

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

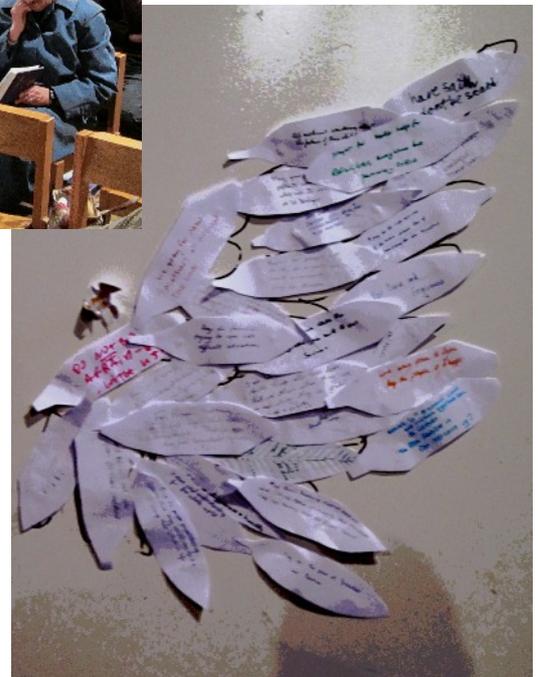
GLEN DELEGATES ARE DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES

CREATIVE WORSHIP AT ST COLUMBA'S-BY-THE-CASTLE

Two Glen delegates, Samuel MacLeod and Olivia Smith, were inspired to devise and lead their own creative all-age worship during Advent.

The pair worked with the Rector, David Paton-Williams, and gathered helpers from within the congregation. The pictures show how engaged everyone was, and one worshipper said: "Folk seemed to be genuinely moved by it all – Olivia wrote a dramatized Annunciation gospel in three parts and the congregation discussed these in groups and in plenary; and had an activity writing prayers on feathers, which we put on drawn outlines of angel's wings – that was very effective... It did get a lot of good feedback: the congregation were very positive about it."

Pictures, clockwise from top: Olivia leading the discussion; Samuel leading prayer; feathered angel-wing prayers; all-age interaction; an enthusiastic congregation.



Diocesan Youth & Children Officer: Claire Benton-Evans

Email: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org
Direct line: 0131 346 9081 Mobile: 0747 372 8148
Office: 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

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

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

LOVE IN ACTION



SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN SCOTLAND PROVIDES ISOLATED FAMILIES GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME WITH SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE BY OFFERING FRIENDSHIP, RESOURCES AND A SHORT BREAK FOR CHILDREN UNTIL THEIR PARENTS ARE BACK ON THEIR FEET WITH A STABLE SUPPORT NETWORK AROUND THEM.

'When Mum walked out, everything changed, but Dad was determined to provide for his two young children. He worked long hours (shift work), which kept him out of the house for 10 hours per day, so he was often unable to help his children get to school or make their dinner. He was afraid to take time off work in case he lost his job.... No-one knew anything was going on at home until one of the children was

home sick, and the school was unable get in touch with their parents. ...

Social workers phoned to see if Safe Families could help. We found a Host Family who could take the children on weekends when dad would be away all day. Over their first weekend with the volunteers, The children had a fun packed time and understood clearly that they would be going home again so weren't worried about being taken into care. As a result,

Dad had peace of mind, knowing his children were safe while he was working, and he also had time to adjust his work schedule so he could be home with his kids when he needed to.

This was a hard-working father who was struggling to cope as a single parent, and a little extra support helped this loving family stay together.'

(Extract from the [Safe Families for Children website](#))

BECOMING A SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN CHURCH

Could you sacrifice a couple of hours per week or month to give hope to a family like this one? If so, *Safe Families* would love to hear from you. [Fill out a volunteer application form today.](#)

Safe Families also partners with churches, offering

- Training
- Support
- Volunteer matching

If you would like to know more, contact edinburgh@safefamiliesforchildren.com

"At St Mungo's we believe that God can use us to benefit our local community. Working in partnership with Safe Families has offered us the structure to further fulfil this vision in a positive and fruitful way."
- Rev Canon Malcolm Round,
St Mungo's Balerno

"Safe Families for Children gives us an opportunity to provide help when it is needed and before a crisis. It is a privilege for us to assist in providing a vital service to families in our local area."
- Rev Mark Nicholas,
Gorebridge Parish Church

Diocesan Youth & Children Officer: Claire Benton-Evans

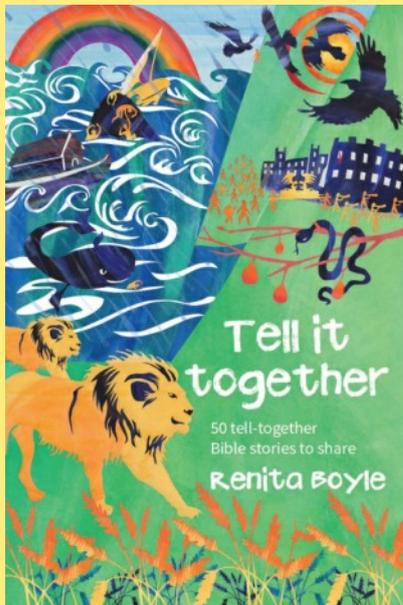
Email: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org
Direct line: 0131 346 9081 Mobile: 0747 372 8148
Office: 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

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

TELL IT
TOGETHER

Introducing
Tell it Together - a
great new interactive
Bible storytelling
resource for anyone
working with children.

Tell it Together is by
the hugely talented
storyteller [Renita
Boyle](#) and is available
from BRF, Amazon or
Renita herself. Click
[here](#) for a free sample:
the introduction (com-
plete with loads of
good information
about telling better
stories) and a few sto-
ries to try too.



MAINLY MUSIC

A TOOL FOR MISSION



Mainly music began in New Zealand as a way for churches to connect with families in their local community. The simple formula of interactive music followed by 'eat/play/chat' has proved hugely popular with young children, their parents and carers. *Mainly music* is a tool for building communities and nurturing relationships; for many, it has also been a first step on their journey of faith and discipleship.



So what happens at a mainly music group?

'Each week, parents and carers bring their young children (0-5s) for a thirty-minute music session with music, rhyme, movement, listening and more. Adults are encouraged to interact and participate with their children. After the music portion, adults and children are extended hospitality. This gives the church a chance to bless families from the community. The session is the first point of contact. It also allows families who don't have a wide circle of friends to be introduced to others in the same season of life. Team members

are able to encourage and give support to the families. Community is formed. *Mainly music* provides a focused opportunity for the church to meet the community, love families with the message of the Gospel, meet needs and speak one-to-one about the impact of their relationship with God by asking questions and being willing to talk about their own faith.' (Taken from the [mainly music website](#)).

If you would like to know more, visit the website or contact the mainly music group at [Edinburgh North Church](#).

Diocesan Youth & Children Officer: Claire Benton-Evans

Email: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org
Direct line: 0131 346 9081 Mobile: 0747 372 8148
Office: 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

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



COME AND JOIN THE PARTY!

DIARY DATES

End of February -
Booking forms issued
for Glentalmond Youth
Week

1-2 April - Celebration
of 20 Years of the Pro-
vincial Youth Week

18 March - Jump! Chil-
dren's Ministry Confer-
ence in Aberdeen with
Lucy Moore. Details
[here](#).

1 June - Glentalmond
booking deadline

23-29 July - Provincial
Youth Week at Glental-
mond

GO SOMETHING
COMING UP AT YOUR
CHURCH?
ADVERTISE IT HERE!

Celebrate!

1 April 2017

20 years
of the
Provincial Youth Week

Hosted by St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh
 Saturday 1 April: 12-6pm Family-friendly fun day
 with bring and share lunch and The Great Glen Bake Off
 6.30-9pm Ceilidh and hot food
 9.30-late 18+ event
 Sunday 2 April 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist and celebration of
 20 years of the Scottish Episcopal Church's Youth Week.
 For details and booking visit the [SEC PYC website](#).

The Provincial Youth Committee invites delegates and leaders past and present, their friends, families and supporters to join in any and all of these events to celebrate 20 years of the Provincial Youth Week at Glentalmond and Strathallan. For more details and booking visit the [SEC PYC website](#).

Diocesan Youth & Children Officer: Claire Benton-Evans

Email: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org
Direct line: 0131 346 9081 Mobile: 0747 372 8148
Office: 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

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