

The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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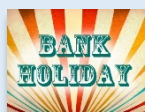


Youth and Children News

The latest Youth and Children Newsletter can be found [here](#). This bumper edition features:

- Bishop John in school
- Grants for Youth and Children's work
- The Easter story retold in Lego
- Youth Participation
- Fischy Music
- Upcoming events, including major Children's Ministry conference, Seen and Heard

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The Diocesan Office will be closed for the Spring Holiday on Monday 18th April, and also the May Day holiday on Monday 2nd May.

CLERGY and PVG Coordinators

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Provincial Protection Officer, Donald Urquhart, has arranged a training session for Edinburgh Diocese on **Monday 25th April from 2pm to 5pm**. This will take place in

Room 5 of the General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh. It is essential that all PVG-checked clergy and Coordinators attend a training session at least every 2 years, as a refresher, and also to be updated on any new legislation or practices. There will be sessions run in our neighbouring dioceses (Glasgow & Galloway and St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane) and it may be that one of those will be more convenient for you, either geographically or time-wise. Details of those dates will be publicised soon. Please contact either Donald Urquhart or Daphne Audsley (0131 225 6357; protection@scotland.anglican.org) to book your place on the 25th April session. There is no cost for attending.



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The deadline for submission to the next **Edge magazine** is 20th April. Please send to editor@edinburghdiocese.org.uk
Also adverts for events to share with others in the summer edition of the **Adventures in Faith newsletter** are welcome by 23rd April. Both publications will be available at the beginning of June. Adventures in Faith is also offering a chance to share **Lenten resources** - in plenty time for next year! If you have just been looking at a particular series or material during Lent - either as a group or as an individual - and would like to offer enthusiasm or recommendation to others please send a couple of lines about it to adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

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Venue Request – Dads Rock

We are investigating the possibility of expanding our free playgroups for dads/granddads and children into the city centre area and are looking for a venue. The playgroup will be on a Sunday, either morning or afternoon. We believe we would need a space ideally for 10-20 dads and their children. We have funding to pay for rent, and will be looking to run the playgroup on a weekly basis from approximately June of this year until at least Dec 2016, with the possibility of extending it to Dec 2017 if successful. Can you please let me know if you would have a suitable space?

Kindest Regards

David Marshall, National Development Officer

Mob: 07542 084356

Office Number : 0131 442 4662

Website: www.dadsrock.org.uk



CLERGY

St Luke's Healthcare for Clergy are offering short term telephone counselling to

Clergy whose churches are in communion with the Anglican Church. Whether you are working in a parish, sector ministry, or chaplaincy, the pressures you, and possibly your family experience will have an impact on your mental and emotional wellbeing. Psychological health is dependent on a blend of factors, often personal circumstances, individual vulnerabilities and work-related pressures.

St. Luke's has teamed up with Burrswood Counselling Services, part of a Christian organisation, to deliver this vital service. They have experience of dealing with clergy and have provided a telephone counselling service for a number of years. The service is easily and quickly accessible, confidential and fully funded by St. Luke's. Referral can be by your GP, a St Luke's Honorary Consultant or by self-referral



http://www.burrswood.org.uk/news_events/news/healthcare_for_clergy

DIARY

Sunday 17th April	Bishop John will preach and preside at St John's, Jedburgh
Monday 18th April	Spring Holiday – Diocesan office closed today
Tuesday 19th April	Bishop John attends The Gathering at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral
Thursday 21st April	Diocesan Office Coffee Morning and Open Day The Information and Communications Committee meets today
Sunday 24th April	Bishop John attends Merchiston Castle School Commemoration as guest speaker
Tuesday 26th April	The Finance and Management Committee meets today
Wednesday 27th April	Bishop John will celebrate at St Mary's Dalmahoy and meet with the St Mary's, Dalmahoy Lunch club

CHANGES

- The Revd. David Paton-Williams as Rector, St Columba's' by the Castle w.e.f 25th April 2016



The Scottish Episcopal Church
The Diocese of Edinburgh



Rector

Linked Charge of St Baldred's North Berwick and St Adrian's Gullane

Would you relish the challenge of being Rector of a linked charge in two thriving and growing communities 30 minutes from Edinburgh? Could you communicate Christianity's message to all ages and backgrounds?

We seek a Rector who

- is of central church tradition
- respects the ethos, liturgy and choral practice of the Scottish Episcopal Church
- will reach out and help our congregations grow

We offer a comfortable spacious rectory, close to the station and excellent schools.

The Congregational and Rector's Profiles and the application form are available from Kathleen Haddow – kathleen.haddow@quista.net
The closing date for applications is **Monday 18th April 2016**.

Registered Scottish Charity SC00072 & SC011926

Adventures in Faith - Volunteers Sought

The diocesan project 'Adventures in Faith' wishes to build a database of people who can help with running adult learning events. The commitment would be according to your availability, ideally 2 or 3 times a year but it could be more or less. We are endeavouring to rotate events around the Diocese, therefore offers of help are welcome from the Borders, East and West Lothian as well as Edinburgh.

In particular we are looking for help with *any* of the following:

- Working a sound system
- Setting out and serving refreshments
- Donations of home baking
- Setting up a screen and projector for PowerPoint
- Setting out chairs and tidying away
- Welcoming folk and taking payment on the door
- Keeping an eye on Social Media advertising

In return you would receive:

- First news of events
- The choice of which events you would like to help with
- A complementary place for any dates you are volunteering, plus agreed travel costs
- Involvement in an expanding part of Diocesan life



The next event we need help with is a theology presentation on The Psalms, on Saturday 28th May in Haddington. If you would like to know more about volunteering at this event - or in the future - please contact Elizabeth White 07398 954 011 adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Area Rector, Linked charges of St Peter, Galashiels and St John the Evangelist, Selkirk

The Vestries of the Linked charges of St Peter, Galashiels and St John the Evangelist, Selkirk wish to appoint a half-time Area Rector.

Further information about the two charges can be found on the website for [St Peter's](#) and [St John's](#).

Church profiles, further information and application forms can be obtained from Mrs Felicity Burrows by emailing felicity.burrows@btinternet.com

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.

Ecumenical Accompaniers

Working as Human Rights Monitors

Based in the West Bank and Israel in 2017:

20 vacancies for 3 months' service

Living allowance + benefits

Deadline for applications: Friday 29th April 2016

For more information and to download an application pack please check our website: www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi.

(Please note that we will not be sending hard copies of the application pack and we can only receive electronic forms).



**Ecumenical
Accompaniment
Programme
in Palestine
and Israel**

St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh
Administrative
Assistant

The Church Office is the hub of "making things happen" at Ps & Gs. Could you play a key role in joining the dots and catching the balls? We have an opportunity to join our wonderful staff team as an

Administrative Assistant. To find out more download the job description and application form [here](#).



Applications close on 29th April 2016 and should be sent to Mairi Simpson



Scottish Episcopal Church DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH

BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

A full time post to develop, implement and communicate the mission strategy of the Diocese of Edinburgh. This significant new role in the diocese is for an initial 3-year term, and you would be welcomed as a valuable member of our diocesan team, working alongside, and supported by, the Bishop and Mission & Ministry Committee. We seek a person with excellent communication skills to inspire others, an experience of working in church leadership, and an ability to work strategically. Stipend-level salary paid.

Deadline: 6 May Interviews: w/c 23 May

Details from - Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator
office@edinburgh.anglican.org 0131 538 7033
www.edinburgh.anglican.org

Rector - St John's Jedburgh

Please apply by Monday 18 April 2016

A single charge, offering a part-time post, including accommodation.

More information [here](#)

The Scottish Episcopal Church
The Diocese of Edinburgh



Associate Rector

Christ Church Morningside, Edinburgh

We seek an experienced stipendiary priest to work closely and collaboratively with the Rector, sharing in the leadership of this church which has a door open to seekers, visitors and members alike, and is committed to engagement with and in the local community and wider world.



The comprehensive information pack for this post can be downloaded via the link on the home page of our website: **www.christchurchmorningside.org**

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 28th April. Interviews will be held at the end of May.

Registered Charity SC003009

Grave Talk

An evening

to plan your own funeral
to ask questions
to talk about death and dying

Monday 25 April 2016

7.30pm

at Christ Church Falkirk

PAINTING or POETRY and PRAYER

A TASTER DAY RETREAT

by the
Creative Arts Retreat Movement (CARM)
in association with the Lantern Group

on Saturday 4th June, 2016
10.30am to 3.30pm

at Beech Hill EH41 4PE (near Haddington)

Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

Contact: Jock Stein at 01620 824896

jstein@handselpress.org.uk

£15 includes coffee, lunch and cup of tea
Offering for CARM on the day



Flera Röster, is a vocal group from the Åland Islands in Finland. They are 8 ladies working in teaching and health care who are passionate about singing. They are travelling to Edinburgh 4th to the 8th of May and will be singing in the Rosslyn chapel around lunchtime on the 6th. They have offered to sing in one of our churches during their short stay, maybe during one of the church services eg. Ascension Day 5th?



Their performance of "Gate of the Year" is on Youtube at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPj_z_NOAM

Contact Tracey Nyholm at tracey.nyholm@aland.net

Beloved Life retreats 2016 **soulful**

with Ian & Gail Adams



Edinburgh
Saturday 14 May
10.30am-4pm
St James Leith

stjamesleith.org
belovedlife.org



THE SOULFUL RETREAT

The world needs more people living with authenticity, passion and compassion. We need, as Gail and Ian describe it, to rediscover our *soulfulness*.

The Soulful retreat is an opportunity to shape a more soulful life for yourself, for your community and for your world. The day will offer a spacious mix of reflection, conversation, stillness and contemplative practice, drawing on insights around human becoming, on music of the soul and on the Wisdom Teachings of Jesus.

BIO

The Beloved Life project offers resources & practices, events & gatherings, re-imagining what it means to be truly human and to shape a better world. The project is rooted in the wisdom, practices and spirituality of the Jesus path, and draws particularly on stillness, the contemplative traditions and the arts.

Gail is a life-coach, mentor and retreat-leader working with insights and wisdom to connect you with your joyful potential in both good and tough times.

Ian is a poet, photographer, writer and Anglican priest, creator of the daily Morning Bell on social media, director of StillPoint and Spirituality Adviser for CMS.

In the last year Gail and Ian have led Beloved Life retreats at Ammerdown, Glastonbury, Iona, Scargill, Sheldon and Oxford. belovedlife.org @urbelov_ed

Coffee Morning and Diocesan Open Day

Thursday 21st April

Even if you have visited the office before, come and join us for tea, coffee & home-baked cakes during the day, where you can meet the office staff, see what resources we have, and help to raise money for the Vine Trust's valuable work with street children in Peru. See you there!

- Thursday 21 April 10.30 am - 2 pm Drop In
- Diocesan Office 21a Grosvenor Crescent Edinburgh EH12 5EL
- Raising Funds in aid of the Vine Trust

COFFEE MORNING

OPEN DAY AT THE DIOCESAN OFFICE

21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh

APRIL
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10.30am - 2pm
In aid of the Vine Trust



VineTrust

Connecting People to Change Lives

Make a difference...



...make a donation

“SUPERVISION AND COUNSELLING AT A DISTANCE”
Help in using telephone, Skype and other technologies.



Introducing Eveline

In 2011 I was intrigued by an article I read in, ‘*The Capa Quarterly Journal of the Counsellors and Psychotherapy Association of NSW*’ entitled: “*Supervising through Cyberspace: A Personal Reflection.*” It was written by **Eveline Crotty** who is a member of ‘Transforming Practices’ in Australia. In 2014 I met Eveline when she gave a workshop on the topic at the Association for Pastoral Supervision and Education. Since then I have enjoyed fascinating conversations with Eveline using Skype. Eveline is making a short visit to Scotland in April and has agreed to offer her workshop.

(Dr Michael Butler-Burns Life-Work Coach, Pastoral Supervisor, Editor of ‘APSICAL’)

Eveline Crotty RSM has worked in the training and supervision of chaplains, pastoral workers and community workers for over 25 years particularly in urban environments. When the work expanded to rural, interstate and overseas the use of technologies to supplement face to face training assisted the learning for participants. Eveline is currently a Supervisor-Trainer member of the Australasian Association of Supervision. A member of the Association of Transforming Practices Inc—a group of qualified professional and pastoral supervisors www.transformingpractices.com.au—and is the co-ordinator of the Urban Ministry Movement—Sydney www.ummsydney.com.au.

The workshop will include:

- Setting up a Skype session.
- The advantages and disadvantages of supervision and counselling at a distance.
- Eveline’s personal experiences in using Skype.
- Your questions and comments.

Date: Saturday 23rd April (Bring your laptop or iPad)

Venue: Wellspring Centre for Psychotherapy and Counselling, 13 Smith’s Place Edinburgh EH6 8NT

Time: 10-1pm

Cost: £15 (tea, coffee provided)

To book: Email: reflect@talktalk.net or Phone Mobile 07753 616 055

Organised by APSE (Scottish Region) www.pastoralsupervision.org.uk

Adventures in Faith presents:

Confronting Mortality -

Death in Art

2pm - 4pm on Thursday afternoons

26 May, 2 June, 16 June, 23 June

Revd Canon Anne Dyer returns with her popular lecture series at the Royal Overseas League, Princes Street, Edinburgh 'In the midst of life we are in death' as Cranmer wrote in the Prayerbook. This course of four lectures will consider how western art represents and adds to Christian thinking about death, heaven and hell, bereavement and the existential reality that we all will die. We will look at art relating to death at the end of life, as well as the little deaths that we experience when the fullness of life is denied. There will, of course, be some space related to the art of hope!



£40 (£35 conc) for the series of four.

To book, please send your name, email address (or phone) and cheque made payable to 'Edinburgh Diocesan Synod' to:

Adventures in Faith, Edinburgh Diocesan Office, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EL

Adventures in Faith offers bursary support to those who could not otherwise afford to attend diocesan-led events, please enquire. Event fees are carefully monitored and reflect costs including venue hire and coordinator time.



Elaine Pagels is the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She is the author of many articles and books on early Christianity, including *The Gnostic Gospels* (1979), *The Origin of Satan* (1995), and *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation* (2012).

ELAINE PAGELS

VISIONS OF THE END:

THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN
ART, MUSIC, AND POLITICS

APRIL 30, 2016

2:30PM, FOLLOWED BY A WINE RECEPTION AT 4:00PM

MARTIN HALL, NEW COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF
EDINBURGH



Elaine Pagels discusses the astonishing cultural influence of the Book of Revelation, written two thousand years ago by a refugee from the Jewish war against Rome. Through art, music, political cartoons and propaganda, she will show how countless people - often on opposite sides - have used it to interpret conflict up to the present day.

SPONSORED BY THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CHRISTIAN ORIGINS,
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH



Spirituality and Palliative Care

TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016
Grosvenor Hilton Hotel,
Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh

REGISTRATION 10.00am: START 10.30am FINISH 4.00pm
Cost: £75.00

The aim of the conference is to consider the impact of recent policy initiatives in relation to spirituality and palliative care and the extent to which spiritual care as an integral part of person-centred care is implemented towards the end of life.

The conference will provide an opportunity to consider the policies and their impact on practice in a variety of settings which reflect the integration of health and social care. Delegates will have opportunity to share experiences, to discuss opportunities for improvement and to identify how such improvements might best be supported.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference.

The programme will include presentations from:

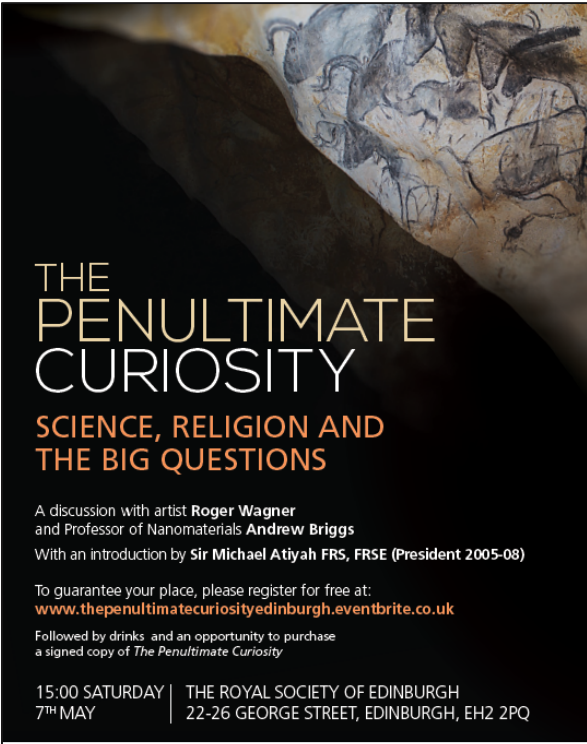
- a Government Minister (to be advised after the Election)
- Tim Warren, Policy Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care, Scottish Government, to introduce the Palliative Care Framework
- Rev Sheila Mitchell, Head of Spiritual Care in NHS Education
- Elaine MacLean, Health Improvement Adviser, Care Inspectorate
- and a choice of workshops

We will capture the views expressed in the conference to feed back to the Government and other bodies.

- Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative Care and End of Life Care 2016-2021 -The Scottish Government December 2015
- National Delivery Plan for Spiritual Care in Scotland 2016-2021 is being consulted upon at the present time – two key elements in the role of spiritual care staff are: 'helping people to discover hope, resilience and inner strength in times of illness, injury, transition, loss and death' and '.....to mark significant moments in life and death using ritual and in other meaningful ways'

Click [HERE](#) to go directly to our online booking page. If you require further information, please contact:

Faith in Older People, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE Tel: 0131 346 7981
Email: info@faithinolderpeople.org.uk



THE PENULTIMATE CURIOSITY
SCIENCE, RELIGION AND THE BIG QUESTIONS

A discussion with artist **Roger Wagner**
and Professor of Nanomaterials **Andrew Briggs**
With an introduction by **Sir Michael Atiyah FRS, FRSE (President 2005-08)**

To guarantee your place, please register for free at:
www.thepenultimatecuriosityedinburgh.eventbrite.co.uk

Followed by drinks and an opportunity to purchase
a signed copy of *The Penultimate Curiosity*

15:00 SATURDAY | THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH
7TH MAY | 22-26 GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH, EH2 2PQ

BLACKWELL'S OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

PLACES OF WORSHIP FUNDING FAIR

Is your place of worship looking for funding for building repairs or improvements?

Do you know who to apply to for grants?

Would you like advice on how to make a successful application?

The Places of Worship Funding Fair is a new event giving you the opportunity to learn about a wide range of funding opportunities for repairing, maintaining and upgrading churches and all places of worship in Scotland. Meet funders and find out what they give grants for. Talk to them about your project and get top tips on what makes a good application.


The event will provide information, advice and guidance for Property Conveners, Fabric Committee members, and those responsible for fundraising. It is open to representatives of places of worship of all denominations and faiths in Scotland, and to local trusts caring for former churches used for occasional worship and community use.

Funders taking part include the Heritage Lottery Fund, the National Churches Trust, and grant-giving charitable trusts. Guidance from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme on VAT reclaim will also be available.

The Places of Worship Funding Fair is free and is organised by Scotland's Churches Trust and the Scottish Redundant Churches Trust, in association with the Heritage Lottery Fund, Built Environment Forum Scotland and Resourcing Scotland's Heritage.

Date: Friday 20 May 2016
Time: 10am – 3pm
Place: Presbytery Hall, Free Church of Scotland Offices, 15 North Bank Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2LP

Places are limited so please contact us by 31 March to register your interest and reserve a place. Email info@scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk or telephone 0131 225 8644.



Saturday 30 April: Mindfulness and Mysticism

10am til 4pm

The germ of divine life is latent in each of us, an integral part of our humanity. The practice of mindfulness opens us to the gift of mysticism, moving us towards harmony with the Transcendent. This experiential day offers practice in mindfulness within the Christian mystical tradition. Led by Carmel Byrne rscj, a team member at Garden Cottage Spirituality Centre who has studied holistic spirituality, mysticism and compassion.

At Christ Church Hall, Holy Corner. £25, organised by the Epiphany Group

Bookings: sixdaysedinburgh@yahoo.co.uk

RELIGION AS POETRY, a talk by Dr Mark Oakley, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London. Saturday 28th May (7.00 to 9.30pm) at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, Edinburgh. The talk will be followed by a savoury buffet, finishing with music and poetry. Free event but tickets required. (www.mayfieldsalisbury.org or from Sandra Carter 667 6052 or sandra.carter@barts.myzen.co.uk) All welcome.



Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd (MCA) is a UK authorised bank established in 1890 whose main focus is on providing lending facilities to any Christian church or associated organisation at the lowest practicable rate of interest in order to finance building and property schemes.

- Current lending rates are typically **3.17% APR** (variable) for term loans for church building schemes including new-builds, extensions, renovations and major repairs.
- We can lend up to half the cost of the project with a limit of £750,000 for a single borrower.
- There are no penalties for early repayment.
- Loans up to £60,000 are unlikely to require security.

We know from experience that a loan can advance the implementation of a project, and can even sometimes make the difference as to whether a scheme goes ahead.

In recent years we have been able to help a number of churches from different denominations by providing loan financing, including some large projects, and the feedback we have received from the church representatives has been very positive indeed.

We have just completed a major rebranding exercise, and launched our new website www.mcafundingforchurches.co.uk and our new leaflet attached gives further details of our loans.

Although we are based in York we do cover Scotland and have access to solicitors with expertise in Scottish law and property matters. We are keen to promote awareness of our loans and we would be delighted to take time to meet you, or indeed anyone else from your diocese who might be interested in finding out more about MCA and the services we offer.

If this would be of interest to you, or if you have any specific or general enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on 01904 622150 or by e-mail at info@mcafundingforchurches.co.uk.

Kind regards

Chris Jarratt
Chief Executive
Tel: 01904 622150

Methodist Chapel Aid Limited
Registered Office
1 Telford Terrace, Albemarle Road
York YO24 1DQ



2016 FORTHCOMING EVENTS – book your place(s)

Faith in Older People

MONDAY 16 MAY 2016 - REGISTRATION 10.00am: START 10.30am FINISH 3.30pm

VENUE - The Steeple Church, Nethergate, Dundee

HOW LISTENING CAN BRING LIFE

A day event for anyone involved with Pastoral Care of older people

Led by Jenny Williams, former Chaplain to the Christian Fellowship of Healing

AIM – to give encouragement to those engaged in pastoral care and offer tools to support on-going reflection enabling individuals and small groups to better access the resources within themselves. The day will be participative with a mixture of input, reflection with one another and group sharing.

Cost: £50.00 - includes tea/coffee and lunch

Click [HERE](#) to book your place

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016 - REGISTRATION 1.30: START 2.00pm FINISH 4.30pm

VENUE -St Mungo's Museum & Zen Gardens, Castle Street, Glasgow

MUSIC - an event based on music with a focus on how to enable the development of singing groups in community and residential settings

Led by Diana Kerr who will introduce her guide to setting up singing groups and engage us in a practical way.

Cost: £25.00 includes tea/coffee

Click [HERE](#) to book your place

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office should you require further information.

Visit our website at www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk