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NOTICES 🧳

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Autumn editions of **The Edge magazine** and **Adventures in Faith newsletter** were sent out to Hubs a fortnight ago. If you have not done so, please collect as soon as possible. The two publications are also available online.

ALL News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission

It is a joy to have joined the Diocese and it was wonderful to be so warmly welcomed and commissioned during the ordination service last Sunday at St Marys' Cathedral. After only a week in post I feel very new here, but have already experienced something of the friendly and supportive ethos. I am looking forward to working together with charges and clergy across the Diocese as we inspire and equip each other in our calling to share God's saving love with all; already I have heard of so many good things



happening and am really excited by the potential. Whilst based at the Diocesan Office, I get very bored when sitting at a desk, so it will be great to hear from you for a conversation or visit. Please do get in touch.

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Annie Naish

ALL News from the Youth and Children Officer

Sci-Fi Sleepover - please remind teenagers (S1-S6) about this upcoming youth event on 29-30 October at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield. Contact youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org for further information.



Competition winner! The competition to design a brilliant banner for the play church has been won by Phoebe Pryce of St Mark's Portobello. Her bold design will be created in fabric by Rev'd Ruth Green and unveiled at the service of dedication for the play church.

The play church - a special all-age service of dedication with Bishop John and featuring Fischy Music! Saturday 12 November 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place Everyone welcome, especially children and families. Please join us for coffee, juice and pastries after the service.

Claire Benton-Evans, Diocesan Youth and Children Officer

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Adventures in Faith News - a full term ahead with events for all!

- The Opera Course with Mike Fuller on Mondays 2 4pm 3, 10, 17 and 24 October at St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh still places, starting Monday
 3rd
- Science, Religion, Creation: Finding the Centre of Gravity with Mark Harris on Thursday 10 November 7.30pm at Old St Paul's, Edinburgh
- Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit on Saturday with John Starr 26 November 11am -1pm at St Paul's and St George's Church
- Silence Way of the Heart with Mollie Paterson on Friday 2 December 1.30 3.30pm at Christ Church Centre, Morningside

Booking details in the Adventures in Faith <u>Newsletter</u> or from Elizabeth White <u>adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</u> 07398 954 011 or 0131 346 9081

TREASURERS

VESTRY TREASURERS - PENSIONS AUTO ENROLMENT - IMPORTANT

Emails were sent before the summer to all Vestry Treasurers concerning pensions autoenrolment, a mandatory scheme to ensure that all employees provide for their
retirement. With effect from their relevant staging date (staggered between now and
summer 2017), all employers have legal obligations to provide access to a pension
scheme and to complete an online declaration of compliance. Charges with their own
PAYE employer's reference are responsible for making these arrangements and
completing the declaration (even if their payroll is administered for them by the Diocese).
Further information is available on the Provincial website, and the Diocesan Treasurer,
Nigel Cook treasurer@dioceseofedinburgh.org is happy to respond to requests for
assistance. For Charges whose payroll is processed under the diocesan employer's
reference, the Diocese is responsible for making arrangements and completing the
declaration. We shall contact these Charges concerning this later in the year.

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Free to a Good Home

Two large boxes of red Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard - melody edition - first published Oct 1983, these are mostly 6th impression - Nov 1985

One large box of Mission Praise - Easy to read Words Edition. All free! Contact Sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org



Thursday 29 September	Bishop John is attending the Espoo Synodical Conference	
Saturday 1 October 5pm	The Bishop licenses Revd David Robinson to St. Martin of Tours, Edinburgh	
Sunday 2 October 10.30am	Bishop John preaching at St Cuthbert's Hawick	
Wednesday 5 October	Core Staff and The Standing Committee meets today	
Thursday 6 October 7.30pm	The Bishop institutes Revd Simon Metzner as Rector, St Adrian's Gullane and St Baldred's North Berwick	
Saturday 8 October 12noon	Bishop John licenses Liz Gordon as Lay Reader, St Anne's Dunbar	
Monday 10 October	The Diocesan Buildings Committee meets today	
		Advanced notice: Autumn 2016 Synod - Thursday 3 rd November 2016 from 5.30pm at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh
		Advanced notice: Spring 2017 Synod - Saturday 11th March 2017 at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

CHANGES 😚

- Revd Annie Naish as Bishop's Enabler of Mission w.e.f 20 September 2016
- Revd Deryck Collingwood, retires as Rector, St Mary's Dalmahoy w.e.f 30 September 2016
- Revd Simon Metzner, Rector St Adrian's Gullane and St Baldred's North Berwick w.e.f 6
 October 2016
- Revd Canon Fred Tomlinson, as Interim Pastor, St Cuthbert's, Colinton
- Mrs Liz Gordon as Lay Reader, St Anne's Dunbar

Sunday Introductions at St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

All are invited to a new series of introductory talks, to be held on Sundays in front of the High Altar, 12 noon to 12.45pm

11 September 2016

Rev Canon Brian Hardy

An Introduction to Gesture and Movement in our Worship

9 October 2016

Rev Jenny Williams

An Introduction to Healing

6 November 2016

Rev Canon Professor Paul Foster

An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

4 December 2016

Right Rev Brian Smith

An Introduction to the No I Theological School, Botswana

29 January 2017

Rev David Robinson

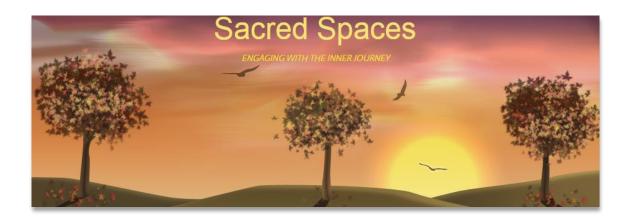
An Introduction to Bonhoeffer

12 February 2017

Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ

An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

For further information, please see weekly service sheets or email faithandgrowth@gmail.com



SACRED SPACES RETREAT

Weekend at Whitchester Christian Guest House (just outside Hawick) Friday 11th to Sunday 13th of November 2016

There will be a mixture of silence, guided reflection and prayer stations, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the lovely countryside around the house.

You will find the flier and application form on our website at www.sacredspacesretreats.co.uk

Scottish Churches Housing Action's Autumn Event

'Homelessness in Scotland: the challenges of uncertainty'
10.15 am-2.15 pm, Friday 7 October 2016
at the Church of Scotland Offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN.

We are delighted that our speakers will be

Rt. Rev. Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; and **Kevin Stewart MSP**, Minister for Local Government and Housing.

This year has been marked by change and uncertainty: with the vote for Brexit, a new Prime Minister, continuing austerity, devolved social security, and possibly another Indyref in the near future. In this changing and challenging economic and political climate how do we continue to find ways of tackling homelessness?

The programme will include a panel discussion and an afternoon session 'Spotlight on Homelessness' – highlighting particular aspects of the work of Scottish Churches Housing Action. The event will be followed by the AGM of Scottish Churches Housing Action, to which all are welcome.

Cost: £15.00 per person. Lunch will be provided. The final programme will be sent out in September. To register for the event info@churches-housing.org t: 0131 477 4500 www.churches-housing.org

FIRST ANNUAL SEI LECTURE

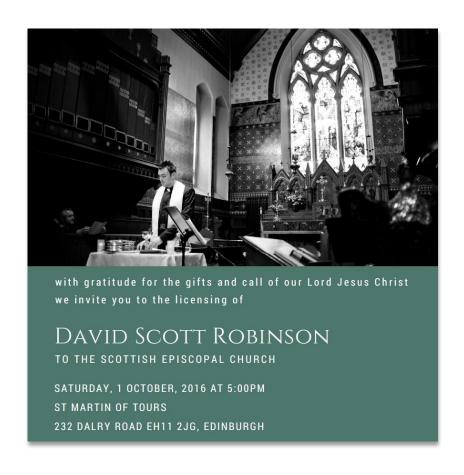


The Scottish Episcopal Institute is honoured and delighted that the Revd Professor Mike Higton, Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, will offer the first Annual SEI Lecture in New College on **Thursday 20th October 2016 at 4pm in the Martin Hall, New College.** The lecture will be on 'Teaching and Witness in the Life of the Church'. This will be followed by a reception in the Rainy Hall. The lecture is cosponsored by SEI and CTPI, New College.

Alongside research interests in the fields of Christian doctrine, Anglican theology and the theology of higher education, Professor Higton is currently responsible for academic input into Durham University's validation of the Common Awards in Theology, Ministry and Mission offered in conjunction with Ministry Division in colleges and courses around the country, and for developing collaborative research projects that bring together people from the church and university sectors to discuss the future of theological education. Professor Higton was part of the Validation Team which visited SEI last February to scrutinise its proposed entry into Common Awards.

Bookings through https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prof-mike-higton-teaching-and-witness-in-the-life-of-the-church-tickets-27728485647

Canon Anne Tomlinson, Principal Scottish Episcopal Institute



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

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: $f_10(f_17)$ 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.

THE MALCOLM GOLDSMITH LECTURE 2016 THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE in association with



presents an exciting new approach to the Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture with a performance by Skimstone Arts.

Following the performance, which will highlight our current collaborative project on Dementia Friendly Faith Communities, the subject matter will be open for discussion.

Venue: Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh

Time: Registration from 1.30pm – Event start 2.00pm – followed by wine and canape reception

Cost: £16.00

Email: info@fiop.org.uk Website: www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk Tel: 0131 346 7981

Meditative Listening

Saturday 19 November 10.30 - 3pm Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh

How do we listen deeply; and learn to listen from a place of wisdom within us? An introduction to the listening process called 'Focussing', which offers a format for connecting body experience with emotion, mind and spirit. Facilitated by Revd



Jenny Williams, who has been working with this framework for six years and is now accredited as a British Focussing Teacher. Cost £20 jennywilliams@gmx.co.uk 0131 447 0050

Edinburgh direct Aid

WINTER CLOTHES APPEAL FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

For each of the past three winters EDA has shipped containers of clothes to some of the 70,000 Syrian refugees in Arsal, a town in Lebanon over 5000' above sea level with bitterly cold winters. Funds for container transport and distribution have been a limitation: but this year, supported by Qatar's Red Crescent organisation, we will be able to send many more, to high altitude locations in the Northern Bekaa as well as to Arsal.

Between now and Christmas we need as much as we can (in good condition) of the following:

WINTER COATS – PADDED JACKETS – WATERPROOFS – FLEECES – WOOLLIES --THERMALS – MOUNTAIN BOOTS – WELLY BOOTS – PADDED BOOTS – GOOD SHOES – SOCKS – GLOVES – WOOLLY HATS (FOR YOUNG AND OLD, BOYS AND GIRLS, MEN AND WOMEN, BABIES TOO, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND TEEN-AGERS)

ALSO: NEW UNDERWEAR - TOILETRIES (SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SANITARY TOWELS, RAZORS) – SIMPLE FIRST AID THINGS (PAIN KILLERS, PLASTERS, DISINFECTANTS)

And for our self-help workshops and schools: **STATIONERY, KNITTING MATERIALS, FABRIC, HABERDASHERY, HAND-TOOLS, CASH**

If you live in or near Edinburgh please bring things to

<u>EDA Warehouse, 16a West Harbour Road, Edinburgh, EH5 1PN</u>

Opening times (for now – may be increased later): Weds, Sats, Suns 11:00-3:00

If you live outside Edinburgh, and can organise a collection – or collections – please contact us by email (<u>HQ@edinburghdirectaid.org</u>) or phone the EDA office (<u>0131</u> <u>552 1545</u>).

AND FLOCKS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PACK AND SORT AT THE WAREHOUSE

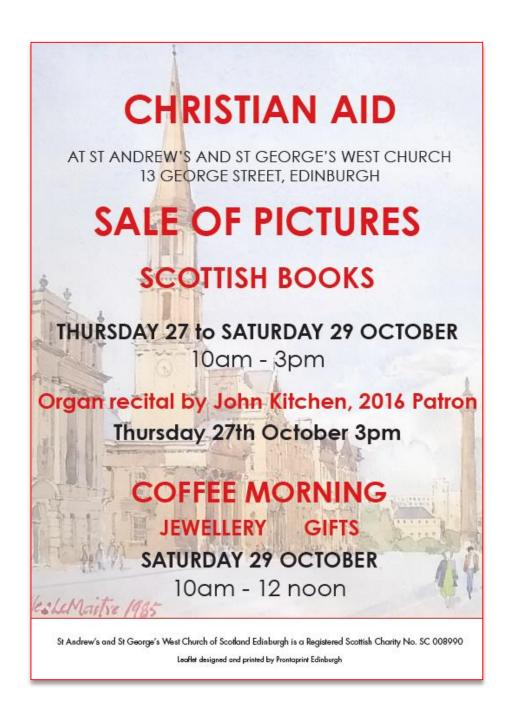
please phone or email in to arrange times - or just turn up -

ALSO DRIVERS WITH CARS OR VANS TO PICKUP DONATIONS (and a fork lift driver or two!)

For more information for volunteers – see contact details for donations above, or phone:

<u>IAN at 0785 785 5849 (not 8-25 Sept)</u> - <u>ANN at 0781 494 9468 - DAVID at 0796 356</u> 2686

Please note that we are NOT collecting food, household goods, light clothes (except underwear), tents or camping gear, large baby items like car seats & buggies. Any doubts about what would be useful please contact us. Our storage space is limited, and it takes time to dispose of unwanted items.





Thomas Merton's Engaged Spirituality

Saturday 29 October 2016, 10 - 5pm and/or 7 - 9pm
Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, Edinburgh
Learn about and explore aspects of Thomas Merton's life and thought;
network among those who are interested in aspects of Thomas Merton's
life and thought; facilitate open and mutually respectful enquiry and
communication among scholars and the wider public regarding aspects of
Thomas Merton's life and thought. Speakers include: Rev James Crampsey
SJ, Stephen Dunhill, Dr Jim Griffin, Revd Canon John McLuckie, Revd Canon
Dr Anne Tomlinson. Information www.eicsp.org or 0131 331 4469

Tuesday October 4th, 2016, 6.30pm

Augustine United Church George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

A free event for International Day of Non-Violence from Edinburgh Interfaith Association

In a world infected by conflict and war, where poverty and inequality are the norm, we ask the question: what is the legacy and relevance of Gandhi's teachings of non-violence to today's world? To answer that question we welcome Piyush Roy and Jean Paul Samputu.

Free event, reserve your place with Eventbrite and please share this invitation with your friends.

In this moving event, acclaimed critic, curator, novelist and academic Piysush Roy will highlight key periods in the life of Mahatma Gandi through the exploration of early media footage. Piyush was the youngest editor of India's film magazine Stardust and was honoured with the Best Film Critic Award at the 60th Indian Film Festival.

We will then show the Scottish Premier of *Invincible*, a film telling the remarkable story of Jean Paul Samputu, an award winning musician and peace activist from Rwanda: how he fled Rwanda to avoid becoming a victim of the impending genocide; how his friend and neighbour Vincent was responsible for murdering his father in 1994; and how Jean Paul found it within himself to resist violent retaliation and learn to forgive. The film won the Film Competition Prize in Rwanda.

Samputu says in the film, "Forgiveness is the most powerful weapon against violence. This weapon does not only fight against community injustice; it also works on one's own heart... Sometimes there is nothing you can do about a particular individual or the situation, therefore retaining the anger in your heart continues to bring pain and bitterness to you and may affect your children in future. Forgiveness is therefore not for the other person, but for you who are bitter. When you forgive, you heal yourself."

Jean Paul will be on hand to answer questions on this remarkable film and life story.

Any questions email info@eifa.or.uk 0131 283 5427

The Other Side of Chaos

12 - 13 November 10 - 5pm Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh

We are living through times of enormous change and transition. Global changes affect our future as a human family on this planet, and also in our personal lives and choices. Some changes are like childbirth - painful yet ultimately life-giving; others are potentially destructive. The pattern of breakdown followed by breakthrough runs through the whole of life, and is ultimately a pattern of hope, not despair. Can we trust this pattern in our own lives, and engage in an authentic spirituality of transition?



With **Margaret Silf**, author of many books for 21st century spiritual pilgrims, she works ecumenically, across and beyond traditional denominations and is passionate about making Christian spirituality accessible in everyday life.

Information www.eicsp.org or 0131 331 4469

AUGUSTINE ASSIGNMENTS

An ecumenical youth group for those who want to bake, engage with social justice, make art, and talk about God.



Who: Youth aged 11-18 Cost: FREE!

Where: Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

When: 2:00-4:00pm on September 17th, October 1st, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th!

To find our more or to register for *Augustine Assignments*, please contact: Elizabeth and Nicola at <u>aucassignments@gmail.com</u>

Find Augustine Assignments on:









Introduction to Zen Meditation

Friday 7 October 2016 6.30 - 8pm and Saturday 8 October 9.30 - 4pm (please bring lunch, drinks provided) Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

With Fr Patrick Kundo Eastman Roshi, a Roman Catholic priest and Zen teacher in the Wild Goose Zen Sangha. All are welcome, whether or not you have a religious faith. If you like to attend one or both of these sessions, please email edinburghzengroup@gmail.com or phone Vice Provost Revd Canon John McLuckie on 07967 411884 so that we have an accurate idea of numbers attending. You may also use these contact details if you would like further information about the event. Entrance is free, but an offering bowl will be available.



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

The Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together Pilgrim Course will explore one of the central experiences of Christian life, the Holy Eucharist.

It will be held at **St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road** in the Melrose Room from **7.30pm to 9pm** on four Thursdays: **17 November & I, 8, 15 December**. To register contact Stephen Holmes.

The Revd Dr Stephen Holmes, Associate Rector of St John's, Princes Street.

stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

COMPLINE CHOIR



Members of St John's, Princes Street and other churches have been singing Compline in Gregorian Chant at St John's and at other locations, including under Dean Bridge, over the past two years. It will be sung at St John's on Thursday evenings at 9.30pm from 18 November until 15 December. All are welcome.

A group of us from three different churches intend to form a Compline Choir (of singers of all abilities!) to establish a core group for this popular service. For further information contact Stephen Holmes, stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

A NEW CHRISTIAN AID BOOKSALE?



Come along to a Christian Aid evening

7.30pm, Tuesday 11 October, The Well Cafe, The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church 25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX

This event will formally float the idea of a third Edinburgh Christian Aid Book Sale. Mary Mulligan will also update us all about Christian Aid's recent work, including the ongoing response to the refugee crisis.

The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church at Nicolson Square is offering to host a new outpost of the annual Christian Aid Book Sales in Edinburgh. The original book sale is held annually at St Andrew's and St George's West on George St and there is another well-established sale at Holy Corner. Together we would form a 'triangle' of book sales! These sales raise a tremendous amount of money for the work of Christian Aid and are an Edinburgh institution.

Could you help? Do you have expertise and/or enthusiasm for this new project? Want to find out more?

Please do come along to support Christian Aid - teas, coffees and nibbles as well!

Tel: 0131 662 8635 Email: cemc.office@gmail.com

Sacred and Folk Music

For Russian Choir

Concert



Voskresenije

Vocal Ensemble - St. Petersburg

Director, Jurij Maruk

St Mary's Church Dalmahoy Friday 11th November 2016 7.30 pm

Tickets £10.00 / £8.00 conc.

Peace in Palestine

between the two state solution and local initiatives



A talk by Hamed Qawasmeh

A rare opportunity to hear a firsthand account of the humanitarian situation in the southern West Bank from an experienced and highly respected human rights worker living in occupied Palestine. **Hamed Qawasmeh** lives in

Hebron and is Director of Hebron International Resources Network (HIRN), an organisation which he co-founded. The basic mission of the organisation is simple - to serve the most needy Palestinians.

Wednesday 5 October

Edinburgh World Justice Festival
Augustine United Church
41 George IV Bridge,
Edinburgh, EH1 1EL
7.30 pm

Admission free: donations go to HIRN. For more info contact: maureenjack2000@yahoo.com





This tour is generously supported by the Scottish Palestinian Forum