

# The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

### SYNOD: HOUSE OF CLERGY

#### GENERAL SYNOD MEMBERSHIP

On Saturday, at Diocesan Synod, the elections to General Synod take place. There are TWO vacancies, and we have received nominations for FIVE members of clergy. We therefore need to hold a ballot. Biographies of the candidates will be available on each table, on Saturday.

Voting papers will be handed to you when you sign in on Saturday. We need to be very careful with all this so you MUST sign in, to receive your voting slip. Once the meeting has started, the signing-in sheets will be packed away, and there will be boxes on the stage for you to put your voting slips into. *Thank you for your cooperation*

### VESTRY SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

#### Annual Forms

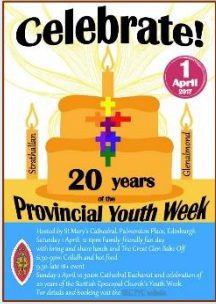

The deadline for return of all annual forms was **31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**. Can you check the schedule (*further on, in this edition*), to see which forms are missing?



#### Church Roof Alarms – Grants Available

The Allchurches will give a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of an alarm or protection system approved by the church's insurer (whoever that may be), and in return, the vestry must commit to maintaining the system for five years. Funds are limited and the closing date for applications is 31 March 2017 so they are encouraging places of worship to apply as soon as possible. Please note that they would normally expect works funded with the help of a grant under this scheme to be completed by 31 December 2017, though in exceptional circumstances they may agree to an extension to this.

<http://www.allchurches.co.uk/news/roof-protection-scheme/index.aspx>

<p><b>TREASURERS</b></p>	<p><b>Tax Guide for Clergy &amp; Churches</b> 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&amp;view=browser">http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=111382&amp;view=browser</a></p>
<p><b>YOUTH &amp; CHILDREN</b></p>	<p><b>News from the Youth and Children Officer</b> Celebrating 20 years of the Provincial Youth Week at Strathallan and Glenalmond. A weekend of Provincial celebrations to mark this anniversary is planned for 1-2 April 2017, and will be hosted by St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh. All current and former delegates and leaders, their families, friends and supporters are welcome: event details and booking information *now available* here: <a href="https://secpyc.wordpress.com">https://secpyc.wordpress.com</a> Churches are encouraged to display this poster: <a href="https://secpyc.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/glen-celebration-poster.pdf">https://secpyc.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/glen-celebration-poster.pdf</a></p> <p>Claire Benton-Evans, Diocesan Youth and Children Officer e-mail: <a href="mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org">youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a> Office line: 0131 346 9081 Work mobile: 0747 372 8148</p> 
<p><b>ALL</b></p>	<p><b>News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator</b> 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></p> <p><b>Distribution:</b> We will be distributing copies of both The Edge and Adventures in Faith newsletter at Synod but these will <i>not</i> be packaged up - we simply ask that you take copies from your table. We don't mind if more than one person from each church takes a bundle but we are reliant on you to take them to your area - do please bring a bag on Saturday!</p> <p>Events coming up: <b>Church Gardens</b> Tuesday 14 March 10.30 - 12noon at the Diocesan Office Adventures in Faith has contact with three churches who wish to explore the use of their gardens for the spiritual wellbeing of the communities both within and beyond their walls. If you would like to join them for a networking meeting please come along on that date. <b>Into Silence</b> starting 24 March, 21 April, 26 May, 23 June, dates thereafter. Fridays 1.30 - 3pm at Christ Church Centre, Edinburgh. A new 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 0131 346 9081 <a href="mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org">adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a></p>
<p><b>ALL</b></p>	<p><b>Diocesan Office Staff Changes</b> Elizabeth White has stepped down as Administrative Assistant at the Diocesan Office in order to focus on coordinating Adventures in Faith, and her Spiritual Direction and Pastoral Supervision work. Elizabeth’s temporary replacement is Ann Rae – <a href="mailto:arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org">arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a> 0131 346 9081</p> 

<p><b>ALL</b></p>	<p><b>Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017</b></p> <p>Thank you to all those who suggested possible beneficiaries 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). The leaflet will be printed soon, and more details will be provided at Diocesan Synod.</p> <div data-bbox="1034 152 1449 241" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><b>TREASURERS</b></p>	<p><b>Allchurches Trust Limited: Roof Protection Scheme grants</b></p> <p>This is a special scheme, which we established this year for churches who face a particularly high risk of metal theft. This scheme was initially by invitation only and was towards the cost of an alarm/protection system approved by their insurer (whoever that may be), but requiring a commitment by the vestry to maintain the system for a minimum of five years.</p> <p>Allchurches Trust has opened the scheme more widely to any church wishing to apply for a grant through it. The conditions remain the same. However, the grant potentially available to any churches not on our original 'at particularly high risk' list is for the lesser amount of £1000.</p> <p>Though there has already been an encouraging take-up of grants available under this scheme, we are writing to you now to highlight its wider availability, and to advise you that the closing date for receipt of applications has, for the time being, been extended to <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b>, though this will be kept under review in the light of take-up and available funds. Churches wishing to know more can access further information and a downloadable simple application form on a dedicated page on our website: <a href="http://www.allchurches.co.uk/news/roof-protection-scheme">http://www.allchurches.co.uk/news/roof-protection-scheme</a>.</p> <div data-bbox="343 936 614 1120" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Completed applications, and any queries, should be sent to the dedicated e-mail address for the scheme: <a href="mailto:rps@allchurches.co.uk">rps@allchurches.co.uk</a>, and we would urge any parishes wishing to apply for a grant to do so as soon as possible. We aim to give a response to all applications within one month of receipt, and would normally expect works funded with the help of a grant under this scheme to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, though in exceptional circumstances we may agree to an extension to this.</p> <p>Jeremy Noles, Grants Officer - Allchurches Trust Limited  Office: 01206 866019  Mobile: 07748 761191  <a href="mailto:jeremy.noles@allchurches.co.uk">jeremy.noles@allchurches.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.allchurches.co.uk">www.allchurches.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>ALL</b></p>	<p><b>News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission Fascinating Statistics!</b></p> <p>One of the essential foundations for discerning and developing appropriate engagement with our communities, is to understand more about the people we live amongst. Did you know that the Church of Scotland has a fabulous resource on their website which gives an incredible breakdown of the demographics of every one of their parishes? It can be found through the church finder option on their home page: <a href="http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/">http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/</a> where you can type in your church postcode which brings up a list of the parishes nearby. Choose which one is closest (or which matches your area best), click on the church profile and contact option, then scroll down to see a parish statistics option. It gives a fascinating summary of the 2011 Census statistics for your area, an invaluable resource to inform and shape mission. More details from Annie Naish at <a href="mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org">mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a> or 0131 346 9089</p> <div data-bbox="1117 1550 1460 1796" data-label="Image"> </div>

ALL	<p><b>The Edge</b> - the next article in the "Meet the..." series will feature lay members of our congregations who are published writers, whether of fiction, non-fiction, poetry or journalism. If you yourself would be willing to be interviewed or you know someone who might be, please contact David Warnes at <a href="mailto:warnesdavid@googlemail.com">warnesdavid@googlemail.com</a></p>
ALL	<p><b>Colin Heggie, Diocesan Registrar</b>, is moving office and has a number of items of furniture (<i>see below</i>) he no longer needs, which he is happy to donate to anyone interested if they will collect. They are corner desk, small table, small drawers unit, 2 metal filing cabinets and 3 chairs (see photos) and are available around 21 April. If anyone is interested please contact him on 0131 226 1970 or 0777 911 8952, 6 Hill Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3JZ.</p>



Saturday 11 March	Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St Georges, Edinburgh
Monday 13 March	Diocesan Buildings Committee meets today
Thursday 16 March	Diocesan Mission & Ministry Committee meets today
FEBRUARY	 During February <b>Play Church</b> will be at: St Mark's Portobello
	Autumn 2017 Synod - evening of <b>Thursday 26 October 2017</b> <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
ADVANCE NOTICE	<b>Saturday 28 October 2017</b> at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. <b>BEING RE-FORMED:</b> A Diocesan Day Conference to celebrate the 500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther.

- The Revd Patrick Duncan died on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February



## Scottish Episcopal Church



### Digital Communications Co-ordinator (part-time)

The Scottish Episcopal Church seeks to appoint a part-time Digital Communications Co-ordinator (15 hours per week) initially for one year. The role involves working with the Director of Communications in the co-ordination, development and delivery of all digital communication and to assess and identify social media opportunities.

The normal place of work will be the post-holder's home but attendance at meetings at the General Synod Office will be required from time to time as will attendance at the annual meeting of the General Synod.

Candidates applying for the post will have:

- Experience in the use of information and communications technology and commonly used IT applications, including Wordpress and Mailchimp and experience of using a range of social media channels within a professional environment
- An ability to take initiative and work independently within agreed parameters.
- Good self-management, decision making, and organisational skills
- A logical, systematic and innovative approach to challenges and opportunities

Application pack available from: [www.goodmoves.org.uk](http://www.goodmoves.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Friday 31 March 2017

Interview date: Tuesday 25 April 2017, in Edinburgh



## Trustee Advert

Our mission is 'Caring for Seafarers around the world'. We are a leading Christian voluntary organisation linked to the Scottish Episcopal Church working with Seafarers of all nationalities and religions throughout Scotland.

If you would like to use your skills and experience at Board/Trustee level to help us help seafarers, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

### Trustees

We are looking for committed individuals to expand the range of Trustee skills as well as to consolidate existing skills with an eye to succession planning. We require dynamic and motivated people who are sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the Mission to Seafarers Scotland to fulfill these voluntary duties. We expect Trustees to contribute actively to the Board by giving

strategic direction; setting overall policy; defining goals and setting targets; evaluating performance; ensuring the charity's effective and efficient administration and financial stability.

We want to have a wide range of people on the Board, and seek to be representative of the diverse population of Seafarers who visit our Scottish ports. There is no need to have trustee experience to apply. An interest in supporting seafarers is necessary.

In addition, on the basis of a recent skills audit, we are looking for someone with marketing or volunteer recruitment skills, to deepen our expertise in that area.

Trustees are expected to

- attend up to seven meetings a year and an annual planning day;
- get involved in support work including fixed term projects;
- contribute advice and support on an ad hoc basis; and
- attend events.

All reasonable travel and out of pocket expenses will be paid.

**How to apply:** If you would like to express your interest in this position, please email [timothy.tunley@mtsmail.org](mailto:timothy.tunley@mtsmail.org) and we will forward an application.

## **The Murrayfield Club is looking for new trustees. Might this be YOU?**

The Murrayfield Dementia Project is run ecumenically by the three churches in Murrayfield. The Club, as it is known, seeks to provide a safe and happy environment for those over 65 living with a degree of dementia or who are socially isolated due to frailty or age. The Club is funded by the Edinburgh City Council and local donations and employs four workers to provide for the needs of its members. It also has many volunteers from the local churches and community who all seek to make the Club an enjoyable place to be. The Trustee Board is looking for new trustees.



Do you have Human Resource management skills or other trustee experience that you might be willing to share with us? If so please contact the Rev'd Canon Dean Fostekew Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd on [therector@uwclub.net](mailto:therector@uwclub.net) For more information on the Club see: [www.mct.org.uk](http://www.mct.org.uk)

## Mission in Scotland Day Conference

Come and discover what is happening in mission across our nation at an exciting day conference for all interested. A bargain at £10!

**Exploring Mission in Scotland Today**, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm, Stirling Baptist Church. More details from Annie Naish at [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org) or 0131 346 9089 or on Eventbrite here:

 **Theology in Scotland**



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
School of Divinity



Scottish School of Christian Mission

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-mission-in-scotland-today-tickets-28728256990?utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=order\\_confirmation\\_email&utm\\_term=eventname&ref=eemailordconf](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-mission-in-scotland-today-tickets-28728256990?utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=order_confirmation_email&utm_term=eventname&ref=eemailordconf)

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### Water in the Desert - A Quiet Day for Lent

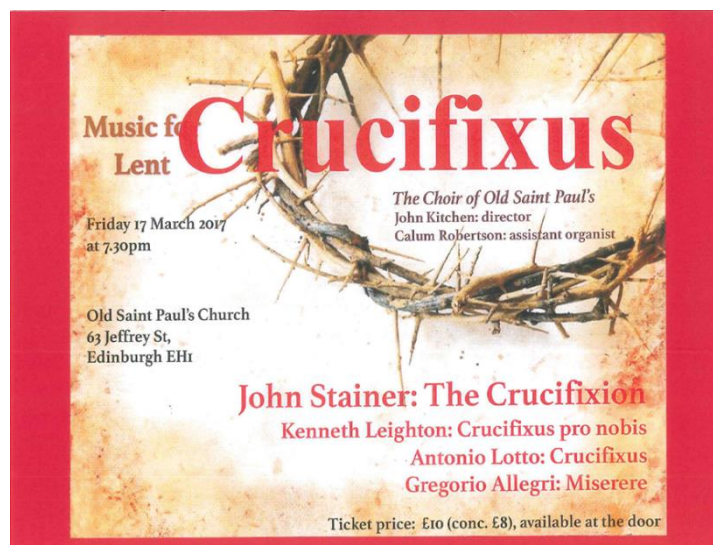
Saturday 18th March

Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh, 10am-4pm

During Lent, we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. This Quiet Day looks at where we find sustenance in the dry places in our own lives, how we refuel, repair, and even grow, and how we connect with a God who wants to see the desert filled with streams of water.

The day will be facilitated by Susan Mansfield, who is trained in reflective spirituality with the Epiphany Group in Edinburgh and Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. There will be a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, with a chance to rest, reflect and be creative. Cost £30 (£20 concession or pay what you can) includes lunch and coffee & cake. To book a place, email [wordsmansfield@gmail.com](mailto:wordsmansfield@gmail.com) or call 07803 620038. Please consider booking by Friday 3rd March if possible.

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# THE GUNTRIP TRUST LECTURE

2017

Psychoanalysis and religion:  
ould enmity or new alliance?

THE REV DR ALISTAIR ROSS  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PSYCHOTHERAPY  
OXFORD UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017 at 6.30pm  
LAURISTON HALL  
28 LAURISTON ST  
EDINBURGH

Admission £12  
Student concession £8  
including refreshments  
Advance booking online: [www.guntriptrust.com](http://www.guntriptrust.com)  
or tickets at the door



## **LGBTI family and friends**

Are you the parent or sibling or close loved one of someone who identifies as LGBTI? Would you like the opportunity to discuss faith and sexuality?

We know that church doesn't always feel like a safe space to talk about our children and their partners. We recognise how challenging it can be to hear discussions in church which are not inclusive.

Join us at Emmaus House on April 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 13:00 (coffee and scones from 9:45) to share our reflections and experiences in a safe and supportive space.

The morning will be facilitated by Marion Chatterley and Andrew Bain. Marion has exercised much of her ministry has been amongst people who identify as LGBTI and she is the parent of a daughter who is in a same sex relationship. Andrew is Chaplain to Emmaus House.

Suggesting offering for the session: £25

To book a place please email: [info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk)

or phone 0131 228 1066

Emmaus House. 14 Gilmore Place. Edinburgh.

### **Pithead Time for Pastors\***

Small group reflective practice open to all in ordained ministry

Thursdays 3 - 4.30pm 30 March, 27 April, 25 May, 29 June in north Edinburgh

*"British miners in the 1920s fought for what was termed 'pit-head' time - the right to wash off the grime of the work in the boss's time, rather than take it home with them. Supervision is the equivalent for those who work at the coalface of personal distress, disease and fragmentation."*

Hawkins & Shoet

As supervision - or reflective practice - this group will offer a mixture of conversation and creative approaches to support vocation, explore tricky encounters and re-energise vision. The option to use objects and images in our time can aid confidentiality in a group whose paths may cross in other contexts, being less reliant on story or detail. The group is open to Rectors, Ministers, Priests, Chaplains etc who work at the Coalface of ministry; I would encourage you to see this group as clearly part of work time and to seek expenses for the cost. Group of 3 or 4 people, £30 per session. You are greatly encouraged to come to all dates; we will contract around this at the first group. 4 sessions, then the choice to stay or leave with new people joining as space allows for another block of 4 dates. Early bird rate of £110 if paid in full by 2nd March. Please book by emailing [reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk)

(\*thanks to M.Bazely & R.Layzell for the use of their chapter title in Enriching Ministry ed. Paterson & Rose)

Elizabeth White is a spiritual director, trainer and pastoral supervisor. Informal enquiries welcome.

For general information [www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/supervision](http://www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/supervision)

### **Colour and Courage**

A reflective practice group for people from a variety of working and caring backgrounds

Using a mixture of conversation and creative approaches here is an opportunity to re-energise vision for work, explore tricky encounters and refresh courage and compassion towards both yourself and those with whom you work. Open to people from a variety of backgrounds e.g. NHS and social workers, teachers, alternative therapists, charity workers, spiritual directors, volunteers, anyone in caring and helping roles or organisations etc. We will create the space between us using images, objects, action and 'soulful seeing' to go 'behind the scenes, beneath the words' in search of focus, support, and re-equipping.

Fridays 3 March, 7 April, 26 May, 30 June 7.15 - 9.15pm

St Philip's Church, corner Logie Green Road/Broughton Road, Canonmills, Edinburgh

The group will be between 3 and 6 people. Cost £30 per session with a commitment across these 4 dates, then the choice to stay or leave with new folk joining as space allows for another block of 4. Early bird rate £110 for 4 sessions if paid in full by 6th February. To aid the group process you are greatly encouraged to come to all dates. If you know at the time of booking that you need to miss one date you will not be charged for this, thereafter the commitment of £30 is to all dates. Please book by emailing [reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk)

Elizabeth White is a spiritual director, trainer and pastoral supervisor. Informal enquiries welcome.

For further information [www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/supervision](http://www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/supervision)



## Play & Pray



No space or time to pray?

How do I help my child discover prayer,  
whilst also finding nurture myself?

The ever-popular 6-week interactive series  
on consecutive Monday mornings

10.30am til 12noon

for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers:

6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March, and  
3rd and 10th April 2017

at St Ninian's Episcopal Church,  
40 Comely Bank, Edinburgh, EH4 1AG

For a booking form please email, [rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk)

[www.playandpray.net](http://www.playandpray.net)

The series cost is £30 per family, to include a tea/juice break.

Alternatively a family can pay £5 when they come each week.

Maximum 10 families.

Organised by The Epiphany Group, an ecumenical body of  
men and women offering spiritual accompaniment, training in  
spiritual direction and retreats. It is formed in the  
spirituality of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

**EPIPHANY GROUP**  
rooted in the Ignatian tradition

## 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

12 February 2017

**Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ**

*An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality*

5 March 2017

**Sharon Laidlaw, Epiphany Group**

*An Introduction to Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living*

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*

4 June 2017

**Helen Hood TSSF**

*An Introduction to Franciscan Spirituality*

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



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Could  
**YOU**  
make the  
**STONES**  
SPEAK?



If you are aged 18–30,  
free for 3 weeks or more this summer, and  
would like to work as a tour guide in a  
European cathedral, living in an international  
community of young volunteers, visit  
[www.encounterarc.org.uk](http://www.encounterarc.org.uk)

**ARC UK** (registered charity 1111651) is an ecumenical association of young people. Volunteers  
participate in summer projects, offering guided tours of European cathedrals in their native  
language. For more details, visit [www.encounterarc.org.uk](http://www.encounterarc.org.uk) or contact Charley at  
[arcukrecruit@gmail.com](mailto:arcukrecruit@gmail.com)

Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Lent through a Lens: Film and Faith



St Mary's Cathedral and  
Palmerston Place Church  
invite you to join them this  
Lent for a series of evening  
reflections on faith through  
the medium of film.

Opening Illustrated Lecture

Tuesday 28 February (Shrove Tuesday)

Professor Jolyon Mitchell

Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues

University of Edinburgh

7.30pm (tea/coffee available from 7pm)

Wednesdays 8, 15 & 29 March

Film Showings and Discussion

Prompt 7pm start

All meetings in

Palmerston Place Church

Edinburgh EH12 5AA

(Disabled access via ramp to left of Church steps)

For more information please email: [ecumenical@cathedral.net](mailto:ecumenical@cathedral.net)  
or telephone 225 6293 (Cathedral) / 220 1690 (Church Office)



'I Knew A Man' is based on the book of Isaiah and the 23rd Psalm. The performance is mainly choral, but includes elements of narration. The duration of the play is approximately one hour.

The narrative is spoken by the Roman Soldier who stood at the foot of the Cross holding the robe Jesus wore....he tells the story of each person, starting with Mary the Mother of Jesus and all the events that took place that day.

This play by Jeanne Sowinski is being rehearsed and performed by local churches together for Easter 2017.

**If you would like to sing and take part in the production**, an initial meeting for anyone interested (where the play will be explained and auditions for different parts will take place) will be on **Sunday 26th February @ 2.30pm at St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church**, Westgarth Avenue, Colinton, EH13 0BB.

Rehearsals will take place each Sunday during Lent (6 weeks) and will build up to the following **performances** during Holy Week:

<b>Good Friday</b> (14 <sup>th</sup> April)	St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton @ 2.00pm Colinton Parish Church of Scotland @ 7.00pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> April)	All Nations Christian Fellowship, Oxbgangs @ 11am

*There will be a retiring offering at all performances  
in aid of Our Neighbours Zimbabwe, which is a partner of the  
British-registered charity SALT UK (Charity No. 1163009).*