

# News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh



# 6th April 2017

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# NOTICES 🧳

# VESTRY SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

#### **Annual Forms**

The deadline for return of all annual forms was 31st JANUARY. Can you check the schedule (further on, in this edition), to see which forms are missing?



### **TREASURERS**

### Tax Guide for Clergy & Churches

The Baptist Church has produced a good set of guidance for "Churches and Ministers", covering a wide range of topics, and includes a section on "MINISTER'S TAX RETURN AND CLAIM FOR EXPENSES", which some may find useful. It can be found online at <a href="http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=111382&view=browser">http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=111382&view=browser</a>

# YOUTH & CHILDREN

#### News from the Youth and Children Officer

- The latest newsletter is out now: you can find it <u>here</u>.
- Booking for the Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond is now open! Application forms can be found <a href="here">here</a>. 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 <a href="here">here</a>. Please feel free to share on church websites and social media!

ALL	News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator The Spring programme for Adventures in Faith is now available online here <a href="http://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Newsletter-March-2017-for-web.pdf">http://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Newsletter-March-2017-for-web.pdf</a> Events coming up: Our event 'Embrace of a Wounded World' on 20 May has been CANCELLED due to a change in circumstances of the facilitator. Instead, we are glad to offer a day workshop entitled 'The Miracle of Mindfulness' at St Columba's by the Castle,
	Edinburgh. Details and booking via <a href="www.mindfulness20may.brownpapertickets.com">www.mindfulness20may.brownpapertickets.com</a> or on the Diocesan website. <a href="mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org">adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a>
ALL	Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017 Thank you to all those who suggested possible benificiaries for the Appeal. 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 <a href="mailto:bpsec@dioceseofedinburgh.org">bpsec@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a>
ALL	Graham Forbes' mother died peacefully on Monday 4th April. Her funeral will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 18th April at 12.30pm.  Please hold Graham in your thoughts and prayers.

# DIARY 🗓

Saturday 8 April	Bishop presides at Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow				
Monday 10 April	DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED				
Thursday 13 April	Bishop presides at Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh The Revd Susan Macdonald will be installed as Honorary Canon and Revd Ruth Innes will be installed as Synod Clerk				
	Bishop presides at Maundy Thursday Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral (7.30pm)				
Friday 14 April	DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED (Good Friday)				
	Bishop attends Three Hours Devotion at Christ Church Morningside				
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Bishop presides at Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral				
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED (Easter Monday)				
Tuesday 18th April	Personnel Committee Meeting				
Sunday 23rd April	Bishop preaches and presides at St Peter's Galashiels				
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Information & Communications Committee Meeting				

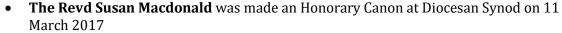


Autumn 2017 Synod - evening of **Thursday 26 October 2017** *Venue to be confirmed* 

ADVANCE NOTICE

**Saturday 28 October 2017** at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. BEING RE-FORMED: A Diocesan Day Conference to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther.

## CHANGES (\*)



- The Revd Ruth Innes was elected Synod Clerk at Diocesan Synod on 11 March 2017
- Mr Godfrey Robson was elected Diocesan Secretary at Diocesan Synod on 11 March 2017

# VACANCIES □□

**Supervision offer from Rev Sandy Young:** Having recently retired from seventeen years working for NHS Lothian as chaplain, lead chaplain, Head of Service Spiritual care and Bereavement Services, I am currently re-training towards becoming a Pastoral supervisor accredited by the Association of Pastoral Supervisors and Educators. As part of my training I need to find a couple of volunteer supervisees, on a free basis to one or two clergy or health workers. Any Pastoral Supervision relationship I begin on a free basis during my training will continue to be offered at no cost as a thank you for the contribution to my training. I attend well to my own self-care with an ongoing therapy relationship and shall be a recipient of Pastoral Supervision throughout my training. I have a PVG membership. If you would like to explore this possibility further, I would be glad to respond further <a href="mailto:sandy.young45@yahoo.com">sandy.young45@yahoo.com</a>

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2016/17									
Charge		Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn		
1.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's		30 Jan 17	12 Dec 16	13 Feb 17	7 Dec 16			
1.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's	01/02/2017		1 Feb 17	4 Jan 17	4 Jan 17	31 Jan 17		
1.13	1.13 EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		30 Nov 16	3 Mar 17	30 Jan 17		30 Jan 17		
1.23	1.23 EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road			3 Mar 17	13 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	3 Mar 17		
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		12 Dec 16	12 Dec 16	10 Jan 17	13 Dec 16			
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				27 Jan 17	20 Jan 17	30 Jan 17		
1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	3 Mar 17	4 Jan 17			
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		7 Dec 16	7 Dec 16	9 Dec 16	20 Jan 17			
1.39	ADDINGTON Holy Trinity 14 Mar 17			7 Dec 16					
1.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's				16 Jan 17	12 Dec 16	16 Jan 17		
1.46	LIVINGSTON	30/01/2017		30 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	30 Jan 17		
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		16 Mar 17	16 Mar 17	12 Jan 17	30 Nov 16			
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel			30 Jan 17		7 Dec 16			
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		31 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	21 Feb 17			
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# From David Palmer & Susan Macdonald

#### Dear Friends

As you know, I retired as Diocesan Secretary and Convener of the Finance & Management Committee at the last Synod. I would like to thank you all for donating so generously to the gift presented to me by Bishop John at the Synod. Alison and I will buy something really special, possibly a picture. Something that will remind us of the many happy days spent contributing to the work and life of the Diocese.

Our move to Leicester to be nearer our children, who all live in the south, will be a great upheaval, but now seems to be the right time to do it, especially as we now have our first grandchild. We plan to visit Edinburgh on a regular basis and we hope to see our many friends when we are back.

Could I once again thank you all for your support, help and friendship over the last 15 years.

Best wishes

## David Palmer

#### Dear Friends

I write with gratitude for the generous cheque I received at Synod to mark my retirement as Dean, but also with gratitude for the time spent working alongside so many colleagues, committees and congregations, not to mention fellow trustees in a number of guises within the Diocese over the past five years. It has been an enormous privilege to serve as Bishop John's first Dean and I enjoyed every minute working alongside him, and wish him and our new Dean, Frances, every blessing as they work together in the future.

### Revd Susan Macdonald

Rector

Christ Church, Morningside

# **GLEN '17**

# at Glenalmond College, Perthshire

Fantastical Beasts "Fearfully and wonderfully made"



Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Week

23rd - 29th July 2017

Glenalmond College, Perthshire Want to do something different this summer? Come & join the fun! The Youth Week is open to anyone in secondary education.

Enjoy a week filled with fun, fellowship, learning, and sharing - not to mention the great activities and workshops!

Download an application form, which includes full details, and for more information:

https://www.facebook.com/secpyc

For more details, please contact your Diocesan Youth Officer, or e-mail The Revd Tembu Rongong rector@stpj.org.uk

https://secpyc.wordpress.com

General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Scottish Charity Number SC015962

# Growing Together

Have you heard about this exciting adventure? *Growing Together* is a journey we are all embarking in the Diocese of Edinburgh to explore and articulate what God is calling us to be and do, at this time for this generation. As church communities we aspire to be faithful followers of Christ in our worship, service and witness, and so with constant change all around it is an opportune time to discern our vision and key priorities to give a clearer focus for the days ahead. Our hope is that this process of *Growing Together* will help us all develop stronger relationships, deeper faith, confident witness, wise stewardship and effective resources.

We are inviting every charge and all members of our diocese, both lay and clergy, to join in this journey. Bishop John will be travelling the Diocese and we would love you to come with others from your church to one of the roadshow events in four different locations. Come and contribute to the discernment of our vision and priorities. We want to reflect together on the adventure so far and listen to your local stories about what is working well in your church. We will spend time in worship and prayer, discussion and lunch. These events will be interactive, fun and inspiring as we discover and celebrate what God is doing amongst us.

Roadshow dates and venues are below and bookings are already open using the special email address - growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Sadly the Edinburgh one has had to change, so more details will be available after Easter. Do keep an eye on the website here - <a href="http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/">http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/</a>

I hope you might be aware that we also have a **Diocesan prayer** and some suggested liturgy resources to encourage us all to be attentive to God in our corporate and private devotions throughout this process. At the Synod the Bishop commended the use of the dismissal in our worship these the coming months. Hard copies of these resources can be posted from the office and they are downloadable in word or pdf from the website to insert into your liturgies - <a href="http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/">http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/</a>

Please do publicise this journey of *Growing Together* as widely as possible to your vestry, congregations and even family and friends. There are be some resources to help with this also on our website, for your magazine and notice sheets.

Like all adventures there will be surprises along the way. How will YOU be involved and inspired?



# WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DYING - A WORKSHOP FOR CLERGY AND PEOPLE IN AUTHORISED MINISTRIES



This day workshop will offer support and tools to enhance confidence in having pastoral conversations about death and dying. Using a model from the field of bereavement to explore emotional, psychological and spiritual responses and building on the experiences of the participants, the day will resource those who attend to go deeper in their pastoral encounters with people who are actively addressing their own mortality.

The day will be facilitated by Rev Canon Dr Marion Chatterley. Marion has extensive experience of working with younger people who are facing their own mortality and has a particular interest in bereavement theory.

The programme assumes a degree of personal sharing and therefore participation is restricted to clergy and others in authorised ministries within the churches.

Date: Wednesday 10 May 2017

Venue: The Grosvenor Hilton Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh Time: Registration from 9.30am – Finish approximately 4.00pm

Cost: £40.00

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

- 10.00 Introduction to the Day (keeping yourself safe/taking risks)
- 10.10 Input on bereavement theory/translation into discussion of diagnosis/change in prognosis/impact of illness in close friends etc
- 10.50 Work on tables emerging from input
- 11.15 BREAK
- 11.30 What gets in the way of conversations about mortality?
- 12.15 Feedback on plenary
- 12.45 LUNCH
- 13.30 Death Café
- 15.15 Closing session
- 15.45 Evaluation sheets and finish

PLACES ARE LIMITED; PLEASE APPLY BY EMAIL TO INFO@FIOP.ORG.UK

PLEASE PROVIDE NAME, CHURCH AND CONTACT DETAILS.

A FULL PROGRAMME WILL BE CIRCULATED ON APPLICATION.

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE Tel: 0131 346 7981

# BOOK SALE & FESTIVAL



The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh EH8 9BX

0131 662 8635 cemc.office@gmail.com



# **Coming Soon!** 13 – 19 May 2017

Love books?
Want to help Christian Aid?

Volunteers needed for the new book sale and festival:

- sifters and sorters
- setter-uppers
- sellers
- welcomers

If you can help, please get in touch - details above.

Thank you!

# CAN YOU HELP?

# CHRISTIAN AID BOOK SALE & FESTIVAL CITY OF EDINBURGH METHODIST CHURCH 13-19 May 2017

Two book sales have been held in Edinburgh during Christian Aid Week every year for more than 40 years - at St Andrew's and St George's West on George Street and at Holy Corner. These have raised a phenomenal amount of money for the work of Christian Aid.

The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church at Nicolson Square is now going to provide a third sale location in the south east of the city. The church is very grateful for the sharing of experience and information by the other book sales and for the enthusiasm and support of Christian Aid Scotland.

At Nicolson Square there will also be **talks and events** running alongside the sale and this will give the week a flavour of a mini book festival. A line-up of authors and speakers is already underway. More information soon!

**Volunteers are needed**: Do you love books? Or know a bit about them? Are you burly and strong?! Are you good at welcoming people?

The roles will include:

- Moving boxes of books
- Sifting, sorting and pricing books
- Being on hand to assist customers
- Manning a stall or a cash desk
- Helping to clear up afterwards

There will be two main collection days at Nicolson Square ahead of the sale:

Friday 17 March (12noon - 2pm); Saturday 18 March (9am - 2pm) Friday 21 April (12noon - 2pm); Saturday 22 April (9am - 2pm)

We ask people, if you can, to START COLLECTING BOOKS NOW AT HOME in preparation for bringing them in. Thank you!

Please get in touch if you can help in any way or would like further information - every bit of help is welcome (even if just for one hour on one of the days).

The book sale and Festival will run from Sat 13 – Friday 19 May with sifting and sorting in the weeks before that.

Contact cemc.communication@gmail.com or telephone 0131 662 8635

City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX



# A Treat for Mind, Body & Spirit

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Spaceforrelaxation & renewal.

I am offering a range of simple practices, to help ease the body, focus the mind & increase Self-awareness - which you can put into practice in your daily life. They are drawn from some of the great traditions & teachings

- Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Non-duality.

Tuesdays 9.45-11.30 am: 28 February – 18 April

At: Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh EH3 9NQ

Thursdays 7.30-9.15 pm: 2 March – 20 April

At: Cowan Road, Edinburgh EH11 1RH

All sessions include a reflective break. There is no requirement to attend weekly, as each one is complete in itself. Cost on a sliding scale from £10 -

£7 per session (as you feel to give).

Please contact me if you are interested in coming along or you have any questions. Should you be unable to attend the above sessions but would like to be contacted regarding future gatherings, please let me know. Tel: 07984007264. Email: suepowell709@hotmail.com

"Fill me with the wine of your silence. Let it soak my every pore. For the inner splendour it reveals is a blessing. It is a blessing." Rumi



20 May 2017, Edinburgh 10am -4pm

# Come and explore

how to inject colour, energy, imagination and creativity into your practice.

An **enlivening and playful** CPD day for counsellors, therapists, supervisors, group facilitators and trainers
to shake things up a bit and awaken new possibilities.

Using visual imagery, objects, music, bodywork and other action methods we'll be exploring how to go beneath the words to **refresh and invigorate** your work with others.

#### Facilitated by:

### **Stephanie Turner**

NHS Dramatherapist and Supervisor in forensic services

#### **Michael Paterson**

Lead Trainer Diploma in Cross-Professional Creative Supervision

**Cost: £70** 

Venue: Broughton St Mary's, Bellevue Crescent,



# 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 our 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

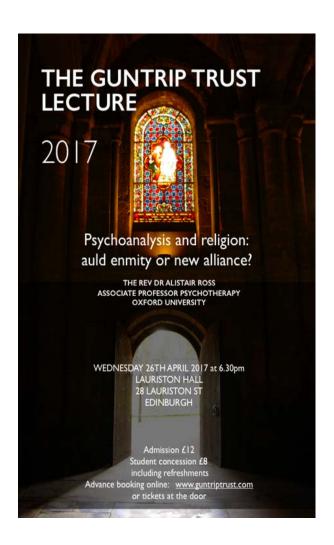
Place only guaranteed once payment is made. Advance bookings only please. There will be no facility to pay on the day.

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

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: <a href="mailto:just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk">just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk</a>





# Sunday Introductions at St Mary's Cathedral Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

All most welcome at any of these introductory talks, held on Sundays in front of the High Altar, 12 noon to 12.45pm

2 April 2017

## Professor Susan Hardman Moore

An Introduction to Luther's Reformation

7 May 2017

#### Professor Stewart J Brown

An Introduction to the Oxford Movement in Scotland

18 June 2017

### Helen Hood TSSF

An Introduction to Franciscan Spirituality

22 October 2017

#### **Revd Andrew Bain**

An Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality

For further information, please email faithandgrowth@gmail.com or phone the Cathedral Office: (0131) 225 6293





# More than meets the eye

Symbol and Allegory in Western Art Lectures by Canon Anne Dyer

2pm – 4pm, Royal Overseas League, Princes Street, Edinburgh

Thursdays 25 May, 1, 15, 22 June 2017

Understanding a painting often involves paying attention to the small details. Through the centuries artists have used, and then reinterpreted, a language of symbol and allegory to add depth to the meaning of pictures. These lectures explore some of the most common symbols used in western art, many from the Christian tradition, as well as exploring some of the stories that were used allegorically to explore real world issues at the time the paintings were produced.

£35 for series / £10 per session. Bursary help available, please enquire. If you have facility please book online by 23 May <a href="https://www.art2017.brownpapertickets.com">www.art2017.brownpapertickets.com</a> or phone Elizabeth White, Adventures in Faith Coordinator 07398 954 011

# Historic Religious Buildings Alliance

a group within the Heritage Alliance



This free newsletter is brought to you with the support of Luke Hughes®, a specialist furniture design studio who have worked with places of worship for over thirty years. For more on their work, including stacking pews and liturgical furniture, visit <a href="https://www.lukehughes.co.uk">www.lukehughes.co.uk</a>.

## HISTORIC RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS ALLIANCE (HRBA)

We send out monthly newsletters. Anyone can sign up to receive their own copy – free – at our website www.hrballiance.org.uk

### **MAJOR CHANGE TO HLF's GRANT SCHEMES**

## **Summary**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) have confirmed today that their dedicated grant programme for major repairs to listed places of worship is to close later this year, with two more rounds of applications before then. The scheme being closed is called the Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) programme.

Churches and other places of worship will still be able to apply for lottery money using two other existing HLF grant programmes. We understand a targeted minimum spend will be set aside for places of worship applying for these two schemes. The schemes are called Our Heritage and Heritage Grants.

Our view is that cancelling the GPOW grant scheme is a retrograde step. It is the only grant

scheme using public money which is designed especially for, and dedicated to, major repairs to listed places of worship. It is hard to overstate the importance that the GPOW programme and its predecessors have had in supporting historic religious buildings.

We are particular disappointed at the lack of consultation.

However we also believe that, going forward, places of worship should now make the most of the other HLF grant schemes available to them for carrying out repairs, and for other purposes. (And there are two more rounds of GPOW available before closure.)

Given the importance of this change, please think about forwarding this email to other people who need to know (you can use the 'forward to a friend' button at the bottom of the page).

None of this affects the government's grant scheme for reimbursing expenditure on VAT (called the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme).

## More details if you need them

A page on our website gives further details under three headings:

- 1. How to seek a repair grant from the HLF going forward
- 2. The wider view
- 3. How to influence the course of events

# Passing the Baton Befriending Training



## Transforming lives through friendship

Bethany Christian Trust invites you to two consecutive inspiring training evenings which will equip you towards build meaningful friendships with people who are facing loneliness and Isolation in our communities. These training evenings are open to Church members who want to be good friends and build purposeful relationships in society.

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." Mother Teresa

## **Passing the Baton Training Evenings**

Venue: Bethany Christian Trust, 65 Bonnington Road, Edinburgh, EH6 5JQ

Join us at 6.30pm for a free buffet tea followed by an inspirational evening of learning, encouragement and information to develop your important role as a Befriender in the community.

### Tuesday 9th May 2017, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)

- Why is friendship important?
- What is transactional analyses?
- Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?

### Tuesday 16th May 2017, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 2)

- What makes a good conversation?
- Listening for people's hopes and skills
- Helping people to achieve their goals

Book your place today online at Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-32432327966

**Email us on** ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com. **Ring or text** us on 07969 771659 Follow us on twitter @Befriending\_BCT

You can make a difference in the lives of lonely people by becoming a volunteer Befriender







