

The Communicant

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NOTICES

VESTRY SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

Annual Forms

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



VESTRY SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

Review of Heritage Lottery Funding

There is a review being undertaken by the Department of Culture Media and Sport of Heritage Lottery Funding.

The review invites submissions via an online questionnaire but seems to presuppose that respondents will themselves have received heritage lottery funding. In the light of that the Provincial Buildings Committee felt it would be helpful if Dioceses were able to alert any of their **congregations which might have received heritage lottery funding** in the course of the last few years to the review and encourage them to respond. It is the case that if the Fund continues not to be wholly spent the size of the fund might be reduced in future and therefore the greater the number of respondents to the consultation advocating the need for the fund the better.

The online questionnaire form can be accessed at:-

https://dcms.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe3/form/SV_2isRhaoX4ZsZNgF

A little more information is also available at:-

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/news-features/review-nhmf-and-hlf-launched>

We understand that the review closes on 6 April.

<p>TREASURERS</p>	<p>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>
<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 taking place on 1-2 April 2017 at 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 Here’s my bit for the next Communicant:</p> <p>News from the Youth and Children Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest newsletter is out now: you can find it here. • Booking for the Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond is now open! Application forms can be found here. [thumbnail attached] Please encourage teenagers connected to your church to apply. • The Play Church is continuing on its pilgrimage around the diocese, and is currently in the Borders at St Peter’s Peebles for Lent and Easter. A new film featuring the Play Church project has been created by Christian Education Association Scotland: it can be viewed here. Please feel free to share on church websites and social media!
<p>ALL</p>	<p>News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator The Spring programme for Adventures in Faith is now available online here http://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Newsletter-March-2017-for-web.pdf Events coming up: Into Silence 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 adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</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). If you require more leaflets, contact Samantha Campbell on 0131 538 7044 bpsec@dioceseofedinburgh.org</p> <div data-bbox="810 1787 1445 1912" data-label="Image"> </div>

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



FROM DAVID PALMER & SUSAN MACDONALD

Dear Friends

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

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

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

Best wishes

David Palmer

Dear Friends

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

Revd Susan Macdonald

Rector

Christ Church, Morningside

Monday 3 April	Diocesan Buildings Committee meets
Monday 10 April	DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED
Friday 14 April	DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED (Good Friday)
	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 Susan Macdonald was made an Honorary Canon at Diocesan Synod on 11 March 2017
- The Revd Ruth Innes was elected Synod Clerk at Diocesan Synod on 11 March 2017
- Mr Godfrey Robson was elected Diocesan Secretary at Diocesan Synod on 11 March 2017

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2016/17							27/03/2017
Charge		Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity		14 Mar 17			7 Dec 16	
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel			30 Jan 17		7 Dec 16	
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				27 Jan 17	20 Jan 17	30 Jan 17
1.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's				16 Jan 17	12 Dec 16	16 Jan 17
1.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's		30 Jan 17	12 Dec 16	13 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	
1.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's	01/02/2017		1 Feb 17	4 Jan 17	4 Jan 17	31 Jan 17
1.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		30 Nov 16	3 Mar 17	30 Jan 17		30 Jan 17
1.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road	03/03/2017		3 Mar 17	13 Feb 17	7 Dec 16	3 Mar 17
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		12 Dec 16	12 Dec 16	10 Jan 17	13 Dec 16	
1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		10 Jan 17	10 Jan 17	3 Mar 17	4 Jan 17	
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		7 Dec 16	7 Dec 16	9 Dec 16	20 Jan 17	
1.46	LIVINGSTON	30/01/2017		30 Jan 17	27 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	30 Jan 17
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		16 Mar 17	16 Mar 17	12 Jan 17	30 Nov 16	
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		31 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	30 Jan 17	21 Feb 17	

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

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 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



GLEN '17

at Glenalmond College, Perthshire

Fantastical Beasts

“Fearfully and wonderfully made”



Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Week

23rd - 29th July 2017

Glenalmond College,
Perthshire

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

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/secpyc>

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

<https://secpyc.wordpress.com>

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



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

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

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

Date: Wednesday 10 May 2017

Venue: The Grosvenor Hilton Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh

Time: Registration from 9.30am – Finish approximately 4.00pm

Cost: £40.00

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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

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

PLEASE PROVIDE NAME, CHURCH AND CONTACT DETAILS.

A FULL PROGRAMME WILL BE CIRCULATED ON APPLICATION.

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE Tel: 0131 346 7981

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
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 8th 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

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; w 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)

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

For general information www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/supervision



'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 (14 th April)	St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton @ 2.00pm Colinton Parish Church of Scotland @ 7.00pm
Easter Sunday (16 th April)	All Nations Christian Fellowship, Oxfangs @ 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).*



A Treat for Mind, Body & Spirit

**Why not gift your 'Self' some time & space.
Time for deep listening & contemplation.
Space for relaxation & renewal.**

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

Tuesdays 9.45-11.30 am: 28 February – 18 April

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

Thursdays 7.30-9.15 pm: 2 March – 20 April

At: Cowan Road, Edinburgh EH11 1RH

All sessions include a reflective break. There is no requirement to attend weekly, as each one is complete in itself. Cost on a sliding scale from £10 - £7 per session (as you feel to give).

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

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

Releasing Energy and Creativity in Therapy and Supervision

20 May 2017, Edinburgh
10am - 4pm

Come and explore

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

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

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

Facilitated by:

Stephanie Turner

NHS Dramatherapist
and Supervisor in
forensic services

Michael Paterson

Lead Trainer Diploma
in Cross-Professional
Creative Supervision

Cost: £70

**Venue: Broughton St Mary's, Bellevue Crescent,
Edinburgh EH3 6NE (foot of Broughton Street)**

**Bookings and further details:
michael@joiningthedots.org.uk**

Passing the Baton

Befriending Training



Transforming lives through friendship

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

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

Passing the Baton Training Evenings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Book your place today online at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-32432327966>

Email us on ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com.

Ring or text us on 07969 771659

Follow us on twitter @Befriending_BCT

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





GABRIEL FAURÉ

Come & Sing
REQUIEM

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL 2017

1330 Rehearsal | **1600** Informal Performance
followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

*with the professional choir of St Mary's Cathedral
(‘one of Scotland’s musical jewels’ – Gramophone)
in one of Edinburgh’s most iconic buildings*



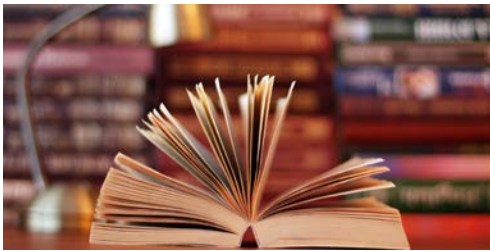
St MARY's CATHEDRAL
Palmerston Place

www.cathedral.net
+44 (0) 131 225 6293

Enrolment £10 per singer

Tickets available from the Cathedral Office
or by emailing music@cathedral.net.

BOOK SALE & FESTIVAL



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

0131 662 8635
cemc.office@gmail.com

ChristianAid
We believe in life before death

Coming Soon!
13 – 19 May 2017

Love books?

Want to help Christian Aid?

Volunteers needed for the
new book sale and festival:

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

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

Thank you!

CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

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

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

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

The roles will include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



“Caring for ourselves in troubled times: A day to rest, reflect and refresh with God and others.”

Join us on Saturday 13th May in the beautiful setting of Cockenzie House, close to Port Seton harbour, for a quiet day of prayer and reflection with God, ourselves and others.

Action in the world, motivated by faith and care for others, takes energy and commitment. It also requires time to look after ourselves: To reconnect with what motivates us, and to rest and refresh ourselves so that we can continue that involvement.

“Caring for ourselves in troubled times” aims to offer time and space to do just that. To:

- step out from the busyness of life and give ourselves time to pause
- notice how we are feeling
- remember why we do what we do, and
- reflect with ourselves and others on what can sustain us in our action.

The day is led by Miriam McHardy of Just Folk. It will offer guided reflections, time to share with others and/or be alone, an opportunity to be creative with arts materials, along with a chance to explore the beautiful grounds of Cockenzie House, or the beach close by.

The day will be of particular interest to people involved in work for justice & peace, social action, education or health and social care, or anyone who needs space and time to rest and refresh.

Saturday 13th May, 10am-4pm

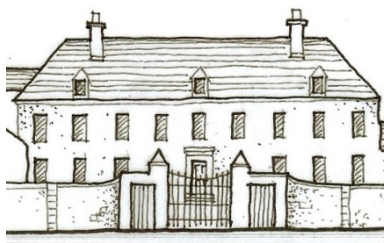
£25/ £20 (conc.) Includes refreshments and lunch. Limited places available.

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

Venue: The Willow Room, Cockenzie House & Gardens, 22 Edinburgh Rd, Cockenzie, Port Seton EH32 0HY

Cockenzie House is based in the small seaside town of Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian. It is easily reached from around East Lothian and Edinburgh by public transport with the 26/X26 from Edinburgh (stating Seton Sands) stopping almost at the gate. The nearest railway station is Prestonpans.

For more information, or to book a place, contact: just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk



Cockenzie House & Gardens

Kneelers Needing Knees



92 leatherette kneelers need a new home – St Ninian's Church Comely Bank has 92 black leatherette kneelers that are no longer needed. They have been well used but still have plenty of years of life left in them. Some have lost their D hooks. Please contact Libby Morton, honsec@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk, if you are interested in some or all of these.