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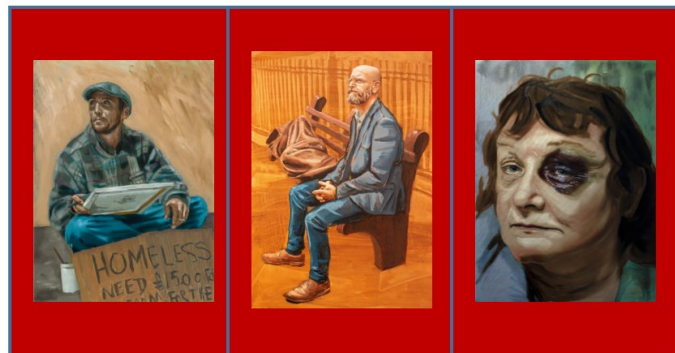


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weekly message

Opening on 1st August for prayer
& reflection with an exhibition
of 24 paintings from Luke's Gospel

12-2pm Wednesday to Sunday
through August & September



Iain has
worked
in Glasgow,
Nepal and
Srebrenica

Portrait artist - Iain Campbell

We hope to invite Iain to take part in a service in
Meadowbank sometime later in August.

Iain visited Srebrenica to meet some of the
survivors and painting their portraits. Kadefa
Rizvanović is part of the Mothers of Srebrenica
Association; a group of women campaigning for
justice to be done and the truth to be told about
the Srebrenica



Remembering Srebrenica

Genocide, the worst
massacre in Europe
since the Holocaust.

Kadefa fled to
Srebrenica in 1992
when the Bosnian
War started, two
days after giving
birth. She begged
her husband to leave

her behind as she could hardly walk. He said,
"I will carry you, but I won't leave you". They
walked together for 22 days through the forest.

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The paintings by Glasgow artist Iain Campbell were
completed in and for St George's Tron Church in
Glasgow where he was artist-in-residence for 3
years. Each portrait comes from reflection on a
chapter of Luke's Gospel and a connection with
some of the characters in and around the Glasgow
City Centre Church. His work focuses on bold
portraits, exploring life in the face of adversity
in a contemporary, Glasgow context.

Iain is best known for his painting, Our Last Supper,
featuring thirteen guests of Glasgow City Mission.

He has also painted for Christian Aid, The World
Council of Churches, and has worked on a series of
paintings for Tearfund's 50th anniversary,
after visiting their projects in Nepal.

**Jackie and Russell will always be present to
welcome and chat with people. If you are
able to be a volunteer steward for
the exhibition please contact Russell.**

Please pray that the
exhibition will speak well
to local people, visitors
and our members

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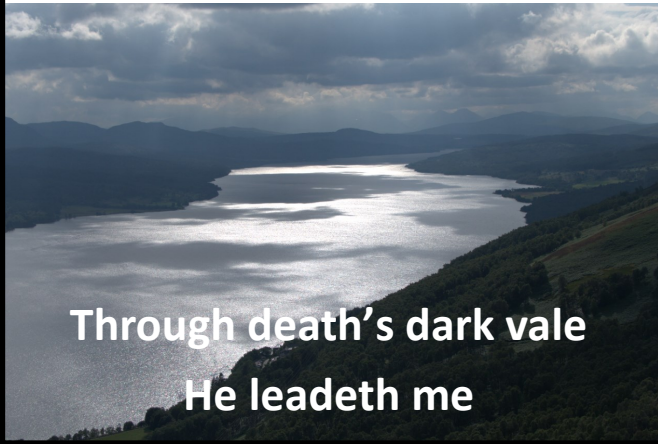
Mickey Robertson

Mickey died early on Wednesday morning and we will miss him so much as a good friend and as a man of faith. Eleanor and the family had been with him in hospital since last Friday and he had been able to say some important things on the Saturday though he was not aware of their being with him over these last days.

We give grateful thanks to God for Mickey's long and active life, his great interest in people and passion for sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Arrangements for his funeral service will be made over the next few days and we hold Eleanor and her family in our love and prayers

Russell



A Prayer for Comfort When You're Grieving

Father, grant me gospel joy; help me to rejoice in Christ even as I grieve. Envelope me with the peace and comfort only you can provide.

As the days move into months, may this burden lessen. As the months move to years, use me to encourage and bless someone else who must walk a similar path. Help me to point them to you as the God of all comfort. I know that you are always with me and that your love never ceases. Help me to find refuge in you and nowhere else.

Christina Fox

>>> Remembering Srebrenica continued

Srebrenica was designated a "Safe Area" by the UN in 1993. The area used to have less than 10,000 residents, by then it was under siege and packed with about 60,000 people, mainly Muslim refugees.

On the 11th of July 1995, Serb forces attacked the town. The Dutch UN troops, there to protect the town, failed to stop the assault. Thousands of men and boys, who didn't believe the UN would protect them, tried to try to walk through the hills to reach a free territory. The vast majority were unarmed.

Kadefa's husband was among the men who tried to flee. She never saw him again. The men and boys who stayed were killed. The Serb army slaughtered more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys. Between 20,000 and 50,000 women were raped during the war.

Kadefa became a widow at 27. Her husband's body was found 18 years later and laid to rest at the Srebrenica Memorial Centre. The Mothers of Srebrenica have never sought revenge and have never acted with hatred. They say that hatred is a sign of weakness which they refuse to give in to. All they ask is for justice and truth.



There is an excellent website for more information

<https://srebrenica.scot/about-us/>

REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

"These truly are scenes from hell, written on the darkest pages of human history"

Judge Fouad Riad—International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

**We pray to almighty God,
May grievance become hope
May revenge become justice
May mothers' tears become prayers
That Srebrenica
Never happens again
To no one and nowhere**

The Srebrenica Prayer