

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.

News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission

Growing Together Roadshows Join in this Diocesan adventure as we explore together how God is calling us to grow in unity, faith and mission. Come with a group from your church to one of the four **Roadshows in Bo'ness, Galashiels, Haddington or East Edinburgh**, more details below or at <http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/>. Publicity has been circulated by email, but do contact the office if you would like some printed flyers or posters. **Bookmarks** with the Growing Together Prayer will also be sent out with the next Edge magazine in a couple of weeks for distribution to all churches and people, but please continue to pray now for God's guidance as we travel together.

The Day of Small Things Want to be inspired and challenged in our mission? Interested in church growth and innovative ways of engaging people today? Come and hear stories of fresh expressions of church and the evidence of how these new mission initiatives are bringing people to faith. On **Wednesday 31 May, 7-9pm, at the Brechin Diocesan Centre** (38 Langland's Street, Dundee, DD4 6SZ) there will be an evening for all SEC leaders and congregations with Mark Russell, CEO of the Church Army, and the Revd. George Lings, both excellent speakers. Open for all to attend, but please let Brechin Diocese know you are coming on office@brechin.anglican.org They can also provide further details and travel directions.

Thy Kingdom Come This initiative seeks to inspire all Christians across the UK in praying together for God's work amongst us. In Edinburgh there will be an ecumenical prayer and worship gathering on **Pentecost Sunday 4th June, at Central Hall, EH3 9BP, 6.30-8pm**, one of many such nationwide events.

Scottish Church Census Whilst celebrating the joyous truth that Christ is Risen, on Easter Day this year you may have also heard the less thrilling news that the Church in Scotland is in crisis. This was how much of the press decided to interpret the recently published results of the Church Census, despite the fact that the 8 page summary bulletin is headed, "Growth Amidst Decline". If you have not seen a copy then do have a look here: <http://www.brierleyconsultancy.com/scottish-church-census/>. It makes challenging reading, but inspires us to action too. Fuller results for the SEC will be published in due course.

TREASURERS & PROPERTY CONVENORS

BUILDINGS GRANTS

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>

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



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| YOUTH & CHILDREN | <p>News from the Youth and Children Officer</p> <p>You can find the latest news of youth and children's work around the Diocese here, featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A journey through Holy Week and Easter with the play church in Peebles• Messy Church in Dalkeith• 20 years of the Provincial Youth Week – celebrations at St Mary's Cathedral• A delegate's view of Glenalmond <p>The deadline for applications for Glen 17 is 1 June! Please encourage teenagers in your church to sign up. The forms are here and payment can be made online.</p> |
| ALL | <p>News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator</p> <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 | <p>Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017</p> <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>  |

DIARY

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| Sunday 21 st May | 10am Confirmations, St Mary's , Dalkeith |
| Sunday 21 st May | 7pm licensing of Rich Cornfield as Pioneer Priest, P's & G's |
| Monday 22 nd May | DIOCESAN & GENERAL SYNOD OFFICES CLOSED |
| Thursday 25 th May | 5.30pm Bishop John is Presiding, at St Mary's Cathedral |
| Saturday 27 th May | Growing Together Roadshow, St Catharine Bo'ness |
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| ADVANCE NOTICE | Saturday 24th June 2017 Growing Together Roadshow, Galashiels |
| ADVANCE NOTICE | Saturday 1st July 2017 Growing Together Roadshow, Haddington |
| ADVANCE NOTICE | Saturday 2nd September 2017 Growing Together Roadshow , Edinburgh |
|  | 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 |

CHANGES

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

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





Associate Rector
St Paul's & St George's (Ps & Gs) Church

We are looking for an Associate Rector to work closely with the Rector and other staff, who will help the church to develop in innovative and imaginative ways, to enable us to fulfil the vision God has given us. Along with other responsibilities the Associate Rector will oversee our Social Transformation Ministry and our Pastoral Care Ministry. More details can be found in the full job description on our website, www.psandgs.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 31 May 2017

Please complete an application form from our website and return it to miranda@psandgs.org.uk with your CV and audio sermon (or online link).



The Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Edinburgh



RECTOR

To serve the congregation of

EDINBURGH - ST MARY'S CHURCH, DALMAHOY

A Full-Time position

Salary: Scottish Episcopal Church clergy standard
stipend Rectory provided

Semi-Rural location

20 minutes to Edinburgh City Centre

This appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure Scotland
check (Protection of Vulnerable Groups [Scotland] Act 2007)

Informal enquiries to: The Dean of Edinburgh 0131 538 7033
or 0131 315 0404

Information Pack and Application Form available
from: Bill Scott, Vestry Secretary
Church Office, St Mary's Church Hall, Dalmahoy, Kirknewton EH27
8EB
or: william.scott56@btinternet.com
or: from our website

www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday, 7th July 2017

Registered Charity Number SC014203

David Smith Organist and Choir Master

I am an experienced organist and choirmaster used to working within the Church of Scotland and Anglican traditions. I am currently Master of Chapel and Ceremonial Music at the University of Aberdeen, and organist of Echt and Midmar parish churches in rural Aberdeenshire.

My wife, Rev Elspeth McKay, is moving to a new charge in August, so I will be available as an organist on Sundays within commutable distance of Cumbernauld. I am interested in either an organist's position or occasional work. I will be in Cumbernauld from Friday evening until Sunday. I also play with AB24 as a harpsichordist and recorder player. Closer to home, I direct the Echt and Midmar choir of volunteers who are drawn from the congregations and sing at Christmas and Easter. If you are interested, please contact me via email: david@davidsmith.org.uk

EVENTS

Sanctuary Walk for Refugees

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June

The Sanctuary walk for refugees is a way to acknowledge the plight of refugees, to give access to education through scholarships at Edinburgh University or through online education and to give hope to people otherwise cut off from education

For more information visit: www.ed.ac.uk/chaplaincy/sanctuary-walk-for-refugees.
www.facebook.com/SanctuaryWalkEd/

To register, click here: [epay](#)

To donate
visit: www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/universityofedinburgh/sanctuarywalk



**Diocesan Office Open Day and Fundraiser
Thursday 25th May
Drop in between 11am and 2pm**

‘Spend a penny’ at our bake sale, and donate towards twinning the diocesan office toilets with latrines in Africa or Asia. Soon our smallest rooms will be the proud bearers of a certificate, complete with photo and GPS coordinates. Plus a chance to twin your own toilet! Donate now or come along on the day to find out more – all welcome.

**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)

YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



Grants for youth & children's work

DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH

March/April 2017



Do you need a little extra help with funding an activity for children or young people in your church? The diocese has small grants available (usually £50-100, maybe more in exceptional cases). There are two opportunities to apply, with deadlines in May and November. Applications are warmly encouraged: deadline 15 May. Please contact me or see the diocesan website [here](#).



HE IS RISEN!

The play church altar, decorated for Easter Sunday by the children of St Peter's, Peebles

THIS EDITION

- PLAY CHURCH in Holy Week
- MESSY CHURCH in Dalkeith and Lasswade
- HOLIDAY CLUB IDEAS - Scripture Union's resources
- GRANTS AVAILABLE for youth and children's work
- GLENALMOND YOUTH WEEK - a delegate's view
- 20 YEARS! - St Mary's Cathedral hosts Provincial celebrations of the Youth Week
- RESOURCE ROUND-UP - Youth Alpha and Youth for Christ

Diocesan Youth & Children Officer: Claire Benton-Evans

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Direct line: 0131 346 9081 Mobile: 0747 372 8148
Office: 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

Facebook page: Edinburgh Diocese Youth and Children
Twitter: @EdinDioYouth

Diocese of Edinburgh

Clergy Retreat

21-24 November 2017

(afternoon of 21st to morning of 24th)



Speaker: John Bell

Theme: The
Imagination as a
Resource for Faith

John is a preacher, hymnwriter, composer, lecturer and broadcaster. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community.

Cost: £165

If you would like to book a place please contact Ruth Innes

0131 622 1692 or ruth@ruthinnes.me.uk

This retreat has limited places so please book early.

If we have spaces available by 1 July 2017 we will open it up to the laity



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



CONCERT SERIES 2017

Friday 26 May 7.30pm

The In-laws - Steve & Suzanne Butler, acoustic duo
and **The Portobello Community Choir**

Saturday 3 June 7.30pm

Sally Simpson & Catriona Hawksworth, fiddle & piano

Sunday 11 June 6.00pm

Evensong at St Mark's - a service of words and music

Friday 16 June 7.30pm

Richard Michael jazz & blues pianist

Tickets £10 for individual concerts - includes refreshments

Season ticket £25 for all three concerts | Evensong service is free entry

Free entry for under 16's

St Mark's Episcopal Church, 287 Portobello High St, Edinburgh EH15 2AR www.st-marksportobello.org | 0131 629 1219 | stmarkstickets@gmail.com

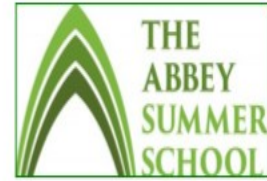
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The Abbey Summer School 2017

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 in English and Gaelic 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

May 2017

Dear Colleagues,

‘The Day of Small Things’

Did you know that over 50,600 people are attending fresh expressions of church in twenty-one of the Church of England’s dioceses – and that half of these young churches are led by women and attract twice the number of under-16s compared to parish churches?

These findings are a culmination of four years’ work led by the Rev Canon Dr George Lings, Church Army’s Director of Research, examining 1,100 fresh expressions of church (FxC) across England. The dioceses researched were chosen to reflect a wide range of contexts, geographical locations and viewpoints of the FxC phenomenon and, by covering half of the Church of England (including London), this ensures its findings give a realistic, relevant and up-to-date snapshot of FxC.

I am therefore delighted to be able to invite Scottish Episcopalian senior leaders and mission leaders to hear George Lings and Mark Russell, the Chief Executive of Church Army, speak about their research and how the work of Church Army’s Centres of Mission are helping to make an impact on church growth. This is an important opportunity to hear what is happening with FxC, and also to be able to ask questions of two people at the forefront of mission within the Anglican Church.

This event will take place on **Wednesday 31 May**, from **12pm to 3pm**, at the **Diocesan Centre, 38 Langland’s Street, Dundee, DD4 6SZ**. A buffet lunch will also be served.

In the evening, there will also be an opportunity for the wider church to hear these speakers, and I would ask you to please pass this information on to Scottish Episcopal Churches. This event starts at 7pm, in the same venue. Refreshments will be served on arrival.

I do hope that you and strategic members of your team can join us for this important and timely event, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With good wishes,

RSVP

office@brechin.anglican.org

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



The Church of Scotland



Kinnoull, Perth, PH2 7BP



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

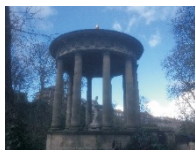
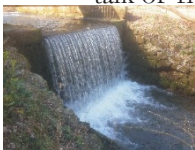
The River Walk is an invitation to reflect on our faith journey by walking with reflective materials on the wooded path beside the Water of Leith in Edinburgh.

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.

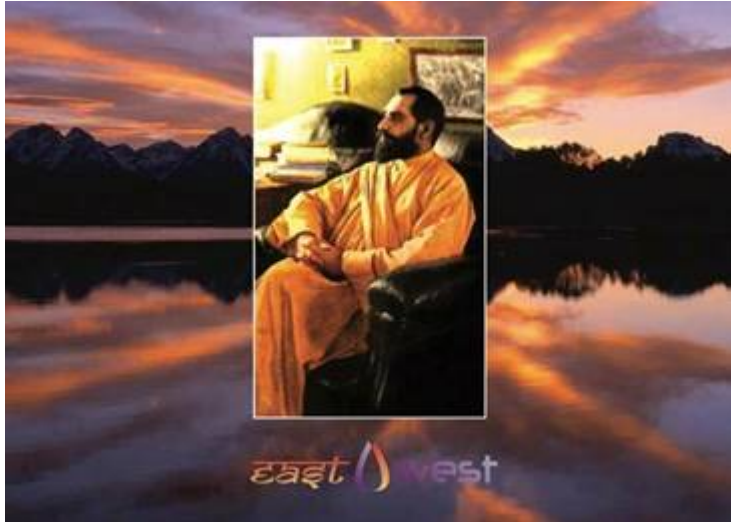


To find out more or to book, contact us: 07879 014344 or reflectivewalks@gmail.com. The Walk costs £7, the evening event £5; £10 for both (or pay what you can).

Sadhu Sundar Singh Evening Service in Edinburgh

Date: Monday 19th June 2017, 7.00pm

Venue: St John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4BJ



Sadhu Sundar Singh is annually celebrated as a Saint in the Anglican Church on the 19th June. In 1920 large crowds were attracted to his message of love and peace in Glasgow and Edinburgh as he travelled the UK. The Sadhu has so much to teach us about God's love and serving one another. I was privileged as a CMS mission partner to visit India to research his life and put together an order of service for this special Day. It is an honour to be a leading a reflective service at St John's Church in Edinburgh for the first time in Scotland. It would be great to see you there to experience a fusion of east and west spiritually through the meditations, prayers, stories, readings and reflections on the Sadhu.

Pall Singh

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