

An Invitation to the Lit

The 110th season of Colinton Parish Church Literary Society begins at **8.00.pm** on Wednesday 12 January 2022. Our meetings take place in Dreghorn Loan Hall. To locate the Hall, just use our postcode EH13 0DE. Membership costs only £10 for the full programme of 9 meetings, or £3 per meeting for visitors. New members of all ages are assured of a warm welcome. Coffee, tea and wine served from 7.30pm.

- 12 Jan** **Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones** informs us about Jessie Jordan, a Scottish spy who helped precipitate US entry into World War 2.
- 19 Jan** **Margaret Williams** reveals much about Cleopatra.
- 26 Jan** **Sam Orr** performs a gentle musical walk-through of some of Bach's best known works and offers an insight into what truly inspired the world's greatest composer, and why. Bach is one of the most prolific composers in history and everything we listen to today is a legacy of the music he created. How much of an impact did his faith have on his music?
- 02 Feb** **Mike Bullock**, CEO of Northern Lighthouse Board, will speak of its vital safety service to mariners since 1786. The NLB is responsible for the superintendence and management of all lights, buoys and beacons within Scottish and Isle of Man waters. It safeguards lives and property and protects our precious marine environment.
- 09 Feb** **Barclay Price** discusses of his recent book about William Macau, who lived in Edinburgh for 50 years from 1779, and was the first Chinese to settle in Britain.
- 16 Feb** **Alan McLean** raises the very important subject of Scotland's role in slavery by describing the case of the Tumbling Lassie.
- 23Feb** **Fred and Rita Daniels** take us on a journey from Melbourne to Ularu (Ayers's Rock. This will be delivered in Fred's inimitable style with lavish illustrations.
- 02 Mar** **Margaret Collingwood**, a nurse in the First Gulf War, recalls some of the memorable events in her talk entitled "Gasmasks and Lipstick".
- 09 Mar** **AGM** followed by **Ann Lindsay's** talk on Lady MacRobert.