Sat or Fri-Sun,  
when attending the Edinburgh  
demonstration.  
Leave your car and take the  
train to Edinburgh.

**Dinner, Bed & Breakfast,  
with Packed Lunch**  
1-2 July: £30.00  
with the option of returning to  
Dunblane  
for dinner, b&b after the event.  
1-3 July: £55.00

Scottish Churches House  
Dunblane, FK15 0AJ  
Tel. 01786 823588  
**reservations@**  
**scottishchurcheshouse.org**  
[www.scottishchurcheshouse.org](http://www.scottishchurcheshouse.org)  
Booking form and details of House  
programme available on request  
or visit website.

### CAIRS' Education Officer (Part-time)

Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), on behalf of the *Churches' Agency for Inter Faith Relations in Scotland (CAIRS)*, is seeking to appoint a part-time Inter Faith Education Officer to assist the Churches in Scotland to develop their active involvement in and understanding of inter faith relations. The Officer will require to have experience of working in ecumenical and inter faith contexts and to be able to reflect theologically on the Churches' relationships with people of other faiths.

The Education Officer's post will be a part-time appointment of 17.5 hours per week (0.5 FTE) for a period of three years. The salary will be £8,700 per annum (FT salary £17,400). Suitably experienced individuals are invited to apply. Further information and a job description from CAIRS, c/o ACTS, Scottish Churches' House, Dunblane FK15 0AJ.

*Closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2005*  
*Interview date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005*

#### "HOSPITALITY OF THE HEART"

*Four Bible Studies prepared by Canon Michael Ippgrave, formerly Secretary of CAIRS.*  
*Available from CAIRS by contacting Tom Moyes,*  
*ACTS, Scottish Churches' House, DUNBLANE,*  
*FK15 0AJ Tel: 01786 826383*  
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## G8 Summit Worship

**A Service has been organised  
by the Church and Society  
Network of ACTS to mark the  
G8 Summit at Gleneagles. The  
service will take place at  
Dunblane Cathedral on 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
at 3pm.**  
**Further details from Tom  
Moyes 01786 826383**

### Dates for your diary.

**Monday 23 May Friends of ACTS  
Open Meeting & AGM**  
Augustine United Church, Edinburgh.  
AGM 3.30-4.30pm  
Open Meeting with international guests  
attending the Church of Scotland  
General Assembly  
beginning at 5pm.  
Further details from Jenny Easson,  
Secretary of the Friends of ACTS on  
01382 77686 or [easson@care4free.net](mailto:easson@care4free.net)

**Friends of ACTS Autumn Conference**  
'The Churches and the Parliament'  
Wednesday 28 September –  
Scottish Churches House, Dunblane  
Register with the House on  
01786 823588. More details later  
Autumn Conference for Churches  
Together Groups and Church of Scotland  
Ecumenical Contacts  
Thursday 27 October 2005, St. Leonard's  
Church 10am-3pm  
Speakers will be Dr. Alison Elliot,  
Moderator of the Church of Scotland and  
ACTS Convener and Ms. Mairi Munro,  
ACTS Local Ecumenical Research  
Project.  
Contact Ros Milne on 0131 225 5722 for  
further details.

### 'Celebrate Together'

The first Gathering for Local Ecumenical  
Partnerships in Scotland, Livingston,  
Saturday 26 November.  
Key note speaker is Rev. Dr. Mary  
Cotes, Ecumenical Moderator in Milton  
Keynes. Come and share in worship,  
workshops, a ceilidh and much more.  
Contact Lindsey Sanderson on  
01786 826381 for more details.

### COMING SOON.....

The new ACTS website...available for  
surfing from June 2005

Visiting the Royal Highland Show? - visit  
the Churches stand while you are there.

## Calendar of Commemorations

The Church Life Network has been  
preparing an Ecumenical Calendar  
of Commemorations, remembering  
figures in our common history .

Looking at the month of May we  
remember:-

### 1<sup>st</sup> – David Livingstone:

Blantyre born cotton factory worker  
of pious parents, he decided on  
missionary work qualifying as a  
doctor. Though intended for China  
he went out under the London  
Missionary Society to Africa. Of  
termination, courage, endurance,  
vision and ability he was to become  
one of the world's greatest explorers  
discovering inter alia The Victoria  
Falls, Lake Nyasa etc opening up  
much of central Africa for missionary  
influence and for trade – his books  
and lectures giving much  
encouragement. A great Victoria folk  
hero and accorded burial in  
Westminster Abbey. A fierce  
opponent of the slave trade he is  
regarded by many Africans as a  
great liberator.

### 10<sup>th</sup> William Alexander Smith:

Thurso born, Glasgow businessman  
who funded The Boy's Brigade (4<sup>th</sup>  
October 1883) – the first uniformed  
boys organisation whose aim  
remains "the advancement of  
Christ's kingdom among boys and  
the promotion of habits of obedience,  
reverence, discipline, self respect,  
and all that tends to a true Christian  
manliness." Though modelled on  
somewhat military inducements to  
incorporate the movement into the  
Army Cadet Force. Smith was  
knighted for his work and at his  
funeral in 1914 over 150,000 lined  
the route of his cortege – such was  
the regard for him. The B.B is  
represented in many parts of the old  
empire: Ghana, Nigerian, Singapore  
etc and is yet present in many  
Scottish communities always linked  
to the local church or churches.

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