

The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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NOTICES

VESTRY SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

ANNUAL RETURNS





We have now received most annual returns due from Charges, and thanks to Vestry Secretaries and Treasurers for getting them in. **The deadline was 31 January**, and we'd be grateful if those that remain are submitted without further delay.



Although most returns have been submitted to the Diocese, we notice that a significant number of Charges (nearly one-third of the Diocese) have yet to submit their Annual Return to OSCR. The deadline for this is 9 months from your accounting date, so falls between 31 March and 30 June. The details of your annual return and the date when it was filed are publicly displayed on OSCR's website.

Returns not submitted by the due date will receive follow-up action from OSCR, which may have consequences.

One particular consequence is that water providers use the information held by OSCR to verify claims for exemption from water charges. If returns are not up to date, exemption may be lost for the year concerned.

TREASURERS & PROPERTY CONVENORS	BUILDINGS GRANTS <p>The National Churches Trust has awarded Maintenance Grants totalling £40,205 to 19 churches. A new funding stream, supported by the Pilgrim Trust, Maintenance Grants fund projects costing between £2,000 and £10,000 with grants likely to be between £1,000 and £2,500 towards small, urgent maintenance issues or repairs. http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/new-maintenance-grants-help-19-churches</p> <p>As you will know the Heritage Lottery Fund has announced the closure of the GPOW grant scheme, the only publicly funded grant scheme dedicated to major repairs to listed places of worship. Grants for repairs will be made via two other HLF schemes. Full details are on their website at http://www.hrballiance.org.uk/consultations-2/hlf-closure-of-gpow/ which has been extensively updated in the last couple of weeks</p> 
YOUTH & CHILDREN	News from the Youth and Children Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest newsletter is out now: you can find it here. • Booking for the Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond is now open! Application forms can be found here. Please encourage teenagers connected to your church to apply. • The Play Church is continuing on its pilgrimage around the diocese, and is currently in the Borders at St Peter's Peebles for Lent and Easter. A new film featuring the Play Church project has been created by Christian Education Association Scotland: it can be viewed here. Please feel free to share on church websites and social media!
ALL	News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator <p>Into Silence Fridays 1.30 - 3pm at Christ Church Centre, Edinburgh continuing 26 May, 23 June, dates thereafter. A new Adventures in Faith monthly group offering guided stillness and silent prayer. Come occasionally or regularly. Led by spiritual director and counsellor Mollie Paterson. Donations of around £5 on the day. Further enquiries to 07398 954 011 adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</p> 
ALL	Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017 <p>The chosen charities for the lent appeal are St John and The City Defibrillator Project (SC000262) and Collective Calling (Registered NGO 611510). If you require more leaflets, contact Samantha Campbell on 0131 538 7044 bpsec@dioceseofedinburgh.org</p> 
ALL	Jewson's 'Building Better Communities' funding is back for 2017 <p>The building firm are offering regional project prizes of £500 to £10,000 and the top regional project will receive £50,000. You can nominate any community building that is making a difference in your community and needs building support eg: a new roof or other renovation works. You can also nominate your Trade Hero who could win £50,000 to help them complete a community project.</p> <p>To find out more, or to nominate, see https://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk/how-it-works/</p> 

DIARY



Tuesday 9 th May	Finance & Management Committee meets today
Thursday 11 th May	Mission & Ministry Committee meets today
Monday 15 th May	Buildings Committee meets today
Tuesday 16 th May	Newbattle Conference
Monday 22 nd May	DIOCESAN & GENERAL SYNOD OFFICES CLOSED
	Autumn 2017 Synod - evening of Thursday 26 October 2017 <i>Venue confirmed - St Michaels Parish Church, Linlithgow</i>
ADVANCE NOTICE	Saturday 28 October 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. BEING RE-FORMED: A Diocesan Day Conference to celebrate the 500 th anniversary of Martin Luther.

CHANGES



Revd Dr Ken Webb – retires from his Continuing Ministerial Development role and as Rector of Duns w.e.f 30 June 2017.

VACANCIES



None at present



Prayer in the time of Brexit

O God, in a divided nation
facing a challenging and uncertain future,
when many feel vindicated
and others are anxious and afraid;
give to us all the ability to listen to each other,
so that together we may renew the life of our nation
in harmony with our neighbours.
Give to our leaders the wisdom, compassion and justice
to make decisions for the good of all;
and to your church the courage to speak out and offer
a vision of how all the peoples of Europe may flourish.
Amen.

Resurrection

Voskresenije Choir of Saint Petersburg
Conductor: Jurij Maruk
St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

For Autumn in **November 2017** we are planning a – 55 days tour in UK and 14 days in Scotland. We would like to offer you an opportunity to hold our concert in your organisation. The Resurrection Choir of St. Petersburg is also known under the Russian name "Voskresenije" which implies resurrection of Jesus Christ. The collection of music includes Russian sacred and folk music.

The choir consists of 9 talented female and male vocalists who studied at the Conservatory of St. Petersburg. The choir was founded in 1993 by Jurij Maruk and has been performing in Germany, France, Italy, Austria and recently in the UK.

Last year we performed for a range of UK churches including the following:

St. David's Cathedral, Christ Church Ebbw Vale, Blessed Sacrament Church Leicester, Rosslyn Chapel, St. James's Church in Aberdeen and Dornoch Cathedral. The details of how to arrange a concert can be found on our website:

<http://voskresenije.blogspot.com>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apq5AclXPjs>

If you are interested to hold a concert or for any enquires please contact us by email. Looking forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards,

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Growing Together Roadshow

Come and explore together how our churches can grow, change and flourish.

Reflections from Bishop John

Shared Lunch

Celebratory Eucharist

Group Discussion

We want to **hear stories** from your church, and **share good news** about how your church is moving forward.

Join the adventure of Growing Together in the Diocese of Edinburgh

Four different Roadshow locations across the Diocese, choose a venue or date as suits you

Bo'ness

Saturday 27th May
St Catharine's Church

10.30am - 2.30pm
EH51 9AZ

Galashiels

Saturday 24th June
St Peter's Church

10.30am - 3.00pm
TD1 3HS

Haddington

Saturday 1st July
Trinity Centre

10.30am - 2.30pm
EH41 3EX

Edinburgh

Saturday 2nd Sept.
St Peter's, Lutton Place

10.30am - 2.30pm
EH8 9PE

To book a place, or for more details contact:

Edinburgh Diocesan Office

0131 538 7033

growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org





Ways of Praying Course

Have you ever considered that there might be a wide variety of prayer methods? This 4 week course draws on Christian traditions and Eastern Spirituality.

Sundays 4, 11, 18 and 25 June 2017 5:00-6:30pm

Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL

Course Content

Week 1: Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Benedictine)

Week 2: Imaginative Contemplation (Jesuit) Week 3: Daily Examen (Jesuit)

Week 4: Music and Mandala (Eastern Spirituality)

To find out more or to register for *Ways of Praying*, please contact one of the facilitators:

Rev Fiona Bennett minister.auc@gmail.com Dr Nicola Robinson

nicola.a.robinson1@gmail.com

Places are limited, please register as soon as possible and not later than 15 May 2017





“Caring for ourselves in troubled times: A day to rest, reflect and refresh with God and others.”

Join us on Saturday 13th May in the beautiful setting of Cockenzie House, close to Port Seton harbour, for a quiet day of prayer and reflection with God, ourselves and others.

Action in the world, motivated by faith and care for others, takes energy and commitment. It also requires time to look after ourselves: To reconnect with what motivates us, and to rest and refresh ourselves so that we can continue that involvement.

“Caring for ourselves in troubled times” aims to offer time and space to do just that. To:

- step out from the busyness of life and give ourselves time to pause
- notice how we are feeling
- remember why we do what we do, and
- reflect with ourselves and others on what can sustain us in our action.

The day is led by Miriam McHardy of Just Folk. It will offer guided reflections, time to share with others and/or be alone, an opportunity to be creative with arts materials, along with a chance to explore the beautiful grounds of Cockenzie House, or the beach close by.

The day will be of particular interest to people involved in work for justice & peace, social action, education or health and social care, or anyone who needs space and time to rest and refresh.

Saturday 13th May, 10am-4pm

£25/ £20 (conc.) Includes refreshments and lunch. Limited places available.

Place only guaranteed once payment is made. Advance bookings only please. There will be no facility to pay on the day.

Venue: The Willow Room, Cockenzie House & Gardens, 22 Edinburgh Rd, Cockenzie, Port Seton EH32 0HY

Cockenzie House is based in the small seaside town of Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian. It is easily reached from around East Lothian and Edinburgh by public transport with the 26/X26 from Edinburgh (stating Seton Sands) stopping almost at the gate. The nearest railway station is Prestonpans.

For more information, or to book a place, contact: just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk



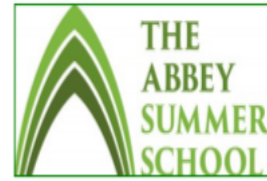
Cockenzie House & Gardens

The Abbey Summer School 2017

Library Course: Reading and Preaching the Old Testament 29 May - 2 June

Chapterhouse: No Man Is an Island 1 - 3 June

Newhaven Church, 7 Craighall Road, Newhaven, Edinburgh



The Abbey Summer School, now in its fourth year, is a venture for people who like to think about their faith. But it is more than just thinking, we aim to reach toward something of the integration of thought and emotion, head and heart, spirituality and theology. In this year's main programme ('No Man Is an Island'), Julie Canlis will help us to explore the Western predicament of individualism, and to see the way in which Christian faith cuts across our individualistic instincts urging us towards relationship and community. New to The Abbey this year is the Library Course, a week of teaching on 'Reading and Preaching the Old Testament' with Prof. Iain Provan (Regent College, Vancouver) that dovetails, at the end of the week, with the Chapterhouse. Open to everyone, this course may be particularly useful for clergy on study leave. Finally, on Thursday 1 June there will be a free evening public lecture in which we screen and host a discussion about *Godspeed*, a short film featuring Rev. Matt Canlis, Eugene Peterson and N.T. Wright that explores the pace of being known in Christ. For more details and registration www.abbeysummerschool.com phone 07803956238 or email info@abbeysummerschool.com

[The Scottish Episcopal Church Welcomes You](#)

A new stock of the *Scottish Episcopal Church Welcomes You* 'Pub' Signs are now available from the General Synod Office at a cost of £55 per sign.

To place an order please contact the Reception desk of the General Synod Office on 0131 225 6357 or email: reception@scotland.anglican.org

**Margaret Silf Retreat May 22-27
at Emmaus House**

INVITED TO EVOLVE

*Led by Margaret Silf, retreat guide and author of "Landmarks",
"The Other Side of Chaos" and many other publications on
Christian spirituality*



**8 day retreatant places available. Suggested daily donation £15
(includes a simple lunch). To book e-mail info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk or
telephone 0131 228 1066**

The story of the caterpillar's metamorphosis into the butterfly is a remarkable model of how an all-consuming garden pest transforms into a creature that brings life to the plants it pollinates and joy to all who encounter it. If this can take place in the humble caterpillar, how much more so for the human family, engaged on a journey of spiritual evolution towards the best that we can become. During this retreat we will explore something of this 'great work' and how we too are in process of transformation, birthing an inner butterfly, and invited to be co-creators of a different kind of future for humanity. The retreat will offer daily talks on the theme of transformation and on ways in which we might personally respond to the invitation to evolve. There will be plenty of opportunity for quiet private reflection and to engage in optional group conversations.

(The retreat is based on the theme of Margaret's new companion books 'Hidden Wings', due to be published June 2017 and 'Growing into Tomorrow – a Workbook for butterflies-in-waiting' to be published in November 2017)



Scottish
Vocal
Ensemble

ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

Ancient & MODERN

The Scottish Vocal Ensemble is an exciting venture, formed in 2015, with the aim of taking high-quality choral performance to all corners of Scotland.

We have performed a wide range of programmes in a number of prestigious venues, including The Palace of Holyroodhouse & Holyroode Abbey, St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh and St John's Kirk in Perth.



Lauridsen
Madrigali 'Six Fire Songs'

Stravinsky
Tres Sacrae Cantiones

Italian Renaissance &
Scottish Medieval works
Conductor: Mark Hindley

St Andrew's Episcopal Church
Belmount Place, Kelso TD5 7JB

6pm - Sunday 28th May 2017

Tickets: £5.00 on the door

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church

Reclaiming Gospel Nonviolence

Exploring the centrality of active nonviolence to Christianity, recent shifts from Just War to Nonviolence, work done in communities around the world, and opportunities to develop nonviolence in Scotland.

Speakers including

Director of FOR USA, a lifelong activist and theologian looking at peace, nonviolence and social justice.



John Dear

General Secretary of IFOR, a Baptist, and witness to nonviolence work in countries riven by civil strife, including South Sudan and Colombia.



Lucas Johnson



For more information please contact : dmumford@phonecoop.coop
Or take a leaflet

14—16 July 2017

St. Mary's Monastery

Kinnoull, Perth, PH2 7BP



The Church of Scotland



EUROPE DAY

9TH OF MAY



CASTLE STREET EDINBURGH

9 MAY 2017 11AM - 3PM

20 country stands

#EuropeDayEdinburgh

#EuropeDay



BIG NOISE GOVANHILL 'A' ORCHESTRA

ROMANIAN FOLK DANCE "BUSUIOCUL"

POLISH FOLK GROUP "GOSCINIEC"

IRISH DANCE GROUP "SIAMSOIR"

STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR



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The River Walk is an invitation to reflect on our faith journey by walking with reflective materials on the wooded path beside the Water of Leith in Edinburgh.

Visit the calm stretches and the rocky rapids, reconnect with the sustenance of the living water which flows in and through us. The Walk is inspired by Margaret Silf's river reflections, developed by Susan Mansfield, creator of the Passion Walk.

Start at Water of Leith Visitor Centre, 24 Lanark Road, any time between 1pm and 3pm on Sunday 18th June. Walk at your own pace with reflections to read or listen to along the way. The River Walk finishes at Stockbridge. In the evening, come and join us for...

An Evening With Margaret Silf

Sunday 18th June, 7.30pm at St James' Church, Goldenacre. Join the acclaimed writer and speaker for talk of rivers and journeys and much more.



To find out more or to book, contact us: 07879 014344 or reflectivewalks@gmail.com. The Walk costs £7, the evening event £5; £10 for both (or pay what you can).

Rural Mental Ill Health – Information for Churches

New research highlights mental ill health issue in rural Scotland

Last year, little was known about how people with mental ill health across rural Scotland experience their day to day lives. In August and September 2016, Support in Mind Scotland joined forces with Scotland's Rural College to carry out a survey which asked people who experience mental ill health to tell us what it's like living in rural Scotland today. Hundreds of people responded, from Galloway to Stornoway and from Berwick to Lerwick. This survey, for the first time, gave people a voice: those experiencing mental health issues told us that connecting locally is really important, and that ordinary links with people in their community play a key role in helping to overcome stigma, isolation and remoteness.

Connecting people in their communities is something that the new **National Rural Mental Health Forum** is seeking to do. Jim Hume, the convenor/manager of the Forum for Support in Mind says:

"The research findings from the rural mental health survey now give us the evidence to help us to tackle mental ill health in rural Scotland. We know that one in four Scots suffer mental ill health at some point in their lives, and now we know that tackling mental ill health in rural Scotland has its own challenges.

Mental ill health can be more difficult to tackle in remoter parts of Scotland, due to isolation, transport issues and stigma. The National Rural Mental Health Forum is in a unique position to help rural communities tackle through the outreach of the rural organisation members of the Forum, the expertise of mental health organisation members and this ground-breaking research.

Mental ill health can be prevented and can be treated, especially with early intervention. The Forum and its members are keen to take action by raising awareness in rural communities and normalising talking about mental ill health."

For further information on the **National Rural Mental Health Forum** please contact Support in Mind Scotland's convenor/manager Jim Hume – jhume@supportinmindscotland.org.uk

For details about the survey findings, please contact Prof Sarah Skerratt at SRUC – sarah.skerratt@sruc.ac.uk

For information about **how rural churches can help** or to **share details of what congregations are already doing** please contact Scottish Churches Rural Group member of the Forum, Rev Lorna Murray – revrat1999@yahoo.com

Lorna Murray

19/4/2017