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NOTICES

SYNOD: HOUSES OF CLERGY & LAITY

Nominations and Elections

The deadline for receiving nominations is **Friday 3rd March** – next week! Nomination forms were included in the Synod papers, but are also available at <http://edinburgh.anglican.org/resources/diocesan-vestry-resources/>

Voting Arrangements

The vote due to take place on amendments to Canon 31 is a private vote, on the day. Unfortunately, we are therefore unable to accept either postal or proxy votes.

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?

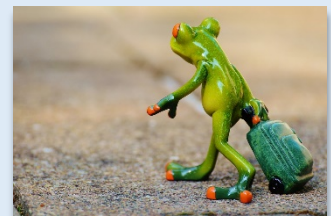
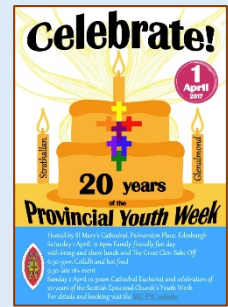


TREASURERS

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 <http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=111382&view=browser>

<p>YOUTH & CHILDREN</p>	<p>News from the Youth and Children Officer 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: https://secpyc.wordpress.com Churches are encouraged to display this poster: https://secpyc.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/glen-celebration-poster.pdf</p> <p>Claire Benton-Evans, Diocesan Youth and Children Officer e-mail: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Office line: 0131 346 9081 Work mobile: 0747 372 8148</p>
<p>ALL</p>	<p>News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator Spaces available on two events running through the Lent period:</p> <p>Open Hands, Willing Hearts A six week course 5 March - 9 April delivered online and with a weekly group at St Martin's Dalry Road, Edinburgh Why am I here? What is mine to do? Who am I called to be? If these questions touch something you are yearning for in your spiritual life, then join us for refreshment, vitality and deepening in prayer. Our time together will invite you to look at your life, no matter what age, and notice your unique contribution to God's vision. Through storytelling and sharing of experience, the course will help renew your appreciation of life and cultivate your attention, receptivity and responsiveness to how the Spirit is leading and guiding from within, through nature, and through the people who inspire you. Thursday evening group on 9, 16, 23 & 30 March and 6 & 20 April 7.30 - 9pm. Full details here please book by 15 February, 4 spaces left currently.</p> <p>The Miracle of Mindfulness Wednesday 8, 15, 22 and 29 March 7.30 - 9pm St Philip's Church, Logie Green Road, Canonmills, Edinburgh How does Mindfulness relate to the Christian tradition and where might this find a place in our own lives? We will focus on how mindfulness can enrich and inform the Way of Jesus. Each evening will include simple experiential activities and opportunities to share, to help us become fully alive and awake to the 'miracle of mindfulness'. Full details here Elizabeth White, Adventures in Faith Coordinator adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</p>
<p>ALL</p>	<p>Diocesan Office Staff Changes 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 – arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org 0131 346 9081</p>
<p>ALL</p>	<p>Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017 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>



Lent Appeal

TREASURERS

Allchurches Trust Limited: Roof Protection Scheme grants

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.

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.

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



31st March 2017, 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:

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

Completed applications, and any queries, should be sent to the dedicated e-mail address for the scheme: rps@allchurches.co.uk, 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 31st December 2017, though in exceptional circumstances we may agree to an extension to this.

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News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission Fascinating Statistics!

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:



http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/ 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 mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 0131 346 9089



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The Edge - 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 warnesdavid@gmail.com

Thursday 23 February	Cathedral Chapter meets today
Sunday 26 February	Bishop preaches at St Columba's Bathgate, and presents the St Cuthbert Award to David Graham Service
Wednesday 1 March	Bishop takes the Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes at Hawick.
Sunday 5 March	Bishop takes Confirmation Service at Loretto School, Musselburgh <i>(morning)</i>
Sunday 5 March	Installation of The Revd Canon Frances Burberry as Dean, at Cathedral Evensong <i>(afternoon)</i>
FEBRUARY	 During February Play Church will be at: St Mark's Portobello
	Spring 2017 Synod - Saturday 11 March 2017 at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh. Autumn 2017 Synod - evening of Thursday 26 October 2017 <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
ADVANCE NOTICE	Saturday 28 October 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. BEING RE-FORMED: A Diocesan Day Conference to celebrate the 500 th anniversary of Martin Luther.

- The Revd Patrick Duncan died on Sunday 5th February

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2016/17

23/02/2017

	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Draft Accounts Received</i>	<i>Audited Accounts</i>	<i>Financial schedule</i>	<i>Diocesan Schedule</i>	<i>Cong Stats</i>	<i>PVG rtn</i>
1.01	St Mary's Cathedral		26 Jan 17		26 Jan 17	20 Jan 17	20 Jan 17
1.02	BALERNO St Mungo's		24 Jan 17	24 Jan 17	24 Jan 17	28 Nov 16	24 Jan 17
1.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's		20 Oct 16	20 Oct 16	10 Jan 17	12 Dec 16	10 Jan 17
1.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's		30 Jan 17	12 Dec 16	13 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	
1.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls		13 Dec 16	30 Nov 16	13 Dec 16	13 Dec 16	13 Dec 16
1.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's	01/02/2017		1 Feb 17	4 Jan 17	4 Jan 17	31 Jan 17
1.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's		2 Dec 16	2 Dec 16	23 Nov 16	28 Nov 16	23 Nov 16
1.08	DUNBAR St Anne's			20 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	11 Jan 17	27 Jan 17
1.09	DUNS Christ Church		31 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	13 Dec 16	27 Jan 17
1.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		29 Nov 16	7 Dec 16	27 Jan 17	23 Jan 17	27 Jan 17
1.11	EDINBURGH Emmanuel Church, Clermiston		10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	21 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	13 Feb 17
1.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield		4 Jan 17		7 Dec 16	7 Dec 16	7 Dec 16
1.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		30 Nov 16		30 Jan 17		30 Jan 17
1.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's		5 Dec 16	5 Dec 16	13 Dec 16	7 Dec 16	10 Jan 17
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas', Moredun		29 Nov 16	29 Nov 16	6 Jan 17	29 Nov 16	6 Jan 17
1.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle		8 Feb 17	31 Jan 17	7 Dec 16	28 Nov 16	16 Jan 17
1.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton		10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	29 Nov 16	10 Jan 17
1.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		29 Nov 16	25 Nov 16	5 Jan 17	19 Jan 17	12 Jan 17
1.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone		9 Dec 16	9 Dec 16	8 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	9 Dec 16
1.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith		18 Jan 17	18 Jan 17	16 Jan 17	16 Jan 17	18 Jan 17
1.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street		13 Dec 16	30 Nov 16	30 Nov 16	30 Nov 16	30 Nov 16
1.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road				13 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	
1.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello		26 Jan 17	26 Jan 17	26 Jan 17	25 Nov 16	26 Jan 17
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		12 Dec 16	12 Dec 16	10 Jan 17	13 Dec 16	
1.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		19 Dec 16	19 Dec 16	13 Feb 17	15 Dec 16	19 Jan 17
1.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		13 Dec 16	27 Jan 17	16 Jan 17	7 Dec 16	16 Jan 17
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				27 Jan 17	20 Jan 17	30 Jan 17
1.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place		19 Dec 16	19 Dec 16	9 Dec 16	9 Dec 16	9 Dec 16
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James		21 Feb 17	21 Feb 17	9 Feb 17	4 Jan 17	17 Jan 17
1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		28 Nov 16	28 Nov 16	22 Nov 16	30 Nov 16	2 Dec 16

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1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17		4 Jan 17	
1.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge	31/01/2017		30 Jan 17	16 Jan 17	16 Jan 17	30 Jan 17
1.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's			27 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	27 Jan 17
1.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church		31 Oct 16	31 Oct 16	23 Jan 17	7 Dec 16	30 Jan 17
1.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		13 Feb 17	15 Nov 16	12 Dec 16	12 Dec 16	12 Dec 16
1.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's		29 Nov 16	29 Nov 16	23 Nov 16	29 Nov 16	29 Nov 16
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		7 Dec 16	7 Dec 16	9 Dec 16	20 Jan 17	
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity					7 Dec 16	
1.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's		19 Dec 16	19 Dec 16	11 Jan 17	11 Jan 17	11 Jan 17
1.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's		31 Jan 17				
1.42	JEDBURGH, St John's		1 Feb 17	1 Feb 17	26 Jan 17	7 Dec 16	25 Jan 17
1.43	KELSO, St Andrew		5 Dec 16	5 Dec 16	13 Dec 16	19 Dec 16	19 Dec 16
1.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,		6 Feb 17	27 Jan 17	18 Jan 17	15 Dec 16	25 Jan 17
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
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		1 Feb 17	31 Jan 17	12 Jan 17	13 Feb 17	12 Jan 17
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,		16 Jan 17	16 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	5 Dec 16	30 Jan 17
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,				12 Jan 17	30 Nov 16	
1.50	PEEBLES St Peter's		22 Nov 16	22 Nov 16	27 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	27 Jan 17
1.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,		10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	17 Jan 17	17 Jan 17
1.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's		11 Nov 16	20 Dec 16	31 Jan 17	31 Jan 17	31 Jan 17
1.54	SELKIRK St John's		20 Jan 17	12 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	21 Dec 16	27 Jan 17
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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	Return Rate		80%	83%	93%	96%	81%
	Outstanding		11	9	4	2	10



Full Time Rector, St Cuthbert's, Colinton

We are a congregation in a long established but expanding area in the south west side of Edinburgh.

We seek a Rector with experience to guide us and enable us to follow God's will in moving together on a journey of exploration of our faith through worship and learning in a questioning and open-minded fashion.

Are you a leader who is:

- Concerned for the pastoral work of our church?
- Enthusiastic about growing the work of God's kingdom within our new boundaries?
- Interested in working with all age groups?
- Prepared to build on and develop our Mission Plan?

We offer a spacious rectory in the village of Colinton close to schools, excellent transport and within a lively community.

The church profile and other information for applicants can be found at

www.stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk

www.scotland.anglican.org

All Application Forms should be returned to:

By post:

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Rt Revd Dr John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh
Diocesan Office
21a Grosvenor Crescent
Edinburgh EH12 5EL

By email:

bishop@edinburgh.anglican.org

Salary: Scottish Episcopal Church clergy standard stipend

Closing date: Friday 24 February 2017

Interviews: Week beginning 27 March 2017

Further information if required from Joan Smith, Rector's Warden, jfsscot@aol.com
Scottish Charity Number SC007578



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 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 For more information on the Club see: 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 14th March, 10am-4pm, Stirling Baptist Church. More details from Annie Naish at mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 0131 346 9089 or on Eventbrite here:

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=emailordconf



Days for Girls Workshop

**Saturday 4th March 2017 from 10am to 4pm at
St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2PW**

Days for Girls is an initiative to help girls in developing countries to remain in education even when they are having their periods. In many places across the world women and girls are seen as unclean when they are bleeding. And if they are unable to manage their periods hygienically they also feel the stigma of this uncleanliness. The answer is "You are not unclean, and with the Days for Girls hygiene kit you can manage your periods and still carry on a normal life".



The project is to make kits and send them, through personal contacts, to schools in parts of the world where they are needed. The kits are designed so that other women can copy the design and make them out of their locally available materials. This is seeding the idea, and spreading a solution to a problem that all women share.

Following the first successful workshop in Scotland in December St Columba's by the Castle is running a **Days for Girls** Workshop on the Saturday nearest to International Women's Day. Come and join us. **To book a place** please email Liza Coates on lizfurseroberts@gmail.com or write to Days for Girls, c/o St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2PW

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 or call 07803 620038. Please consider booking by Friday 3rd March if possible.

I have been asked by the producer involved in Songs of Praise which will be filmed in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on 18 & 19 March to contact as many people as we can as response to the applications for free tickets is low and there is less than a week away from the deadline for applications for free tickets to take part in the recordings for *Songs of Praise* at Perth Cathedral. He says "Things have picked-up a little, but we're still on a knife-edge whether we'll be able to go ahead or not. Therefore anything you can do to encourage more people to take part in one or both recordings will be very much appreciated." - so can you please disseminate this as you see fit - many thanks

Lorna Finley
Director of Communications
Scottish Episcopal Church
General Synod Office

Songs of Praise is coming to Perth!

The ever-popular BBC One programme, *Songs of Praise*, is coming to St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. The recordings will take place on the afternoons of Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March.

The producer, Garry Boon, says: "These recordings give local singers a great opportunity to come together to enjoy two wonderful afternoons of music-making for broadcast on BBC One. For Christians in the area it's the chance for a wonderful ecumenical expression of their faith."



The conductor will be Gordon Stewart, a professional organist of international renown, who has been one of the regular conductors on *Songs of Praise* for over 20 years. A native of Dundee, his first appointment as an organist was at Dundee Methodist Church at the age of 14. He subsequently worked in cathedral music for many years and has become one of the UK's most popular organists. Keen singers are invited to join a specially-formed massed choir under his direction who will lead the viewers at home in the singing.

Admission will be by free ticket. Singers and those wishing to be in the congregation are welcome to attend one or both recordings. They can apply by going to the 'Tickets' page of the *Songs of Praise* website, by e-mailing songsofpraise@bbc.co.uk, or by telephoning 0161 335 8429. The deadline for all ticket applications is Tuesday 28th February. The music recorded will be broadcast in future editions of the programme.

Songs of Praise celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary in October last year.

Dave Stanford, executive producer, says: "The world has changed a lot in five and a half decades, but *Songs of Praise* has continued to thrive thanks to those who join together to raise their voices and inspire our audience week after week. I do hope lots of people in Perth and thereabouts will want to be part of this exciting event."

For further information please contact:
Programmes.desk@bbc.co.uk

The Songs of Praise website is <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006ttc5>



Charity Art Exhibition
Thurs & Fri 9-10th March, 7-9.30pm
plus Fri 10 March, 10am - 5pm
St. Cuthbert's Church, Westgarth Avenue

★ **LOCAL ARTISTS PAINTINGS FOR SALE** ★

★ **SOME LOCAL CHILDREN'S ART** ★

★ **REFRESHMENTS** ★

(PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY)

EVERYONE WELCOME

**IN AID OF OUR NEIGHBOURS ZIMBABWE, A PARTNER OF BRITISH REGISTERD CHARITY
SALT-UK, (CHARITY NO 1163009)**

A community art exhibition with coffee and cake during the day and cheese and wine in the evening. Neighbours in Colinton working together to help Our Neighbours Ministry in Zimbabwe who support the poorest of the poor.



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Serving Africa-Led Transformation



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

The University of Edinburgh

Gifford Lecture

Professor Richard English – ‘Nationalism, Terrorism and Religion’

Date: 2 March 2017

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Venue: Playfair Library Hall, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL

The lecture may be followed by questions.

Latest finishing time is 7pm.

Richard English is Professor of Politics, and Distinguished Professorial Fellow in the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, at Queen's University Belfast.

Between them, nationalism, terrorism and religion have substantially shaped the modern world. From the First World War to the 9/11 Wars, from the politics of Empire to the process of decolonization, from the establishment of national states to their rivalries and dissolution, these three phenomena have done much to create what we have inherited in the twenty-first century. They are also often viewed as destructive forces. But in this lecture Professor English argues that the relationship between them needs to be reconsidered, and that the grand challenges we face in regard to these forces offer room for optimism, and for positive developments if we choose to make them.

Gifford lectures are free but ticketed.

To book tickets visit: www.ed.ac.uk/gifford-lectures

Enquiries: GiffordLectures@ed.ac.uk

The Right Revd Brian Smith, former Bishop of Edinburgh, will again facilitate a post-lecture discussion at the University's Chaplaincy Centre (in Room 2, upstairs), Bristo Square, on Friday, 3 March at 12.30pm. No booking is required for the discussion. All welcome.

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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

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 or contact Charley at arcukrecruit@gmail.com

Deadline: 10th March 2017

A Musical Welcome Concert for Refugees



Orchestra of the Canongait

Conductor: Robert Dick Leader: Liz Beeston
Cello: Lindsay Martindale

Dvořák: Carnival overture
Elgar: Cello concerto
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

Sunday 26th February 2017
8pm Tickets £10/£8 concessions

St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



www.thelanterngroup.org

The Hands of God



Loving God
Loving Self
Loving Others

A quiet morning for reflection

Saturday 25th February 2017
10.15 am to 1.30 pm

(Registration from 10.00am: ending with sharing lunch at 1.00pm)

Holy Trinity Church
Church Street, Haddington

The programme will be led by members of the Lantern Group, who share a common interest in the Ignatian way of prayer and spiritual development.

Donations welcomed to defray expenses.

It's helpful if you let us know you plan to come.
Please phone 01620 824896 or email: jstein@handselpress.org.uk

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
or telephone 225 6293 (Cathedral) / 220 1690 (Church Office)

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

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

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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

A poster for 'Music for Lent: Crucifixus' featuring a background image of a crucifix made of bare, thorny branches. The text is overlaid on this image.

Music for Lent

Crucifixus

The Choir of Old Saint Paul's
John Kitchen: director
Calum Robertson: assistant organist

Friday 17 March 2017
at 7.30pm

Old Saint Paul's Church
63 Jeffrey St,
Edinburgh EH1

John Stainer: The Crucifixion
Kenneth Leighton: Crucifixus pro nobis
Antonio Lotto: Crucifixus
Gregorio Allegri: Miserere

Ticket price: £10 (conc. £8), available at the door



'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:

Good Friday (14th April)
2.00pm

St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton @

Colinton Parish Church of Scotland @ 7.00pm

Easter Sunday (16th April)
11am

All Nations Christian Fellowship, Oxfangs @

*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).*

God comes disguised as your life.

Joan Chittister

In him we live and move and have
our being.

Acts 17:28



The Lord your God went ahead of you on your
journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to
search out places for you to camp and to show
you the way you should go.

Deuteronomy 1:33

I choose to risk my significance; to live
so that which came to me as seed
goes to the next as blossom
and that which came to me as a blossom
goes on as fruit.

I will not die an unlived life, Dawna Markova

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Sunday 30th April 2017

Sunday 4th June 2017

and 5 1-1 sessions in between

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41 South Clerk Street

Edinburgh, EH8 9NZ



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Wednesday 15th March 2017

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St Cuthbert's Lecture 2017

Friday 17th March 2017 at 7pm

“Humpty Dumpty after the Fall - The Church and Conflict”



By Ruth Scott



In Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*, Humpty Dumpty's sense of superiority, his inability to listen and understand, and his habit of twisting the conversation to suit his own point of view, leave Alice feeling confused, guilty, and exasperated. This lecture will explore the difficulty many of us have in dealing with conflict.

The Reverend Ruth Scott is a facilitator, mediator and broadcaster. She works primarily in the field of conflict transformation.

ALL WELCOME: ADMISSION FREE
Refreshments will be available after the lecture

St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church
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