



C&N News

Don't be confused by the fish.

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of our semi-occasional updates

Hi everyone,

Ok, here's the quick version: **Praise for** recent events in Edinburgh, progress on the Church database in the UK, the house is finally ours!; **Prayer for** Norma job situation, local church (still don't have one), Origin SA band & choir, coming events. And now, *here's the longer version:*

Lemon Chronicles

Lemonade! It's such an obvious one, and yet we hadn't tried it. Turns out all you need is lemon, some sort of sweetening agent and water. Woohoo. And we had a suggestion from a friend the other day – lemon ice cubes. That'll freshen up many drinks.

It's been a wild winter here in Cape Town. Just this last weekend we had the 'seven year storm' which blew trees down all over the place; the rain throughout winter has been torrential, which is great for the water supply, but one room in our house now seems to leak water even when there are no clouds anywhere to be seen, which is quite magical if a little unwelcome.

Origin Ministries

We thank God for two excellent events in Edinburgh during the festival – the Festival Praise Night at Charlotte Chapel was an amazing time of worship, and people really seemed to connect with God as we looked at the glory of God as our theme for the evening. A three-night outreach followed at Gorgie Parish Church called 'Gospel According to Hollywood' and we know there were many non-Christians there. The events went well, with near sell-out attendance, and we pray that God will continue to challenge those who came.



Next up is a Praise Night at Emmanuel Church in Cape Town. At the moment we think about four churches are supporting it on Sun 12 October at 7pm. We have a small but dedicated choir in Cape Town, but we're really struggling for band members at the moment of sufficient quality. Colin has met with some key people in Cape Town with regard to organising new Christian music groups in the city.

Norma is continuing to speak to ministers in Edinburgh on the phone, and we've started a 'rudest minister' chart... so that's all going very well really ☺ Some people just get out of bed the wrong side every day! Colin's free time is taken up writing arrangements for the Origin musicians and with preparations for the new Origin album which is being recorded in January. Yep, you heard it here first... And it's going to be amazing. We have three very talented songwriters in our midst. Who knew!

Please pray for the upcoming [SA event](#) on 12 October, and [UK events](#) on 30 Sept – 01 Oct (BBC Songs of Praise recordings), 26 October (Charlotte Chapel 200th Anniversary), 16 November (City Praise Aberdeen) and 6 December (Light of the World – carol service in Edinburgh).

Personal

We had a great and relaxing holiday in the USA where we started in New York, travelled by train to Chicago where we met up with Colin's sister and brother-in-law who are studying at Moody Bible Institute and travelled with them by car across to Seattle.

We had a bit of a computer disaster – well two actually – Colin's laptop died in the USA, but fortunately everything was backed up in Cape Town. When we got home though, he accidentally reformatted a drive that was not backed up (he thought it was, and was re-organising the backup procedure to make it better. Oh the irony). Many hours of attempting to recover data were only partially successful, and Colin has been mourning the loss of almost all his photos, most of his personal files. His sermons survived though, so he can still preach at you. Everybody say hoorah.



We're also SO looking forward to our first UK visitors, due in November and January. Oh – and we'll have been married a year in October. Scary.

Wishing you all the very best,
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