# The Communicant

## News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh



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## NOTICES 🧳

#### ALL BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

I am delighted to announce the appointment of our first Bishop's Enabler of Mission. The Revd Annie Naish will begin work in late September and we plan to commission her formally at our autumn Synod on 3rd November.

Annie has been Missioner to the Lee Abbey Movement since 2011. She was ordained in Norwich Diocese and following her curacy there she served as Ecumenical Mission Enabler in Bath & Wells. She has a range of interests including, I believe, scuba diving!

As you know, the appointment of a Mission Enabler is a key part of our mission strategy for the diocese and a vital support to me as a leader in mission. Annie brings both relevant experience and personal gifts to this exciting task. She will work with congregations and equip others to do so as we respond to the call to share God's mission in the places we serve. I am very much looking forward to welcoming Annie back to the city of her birth and working with her in the service of Christ.

+ John

#### **ALL**

#### News from the Youth and Children Officer

You can find the latest Youth and Children Newsletter here [http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/youth-and-children-newsletter/]. This edition features:

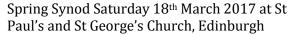
- Alpha Youth Film Series #inviteageneration
- **Play Church** latest news
- **Seen And Heard** Children's Ministry Conference
- **Children's design competition** win an ice cream maker!



#### **Synod Dates for your Diary**



Autumn Synod Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 from 5.30pm at Plamerston Place Church, Edinburgh





ALL The Edge magazine and Adventures in Faith newsletter are now available online.

Printed copies for charges will be distributed **next week** to your HUB. If there are any changes to the number of copies required, or to your choice of HUB, please let Elizabeth White know this week <a href="mailto:ewhite@dioceseofedinburgh.org">ewhite@dioceseofedinburgh.org</a> You will receive an email



reminder once your allocation has been sent out. If you are able to arrange for your sides-people or 'welcomers' to offer copies as folk arrive for services this would be much appreciated.

ALL **Edinburgh Interfaith Association** is pleased to announce the **#Unite4Ramadan** initiative.

If you would like to show your support and solidarity with the Muslim community why not join them – and Bishop John – and pledge to fast for one day during the month of Ramadan. Bishop John's message of support:

I wish the Muslim community well this year as



they embark on Ramadan. At a time when Islamophobia is rife and many of my Muslim friends feel under threat I want to offer them my support. Therefore, I shall fast for one day during Ramadan this year. Fasting, of course, has a long history in Christian as well as Islamic tradition. It is an opportunity to grow in understanding of our dependence on God, from whom all good things come, and perhaps to discover in a small way what life is like for those who lack basic necessities such as food. Our two faiths also encourage us to give to those in need. I am looking forward to exploring with the people of Islam things we share in common and I invite others to join me in #Unity4Ramadan.

### +John Armes

#### Bishop of Edinburgh

The #Unite4Ramadan project aims to encourage better understanding of the peaceful message of Islam and give insight into why Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan. Fasting is practiced traditionally in many of the world faiths and spiritual traditions and can encourage a quieting of the spirit, interior contemplation, empathy for those less fortunate and giving praise and thanks.

For more information visit Facebook or email info@eifa.org.uk

Bishop John hopes to fast on either  $21^{st}$  or  $22^{nd}$  June – please 'like' our Diocesan Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh</u> for updates!

#### ALL

#### **Information and Communications**

As many of you will be aware, Gillian McKinnon has been employed for the last year as a Communications Co-ordinator for the Diocese. She has done amazing work streamlining some of our systems, building websites for individual charges, helping the committee in its long term strategic planning, being a resource for other committees wishing to communicate important ideas and especially in the last few months, rebuilding from scratch the diocesan website - amongst many other things. The contract was for 8 hours a week, and it has been unbelievable what she has achieved in those 8 hours.

Gillian decided not to reapply for the contract when it came up for renewal this year, and I want to take the opportunity to thank her enormously for all she has done this year as we've moved into a new phase of communications. Thankfully, Gillian will still be on board with I&C as she will continue as editor of the Edge magazine.

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We have awarded the contract to Sian Harris who runs her own design company. She will start in mid-July and I am very much looking forward to working with her. In the meantime, we will have a hiatus in the communications role, please bear with us during this time.

As you will see Gillian's main work recently has been the rebuilding of the website. I hope you are enjoying the new simplified version. There are many things that we have not moved over to the new site for a number of reasons, and there is clearly a lot of editing of text still to do. Thank you to all those who have let us know of mistakes and inconsistencies. Please bear with us as we correct, and let us know what else would be important on the website.

Sophia Marriage, I&C Convenor

## YOUTH & CHILDREN



#### **Brilliant Banner Competition**

Play Church could be coming soon to a church near you... It's a child-sized church especially for children, and it needs a beautiful banner to hang above the altar. This summer sees a **competition for under 18s** to design this banner. Things to think about when designing:

**COLOUR** - make it bright and beautiful!

**SHAPES** - think about Christian symbols and what you want your design to say about welcoming children to church. Google 'church hangings' for ideas but be original!

**SIZE** - remember that the winning design will be sewn in fabric and will be seen in big church buildings: make it big, bold and not too fiddly! The hanging will be 1m tall and 80cm wide, so designs should be on A4 paper and measure 20cm x 16cm. Please encourage children in your church to enter – they could win an ice cream maker and the chance to see their design, sewn in fabric, in pride of place above the Play Church altar. Closing date: 1st September 2016. More info and submissions

vouthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Office direct line: 0131 346 9081

Work mobile: 0747 372 8148

SEE FULL POSTER IN 'NOTICES' BELOW

#### **Sunday Parking**

At the Transport Committee meeting of Edinburgh Council this morning, there was a substantial presence from various city centre churches, and Richard Frazer of Greyfriars spoke well regarding the work that these churches do and the social capital it generates. By a substantial majority the Council agreed that Sunday parking restrictions be introduced but to take effect no earlier from 12.30 pm. This is not the 1pm that we had thought we were going to get, but it was made clear that when the proposals are implemented, which will not be until 2018, there will be scope to commence the restrictions later than 12.30pm (but not before that time). It was clear that a number of the members of the Committee favoured 1 pm.

The position is therefore not quite as good as we had been led to believe was likely, but at least city centre parking charges and restrictions on Sunday before

least city centre parking charges and restrictions on Sunday before 12.30pm have been ruled out, for the next few years at any rate.

Kind regards

Colin A Heggie, Diocesan Registrar

#### ALL Think, Pray, Vote: EU Referendum resources for churches

The **Church in Society Committee** of the Scottish Episcopal Church commends the resources *Think, Pray, Vote* produced by the Joint Public Issues Team (Baptist Church, Church of Scotland, Methodist Church, United Reformed Church) with the support of the Scottish Churches' Parliamentary Office (SCPO). *Think, Pray, Vote* has been prepared to enable Christians to reflect thoughtfully and prayerfully on the issues involved and can be used for conversations with groups or for personal reflection.

It explores issues that surround the referendum, such as sovereignty, the single market, freedom of movement and the environment. It provides information, opportunity for theological reflection and different perspectives from Christians on how they may vote and is available from the JPIT website: <a href="www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/eu-referendum">www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/eu-referendum</a> or to download from the SCPO website at <a href="http://bit.ly/1W1D9mi">http://bit.ly/1W1D9mi</a>

Also, **The Irish Council of Churches** has produced this resource re the EU Referendum which may be of interest.

http://www.irishchurches.org/cmsfiles/resources/Euro-Affairs-Doc-Email.pdf

# RECTORS & VESTRY SECRETARIES

#### APPOINTMENT OF PVG COORDINATORS

This is just a reminder, but all PVG Coordinators appointed by vestries MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BISHOP. You can send those recommendations to the Diocesan Office and, if approved, you will get a formal letter enabling you to confirm the appointment. The Provincial Protection Officer has become aware of Coordinators being appointed without that approval. There is a guidance document "Appointment"



of PVG Co-ordinators" on the Province website, which explains the process for you: http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/safeguarding/

#### ALL Support for transgender people, their partners and families

The Beaumont Society has been supporting transgender people, their partners and families for 50 years. It would like to make church leaders aware of the resources and



support it can offer, having found that those who need help or advice about gender identity and transition often turn to their minister for help. The Beaumont Society can provide information, a listening ear and impartial support. More details can be found on the website <a href="https://www.beaumontsociety.org.uk">www.beaumontsociety.org.uk</a>

#### ALL For charges who use WORD PRESS WEBSITES

WordPress 4.5.2 Security Release. Word Press say: "This is a security release for all previous versions and we strongly encourage you to update your sites immediately." To update, log in to your Word Press Site and follow the instructions in the Dashboard.

ALL **RIP Revd David Maybury** died on Saturday 28th May, with his family by his side. His funeral will take place at St Cuthbert's Church in Hawick on Monday 13 June at 11.00 followed by the committal at the Crematorium in Melrose at 13.00 with refreshments after, nearby. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.* 

#### ALT/LAY REPS, & PEOPLES WARDENS

#### **Adventures in Faith Summer OPEN Events**

Adventures in Faith wishes to strengthen connections with **Alt/Lay Reps, Peoples' Wardens** and anyone else who would like to champion adult learning within your own church. If this is you, come along to:

- A short presentation on Adventures in Faith
- News on Mission and Learning in the Diocese
- A chance to share *your* hopes and ideas
- Meet other Lay Reps / Peoples' Wardens
- Find out how you can be an area link
- Tea and cake in the Diocesan Office

Thursday 28 July 7.30 - 9pm

or Thursday 4 August 3 - 4.30pm

Do let Elizabeth White know if you hope to come along

adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

0131 346 9081 or 07398 954011



#### **Edinburgh Servers' Group**

A note from Sheena Liddell:

"It has been agreed to put the Edinburgh Servers' Group into dormant status. We do understand that people have a finite amount of time and many calls upon it so our numbers have been low. However we are thinking positively and will look again at providing something for our Edinburgh Servers in a couple of years' time. In the meantime I would draw your attention to the Scottish Guild of Servers Annual Festival which will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Saturday 3 September 2016 at 1.30 pm. It is a very long time since the Festival was held in the Cathedral and it would be wonderful to see you there."

## DIARY 1

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	General Synod takes place at St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	The Buildings Committee meets today
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	The Ministry Development Service meets today
Sunday 19th June	The Bishop presides at confirmations at St Mary's, Grangemouth and St Catherine's, Bo'ness
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	The Diocesan Mission and Ministry committee meets today



## CHANGES 😚

- Very Revd Jim Mein, Interim Pastor, Christ Church Falkirk w.e.f 2nd June 2016
- As the need for a fax line at the Diocesan Office is no longer relevant, it is being discontinued from 3 June 2016. Therefore, please remove any entries you might have for that number 0131 538 7088 in your own lists or publications

## Area Rector, Linked charges of St Peter, Galashiels and St John the Evangelist, Selkirk

The Vestries of the Linked charges of St Peter, Galashiels and St John the Evangelist, Selkirk wish to appoint a half-time Area Rector.

Further information about the two charges can be found on the website for St Peter's and St John's.

Church profiles, further information and application forms can be obtained from Mrs Felicity Burrows by emailing <a href="mailto:felicity.burrows@btinternet.com">felicity.burrows@btinternet.com</a>

## The Scottish Episcopal Church, Diocese of Edinburgh RECTOR

To join St John the Evangelist, Jedburgh, Scottish Borders eligible to be licensed for ordained ministry within the Scottish Episcopal Church, part of the worldwide Anglican communion.

A single sacramental charge, offering a half time post Accommodation (within town) and expenses package available.

Informal enquiries to: The Dean of Edinburgh • Telephone: 0131 538 7033

Application form available from Vestry Secretary or visit our website.

Vestry Secretary: Mrs C McLachlan, 91 Bongate, Jedburgh, TD8 6DU Email: <a href="mailto:relax@reiversrest.co.uk">relax@reiversrest.co.uk</a>

Closing date for applications: 20 June 2016 St John the Evangelist, Jedburgh, TD8 6DJ

www.stjohnsjedburgh.org.uk

Charity Number: SCO16786







## New Ideas on Matthew's Gospel

## A CPD Event for Ministers and Worship Leaders

New College, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh 21st September 2016

Programme

12 noon Sandwich lunch (Rainy Hall)

12.45 – 2.15 'New Developments in Matthew Scholarship'- Prof Paul Foster

2.15 – 2.45 Tea and coffee

2.45 – 4.00 'The Massacre of the Innocents in New Perspectives'- Prof Jolyon Mitchell

4.00- 5.00 Two options (participants should choose one):

(1) 'Ethics in Matthew' – Prof Larry Hurtado

(2) 'The OT in Matthew's Gospel' – Dr Alison Jack

5.00 Review of the day and a glass of wine

There will be a charge of £10 per person to cover lunch and refreshments. To register for the event, please use this link:

http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/browse/extra\_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&deptid=69&catid=3&prodid=2309

## CIVIC CAFÉ

# Empathy: Exploring Compassionate Spiritual Care for the Elderly

With Maureen O'Neill, *Faith in Older People*Monday June 13th, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Well Cafe, Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX

This special civic cafe is run alongside <u>Edinburgh Empathy Festival</u> or <u>www.edg-sco.org</u> (June 12 - 25th). Edinburgh Interfaith Association invites you to a talk and discussion followed by our monthly community meal. With Marueen's guidance, and input from members of different faiths, we will examine the provisions we make for the spiritual care of the elderly in different institutional settings and explore questions such as:

- How do our communities understand and respond to dementia?
- How could we better understand and respond to the spiritual care needs of the elderly, both in care homes and within our religious institutions?
- Why might dementia be a problem for faith communities and how might we address any problems?

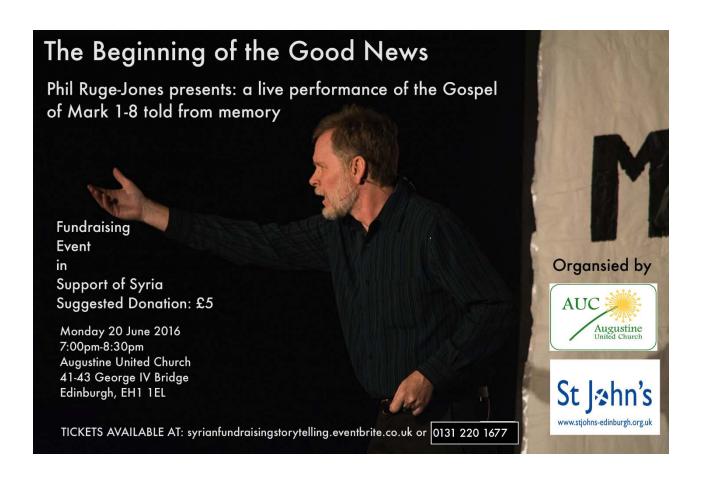
The civic cafe community meals are held monthly and are an opportunity to meet others with a shared interest in promoting dialogue and awareness between faiths, and discuss current issues. After the discussion we will share a vegetarian meal together. You are very welcome to come and find out more; they are free and open to everyone.

Please RSVP to <u>aliya@eifa.org.uk</u> if you would like to come. A collection jar will be available for donations.

More information about Faith in Older People.

#### Come and join in with Edinburgh Festival of Empathy 2016!

The Edinburgh Development Group have been thinking about empathy for a long time. We know that when we take the time to 'step into someone else's shoes' that we learn something important about ourselves as well as that person. We see the world differently and are changed by the experience. We learn about how we can design and create our communities in a way which makes everyone feel welcome. Empathy is worth celebrating! We are very grateful to the funding from the Big Lottery for enabling us to offer all events for free.



## CEILIDH

in aid of Edinburgh's Multi-faith Courts Chaplaincy Project

### 7pm on Saturday 25 June

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



With legendary Edinburgh ceilidh band AULD SPICE

TICKETS: £8 (in advance)/ £10 (on the night as available)/ children FREE includes refreshments

www.edinburghmethodist.com



#### Cinnamon Network Conference

#### What does good Community look like in Scotland?

You may be aware that Cinnamon Network is now developing relationships with Churches and Christian organisations in Scotland to serve God in our communities.

As the Cinnamon Network Advisor for Scotland I would love to invite you or a representative from your Church/ organisation to join with us in Edinburgh on

Thursday morning 16th June to explore, 'what does good community look like in Scotland'?

The morning will be led by Mark Kitson and Mike Royal from the Cinnamon Leadership team with inputs from recognised projects who have developed significant networks in Scotland and beyond. Andy Murray from Safe Families for Children Scotland will be sharing some Biblical reflections on the Abundant Community and what does the transformation of our communities look like.

The event is being held on **16 June** from 10.00am – 1.00pm at the Carrubbers Christian Centre, 65 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR, with lunch provided.

There will also be opportunities to speak with Cinnamon Recognised Projects Coordinators and network with Church leaders who are engaged in community transformation.

Please confirm your booking ASAP by adding your name on the Cinnamon Doodle poll page <a href="http://doodle.com/poll/pbyitxtueytkm9e6">http://doodle.com/poll/pbyitxtueytkm9e6</a> or email: <a href="mailto:pallsingh@bethanychristiantrust.com">pallsingh@bethanychristiantrust.com</a>

We do hope that you or someone from your Church can join us. www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk



### SafeTALK© — Save the date

- Would you recognise someone with thoughts of suicide?
- · Would you know how to talk to them about it?
- Would you know how to connect them to appropriate support/help?
- Would you like to feel more able to help someone in this situation?

SafeTALK® is a 3-hr suicide alertness training which addresses these questions AUC is planning to offer SafeTALK® on:

> Sunday 2nd October 2016 1-4pm

at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge

(Cost tbc with trainer but £10-15)

If you would like to register your interest in attending, &/or be kept informed of updates, please contact Rachel Fitzgerald (AUC Administrator) on administrator@augustine.org.uk or 0131 220 1677

Places on this certificated course are strictly limited.







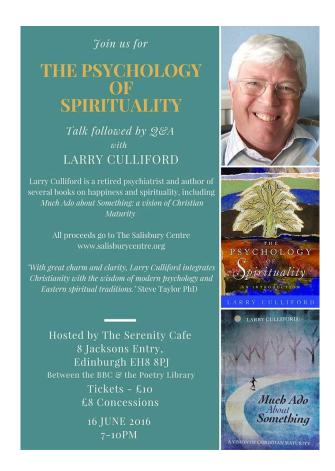
Edinburgh Churches for Sanctuary is a network of churches from across Edinburgh who are working together to welcome and support those who have arrived in our city seeking sanctuary from the crisis in Syria.

Churches in our network map their resources - of time, volunteers, space, activities, etc - and show how they are already active in their communities, to help us build a picture of the

welcome that Edinburgh offers.

Churches are already woven into the heart of their neighbourhoods, through offering activities and services, like men's, women's and children's groups, community cafés, football clubs, sewing or knitting socials, the list goes on. As families and individuals build new lives in Edinburgh, this welcome of community can show the love and spirit of God's kingdom in a very practical way.

If your church would like to get involved, please email <u>Edinburghchurchesforsanctuary@yahoo.com</u>



## Quiet Day: The Summer Day Saturday 25th June, 10am-4pm, Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place

What does summer have to teach us? A season of growth and fruitfulness, and of holidays and re-creation. But perhaps we worry we are not being fruitful enough, and being on holiday can feel as busy as being at home. This Quiet Day offers a chance to take time out and contemplate the summer day and what it means to us, to think about growth and rest and how to cultivate more of both in our lives.

There will be a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, and an opportunity to be outdoors, weather permitting. Lunch is provided, as are coffee and cake. £25/15. To book a place, email me back on <a href="wordsmansfield@gmail.com">wordsmansfield@gmail.com</a>, or calling 07803 620038. Please consider booking early as the day is subject to getting sufficient numbers. Any questions, please get in touch.

# CHAPLAINCY AT EDINBURGH SHERIFF COURT AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

#### UPDATE - MAY 2016



How is the project doing?

As with any new project there has been masses of hard slog in the background. Lots of progress has been made.

Here's what's been happening

A freelance project worker was appointed thanks to funding from the Methodist District Advance Fund. She has been able to nurture a positive working relationship with the senior manager at the Sheriff Court.

A formal proposal and outline of the project has been accepted by the Sheriff Principal. This was a vital step and receiving affirmation from such a senior person gives a strong foundation for future development.

A major funding application has been made with a view to recruiting lead chaplains who will develop and supervise a team of volunteer chaplains.

A management group has been formed in association with Edinburgh Inter Faith Association to plan the launch of the project.

A successful fundraising concert 'Multi-cultural cabaret' took place in February.

Further fundraising events: a concert at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church on Saturday May 28th (see over) and a Ceilidh, also at the Methodist Church on Saturday 25th June (details to follow).

There will be 'Information and Taster' events for people interested in becoming voluntary chaplains, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August between 4.00pm and 8.00pm and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10.00am until 2.00pm. These will be held at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church.

Thank you for your support - your financial contributions, time and prayer are invaluable.

