

The Communicant

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NOTICES

CLERGY and LAY/ ALT LAY REPS

The Diocesan Synod agenda for the meeting on Thursday 3 November 2016 is published on the diocesan website. Paper copies of the agenda have been posted out to all members of the House Of Clergy and House Of Laity. Any members of our congregations are welcome to attend synod, and can speak to any of the items. However, only members of the House Of Clergy and House Of Laity are able to vote on the motions during the meeting. The agenda can be found at [here](#)



ALL



Christmas Card Competition

It's that time again! Could your design feature on Bishop John's Christmas card this year? This competition is **open to all ages**. The theme is "Let us go now to Bethlehem" and you can respond with a drawing, photograph, collage, model, tableau, sculpture or something else. Entries to office@dioceseofedinburgh.org or youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Closing date 5 Nov.



ALL


News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission

What do people outside the church think of Christians today? Who do they think Jesus is? A recent UK-wide research project called *Talking Jesus*, has revealed some fascinating insights that could help inform and shape both our life and witness as congregations and our personal conversations with friends and family. For example 68% of those outwith the church said they knew a practising Christian, a far higher proportion than we might imagine offering us myriad opportunities to share God's love! Find out more at www.talkingjesus.org or come to a one day event for information and discussion organised by the Church of Scotland. **Saturday 29th October, 10am-3pm** at Edinburgh University.

Further details/registration: www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/talking-jesus
Annie Naish

mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org office: 0131 346 9089, mobile: 07800 866 494

<p>YOUTH & CHILDREN</p>	<p>News from the Youth and Children Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 November – Launch of the play church project at St Mary’s Cathedral. The play church is designed to help children explore worship and wonder about God and his amazing family - the Church - that reaches across time and space. This special interactive all-age service with the Bishop of Edinburgh also features Fischy Music, who will be leading us in song. 11am start, followed by coffee, juice and pastries. Everyone is welcome! <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>	<div data-bbox="336 584 778 680">  <p>ADVENTURES IN FAITH NEWSLETTER September 2016</p> </div> <p>News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator Are you planning an adult learning, discipleship course or event in the diocese area between Christmas and Easter? If you would like to let others know about it, advertise in the next Adventures in Faith newsletter. Deadline for submissions 1st November, preferably in Word and images are welcome.</p> <p>AIF events coming up: Science, Religion, Creation: Finding the Centre of Gravity with Mark Harris on Thursday 10 November 7.30pm at Old St Paul’s, Edinburgh, <i>please book for this event by 1st Nov.</i> Full details in ‘events’ below or via this link</p> <p>AIF events with a CMD overlap: Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit: the spiritual lives of those with dementia, their families and how church communities can support them.</p> <p>Saturday 26 November 10.30 coffee, 11am -1pm at St Paul’s and St George’s Church with Professor John Starr. £15/12. Booking details in the Adventures in Faith Newsletter or from Elizabeth White adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org 07398 954 011</p>  <p>Silence - Way of the Heart Exploring how we listen for God in stillness, and the use of silence in worship settings. Friday 2 December 1.30 - 3.30pm Christ Church Centre, Morningside, Edinburgh The afternoon will include a presentation on ways to enter silence and an experience of guided meditation, followed by discussion and sharing. Suitable for anyone with an interest in silence, whether church-goers, boundary-dwellers or clergy who wish to lead others into contemplative prayer. Led by Mollie Paterson, counsellor, supervisor and spiritual director; Mollie has been involved in leading reflective prayer groups for many years. Booking via Adventures in Faith: £15(£12), send cheque payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod.</p> <p>Bursary and CMD help is available for these events, please enquire adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</p>
<p>ALL</p>	<p>Faith in Older People would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the recent Bishop’s Lent Appeal. The support is so important to our continued work but also because it encourages us to feel that what we are doing is recognised and felt to be important. We will continue to stress the importance of the spiritual dimension in the care of older people in all settings and to emphasise the key role played by congregations in supporting those older people who experience dementia or other care needs. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with congregations to discuss our work and the potential to work together. Please contact Maureen O’Neill, Director email: director@fiop.org.uk Tel: 0131 346 7981</p> <div data-bbox="1134 1966 1469 2063"> <p>Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2016</p> </div>

29 October	Bishop John attends the Glen Delegates 'Sci-Fi Sleepover' at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Edinburgh
30 October	The Bishop presides at Christ Church, Morningside 10am
2 November	The Information and Communications Committee meets today
3 November	Autumn 2016 Synod 5.30pm The Bishop presides at the Eucharist, St Mary's Cathedral 6pm at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh
6 November	Bishop John attends Confirmations at Fettes College 11am
8 November	The Finance and Management Committee meets today
	 <p>Advanced notice: Spring 2017 Synod - Saturday 11th March 2017 at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh</p>

- The mobile number for Revd Tony Bryer in the Red Book is incorrect. It should read 07814 832004.



MAKE YOUR MONEY COUNT

Thursday 3rd November 2016 10am

St Andrew's and St George's West Church, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA

This event brings together some of the UK's leading ethical investment organisations to mark Good Money Week. The event will explore key issues around how we invest our money and give practical ideas to make your money count.

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make your money change your world

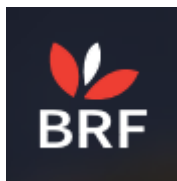
Rathbone Greenbank Investments
Dedicated to ethical and sustainable investment



The Church of Scotland

Triodos Bank

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INVESTING IN A FAIRER WORLD



The Gift of Years – Bible Reading Fellowship

BRF's programme *The Gift of Years* whose aim is 'resourcing the spiritual journey of older people'. At its heart lies the practical approach to supporting men and women in later life known as Anna Chaplaincy (named after the widow Anna who appears with Simeon in Luke Chapter 2 - both fine role models of faithful older people).

Anna Chaplaincy is a timely response to the rapidly ageing population and is currently expanding beyond where it began in Hampshire to Lancashire, Kent and other parts of the UK. The Gift of Years network of Anna Chaplains and others engaged in similar ecumenical, community-based ministry among older people now includes practitioners from a wide geographical area, though, as yet, none in Scotland. We have, however, received a number of inquiries so have arranged a meeting **in Edinburgh on Thursday November 24** at Central Church, Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, EH3 9BP, from 9.30am (and to include a sandwich lunch from midday).

We would very much like to invite you to join us at this meeting. Our aim is to bring together those individuals who have contacted us from churches of various denominations across the city, as well as key people such as yourself who might help us develop Anna Chaplaincy across Scotland.

www.brf.org.uk/thegiftofyears

ADVENTURES IN FAITH presents:



Science, Religion, Creation: Finding the Centre of Gravity

Thursday 10 November 7.30 - 9pm Old St Paul's Church
Hall, Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh
Please Book by 1st November

It is generally assumed in our society that science and religion can barely co-exist (at best) and are at war (at worst). The topic of creation/nature has become the main bone of contention, with the Bible's creation texts at the heart of the controversy. Creationist approaches, and atheist responses have problematised the Bible's texts to the extent that many of us avoid engaging with them to any great degree. We will explore the theme of creation in the Bible - which is far richer and more extensive than it is usually given credit for - and the ways in which science and biblical scholarship may be used to respond constructively to both sides of the argument.

With Mark Harris, a physicist, ordained Anglican priest and former Vice-Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Mark now combines academic interests in physics and theology by running the Science and Religion programme of study and research at the University of Edinburgh. Bookings via Adventures in Faith: £10(£7) cheque payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod. adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org



ADVENTURES IN FAITH presents:

Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit

Saturday 26 November 10.30 coffee, 11 - 1pm

St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

As the world's population ages, dementia is becoming increasingly common as a lived experience for people with the condition, and others. Dementia is often thought of as affecting the mind, but it frequently affects a wide range of bodily functions. Together we will explore: How do these changes relate to the spiritual lives of those with dementia and their families? What kind of 'adventure in faith' lies ahead? And how can church communities support them?

Facilitated by John Starr, Director of the Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Research Centre and Professor of Health & Ageing at the University of Edinburgh; he is a consultant physician with a longstanding special interest in dementia and cognitive disorders. John holds a PhD in Hebrew and Biblical Studies and is shortly being licensed as a Lay Reader within the Diocese. Bookings via Adventures in Faith: £15(£12) cheque payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod. adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org Bursary help available, please enquire.

Interfaith Week

Something for everyone with over 20 events including the famous Interfaith Quiz. Full programme www.eifa.org.uk/interfaith-week-programme-edinburgh



Lord Provost Reception with EIFA to mark the official opening of Interfaith Week. 14th of November. 6-7.30pm. It is important as an organisation and as faith communities that we continue to work closely with Edinburgh council and this is a key event to promote that relationship. If you are holding an event this would also be a good place to plug it. Could you please rsvp to info@eifa.org.uk for catering purposes?

Key Note Lecture by Aaqil Ahmed, BBC Head of Religion and Ethics. 15th of November. 5.30-7pm. Edinburgh University Chaplaincy, 1 Bristo Square. EIFA is very privileged this year to have secured Aaqil Ahmed to deliver our key note lecturer on the topic of, 'Faith and the Media.' Could you please circulate this as widely as possible across your communities? It would be good to give him a large audience and I am sure that many people within our communities will have questions to ask him. For further info or to rsvp email info@eifa.org.uk

Edinburgh Interfaith week Key Note Lecture: Aaqil Ahmed

November 15th, 5.30pm-7pm.

Venue: Edinburgh University Chaplaincy 1 Bristo Square

Fearmongering, Faith and the Responsibility of the Media Followed by a short Q & A Aaqil Ahmed Head of Religion & Ethics and Commissioning Editor of Religion at British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

This Key Note Lecturer will explore the responsibility that the media has when it comes to covering religious matters. It was also consider the potential impact of the media on communities. An Edinburgh Interfaith Association key note lecture and panel discussion in partnership with the Alwaleed Centre and Edinburgh University Chaplaincy

Volunteering Opportunities:

Volunteering internships with EIFA: EIFA is looking for people to fill two roles, one is to assist with editing and developing our magazine, *Interfaith Matters*, the second is to help develop a new religious / cultural diversity programme for schools. Interested? email info@eifa.org.uk for more information explaining your interest in these issues.

Court Chaplains: Volunteers from different communities and backgrounds are invited to consider becoming chaplains at the new Court Chaplaincy, to support people going through the court system. No previous experience is required. Interested? Email courtchaplaincy@gmail.com

Interfaith Week: Interfaith Scotland are looking for a small group of volunteers who are social media savvy to visit some of the Interfaith week events (13th-20th November) across Scotland and report back by writing articles and taking pictures for a new blog. For more information about what's involved see [here](#) or email Mel: mel@interfaithscotland.org

www.coreskillsforchurches.com

Fabulous opportunities for children's and youth workers, pastors, clergy, church leaders and volunteers to develop knowledge and underpin practice with theological reflection in these foundation courses in Core Skills in Children's Work and Family Ministry.

 <p>Children's Work 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child development • Programme planning • The bible and prayer <p>12th Nov 2016 Church Grove, Sauchie, FK10 3BU</p>	 <p>Children's Work 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership & teamwork • Children & community • Pastoral awareness <p>3rd Dec 2016 Perth Methodist Church, PH2 8JN</p>	 <p>Family Ministry 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family ministry today • The role of family relationships • Faith in families <p>26th Nov 2016 11 Newton Place Glasgow, G3 7PR</p>	 <p>Family Ministry 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical & contemporary understanding of family • Seasons of family life • Family well-being <p>25th Oct & 8th Nov 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX</p>
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For more information and to book a place contact:

lorraine.darlow@sky.com Tel: 07769 784776
richard@ufcos.org.uk Tel: 07577 867024







EDINBURGH ECO-CONGREGATION NETWORK FILM

MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 7.00 to 9.30pm
LAURISTON CENTRE Lauriston Street Edinburgh EH3 9DJ



Based on the book by Naomi Klein about the effects of climate change on the most vulnerable communities but with hope for the future followed by a discussion led by BISHOP DAVID CHILLINGWORTH

Contact Sarah Tolley to book a place
greeningourstreet@gmail.com

Free entry – donations welcome



2016 Festival

Saturday, 5 November
Edinburgh

12noon, Festival Eucharist
St John's Episcopal Church
Princes Street & Lothian Rd

followed by

Lunch, Presentation, & AGM
St Mary's Cathedral
Palmerston Place

Speaker: The Most Rev'd Joris Vercammen
Archbishop of Utrecht

5pm, Concert
St John's Episcopal Church
Princes Street & Lothian Rd
Clarinet: Calum Robertson, Edinburgh
Piano: Lauretta Bloomer, Amsterdam

All are welcome!

St John's

The Anglican & Old Catholic
Society of Saint Willibrord
in Britain and Ireland



CEILIDH

7pm, Saturday 5 November

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

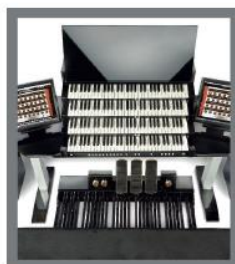
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ADULTS: £10 / CHILDREN: free

Includes refreshments



This ceilidh is a fundraiser for the
Under the Mango Tree charity



VIRTUAL ORGAN INAUGURAL RECITAL

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

4PM - 5.30PM

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

Featuring music by Bruhns, Buxtehude, Bach,
Dumage, Franck and Liszt.

Organist: George Wilson

TICKETS: £15/£10 and Children FREE

In aid of YMCA Edinburgh

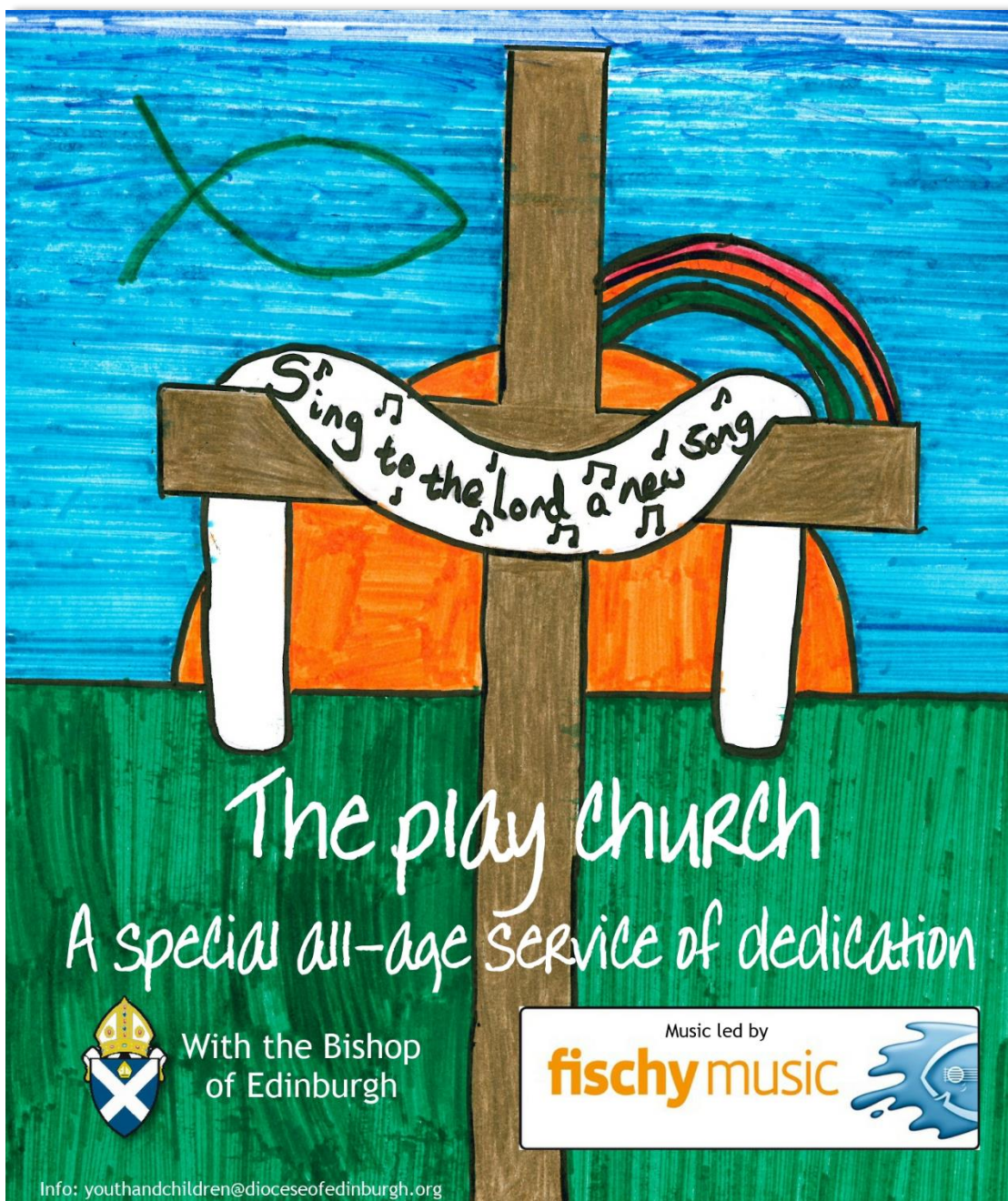
www.edinburghmethodist.com 0131 662 8635

A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 3 December 10 - 4pm

Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place,
Edinburgh

It is very easy for the magic of the coming of Christ to be lost amid the busy preparations for Christmas. But it is there, sparkling among the pine branches and presents. This Quiet Day is an invitation to take time out in this busiest of seasons, to reconnect with the meaning at the centre of it all. A small event in a stable begins a big story. A mystery we can't really hope to understand: Immanuel, God with us. The day will include a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, rest and creativity. Cost: £30(£20), includes lunch; contact for more information on reduced costs. For bookings, email Susan Mansfield on wordsmansfield@gmail.com or call 07803 620038



Info: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Saturday 12 November at 11am
St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh
Everyone welcome! Come on your own, with friends or
bring the whole family
Please join us for coffee, juice and pastries after the service



**EMMS International
November 8th at 4.00pm at New College
“From Pioneer to Partner: Celebrating 175 years of Medical Missions.”**

We are leading a seminar with the Global Health Academy as part of New College's World Christianity research seminar series. The role for faith communities in global healthcare is at an exciting point in history, come and hear from people leading the discussion and engage. After the seminar, there will be drinks in the Rainy Hall and the opportunity to view our 175th Anniversary exhibition.

<https://www.emms.org/get-involved/175th-anniversary/new-college-seminar-from-pioneer-to-partner-celebrating-175-years-of-medical-missions/>

EMMS International (formerly The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society) is Scotland's very own medical mission and has since 1841 brought health and hope to thousands of people living in the poorest communities of the world. In this, our 175th Anniversary Year, we are focusing on the needs of Nepal.

In Nepal, where living is all too often hand to mouth, more often than not there is no care for those living with chronic or terminal illnesses, who are often as a result, in constant pain with a poor quality of life. Medicine is out of reach for many such people in Nepal and even paracetamol is only affordable for those who have savings.

Many churches at their Christmas Services take special offerings for projects that focus on those in greatest need in their communities and around the world. We would like to ask Churches if they have not yet chosen the recipients for their Festive Services offerings, if they would consider donating all or portion of those offerings to help serve the poor and sick of Nepal through our appeal which will provide them with love, pain relief and end of life care?

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information or you would like us to provide you with some publicity material.

Rev James Petticrew
Church Development Manager, EMMS International
0131 131 3828



"Mapping Sanctuary in Edinburgh"

Saturday 19th November
10.00am-3.00pm at the City Chambers

As more refugees and asylum seekers arrive in Edinburgh, many brilliant initiatives have sprung up to provide a welcome across the city. This event will

provide an opportunity to map out what is already happening to welcome refugees and asylum seekers in Edinburgh, what you think needs to happen next, and to work out the best way to develop co-ordinated initiatives across our city. We will build on conversations begun during previous initiatives such as the Edinburgh World Justice Festival. Organisations, groups and individuals are all welcome but venue capacity is limited. Please register interest by Monday 31st October.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Childcare is also available but needs to be booked in advance. The day is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council and City of Sanctuary Edinburgh.

Booking: www.eventbrite.com/e/mapping-sanctuary-in-edinburgh-tickets-27429781214

Or if you would like other information, then please get in touch
via: edinburgh@cityofsanctuary.org

God's Invitation to Relationship: prayer course

A four week course to give you the skills to deepen your prayer life



This course will explore Ignatian Prayer and will be facilitated by Sr Kathleen Curran UJ & Juliet Mackellaig. Andrew Cassidy and Mark McManus will also assist.

Taking place in Lauriston Centre SMALL HALL each Thursday from the 10th November – 1st of December, 7pm – 9pm.

This is a free course but donations are welcome.

Spaces are limited to 20. To book a place please contact Andrew Cassidy at pastoral@lauriston.org.uk or call 0131 229 9821.

Lauriston Centre, 28 Lauriston St, Edinburgh, EH3 9D

Holy Trinity Haddington



Consolation for the soul

7.30pm, Tuesday 8 November

A lecture on art related to mortality, death and heaven
for the season of the saints

This lecture will be given by Canon Anne Dyer

Friends and family members are welcome. There will be
refreshments. This event is free.

ST JOHN'S THEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

10TH DECEMBER

10:00 - 16:00

GOD, MUSIC, DISCORD & SIN



PROFESSOR JEREMY BEGBIE

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL, USA

Jeremy Begbie is a concert pianist and theologian with an international reputation for exploring the frontier between God-talk and the arts. From the piano he will use music to investigate the mystery of sin in God's plan for the world.

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, PRINCES STREET

The Symposium is open to all and will include musical lectures by Professor Begbie, discussion, and lunch with refreshments. There is no charge but donations towards the cost may be given. To book a place or for more information, please contact the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes at stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

