

The Communicant

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NOTICES

TREASURERS

VESTRY TREASURERS – PENSIONS AUTO ENROLMENT – IMPORTANT

Emails were sent recently to all Vestry Treasurers concerning pensions auto-enrolment, 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.

TREASURERS

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS 2015

The final approved and audited accounts for 2015 are now uploaded onto the diocesan website at http://edinburgh.anglican.org/resources/by/category/diocesan_accounts



YOUTH & CHILDREN





YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



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 the major Children's Ministry conference, Seen and Heard

CLERGY and PVG Coordinators	SAFEGUARDING TRAINING The Provincial Protection Officer, Donald Urquhart, has arranged a training session for Edinburgh Diocese on <u>Monday 25th April from 2pm to 5pm</u> . 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 25 th April session. There is no cost for attending.	
CLERGY		Item for a good home. Following the closure of St Andrews, Prestonpans, there is one more item which is looking for a new home – a gold book rest, around 10inches wide. If you would like to know more please contact the office office@edinburgh.anglican.org Thank you to those now offering good homes to the other items.
ALL	From Bishop John: ‘Our Queen celebrates her 90 th Birthday on 21 st April. I know that many pray for her privately and in public worship. You may wish to compose your own prayers, therefore, but here are some from the Church of England to get you started.’ http://edinburgh.anglican.org/media/resources/Prayers_for_Queens_90th_birthday.pdf	
ALL		Techy Help Sought! Adventures in Faith wishes to build a database of people who can help practically with running occasional events. In particular at the moment we are looking for people with experience of setting up a screen and projector for PowerPoint presentations and/or work a simple sound system. If you would like to know more please contact Elizabeth White adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org
ALL	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	
		

KEEPING AN EYE ON SYNOD!

A pair of glasses was left at Diocesan Synod - on the table where Kenneth Fleming was the facilitator. If they are yours, let us know at the Diocesan Office and we'll whizz them back to you!



DIARY

Sunday 10th April	The Bishop presides at Confirmations, St Cuthbert's Colinton
Monday 11th April	The Diocesan Buildings Committee meets today Adventures in Faith event - 'Church, Theology and the Refugee Crisis'

CHANGES

- No Changes

HOUSE FOR DUTY

We are keen to find a priest who would be interested in taking up a House for Duty role at Neuchatel in Switzerland. Neuchatel is a small church with about 25 people in a beautiful part of Switzerland. It has a strong evangelical ethos and needs a wise and mature priest. Duties seem quite light with three Sunday Eucharist's a month and prayer and bible study groups.

They can offer a rented apartment with all the associated costs paid and office expenses.

Should anyone be interested or perhaps have a colleague or friend who may be interested in this role, then we would love to hear from you.

All the best, yours

Richard Bromley (The Revd)

Mission Director

Personal email: rbromley@ics-uk.org

Intercontinental Church Society, Unit 11, Ensign Business Centre, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, COVENTRY, CV4 8JA, United Kingdom.

Tel: 024 -7646 3940; fax 024-7767 5868; IDD code: +44 24-General e-mail: enquiries@ics-uk.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



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

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**

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



The Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office and ACTS have created a resource on the elections which includes topical briefings on subjects including the Economy, Education, Food Poverty, Housing and Homelessness, Health, Refugees and Migration and Environment, Energy and Climate Change. www.actsparl.org

2016 Holyrood Elections—Hustings Events

Marie Curie and Children's Hospice Association Scotland—health issues. Wednesday 23rd March, 8am @ Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, EH8 8AU. More info and free tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/z8w9xnj>

Church of Scotland, Church and Society—Speak Out: People's Politics. Monday 4th April, 6.30pm @ Assembly Hall, Mound Place. More info and free tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/jmgk34p>

Scottish Environment Link—environmental issues. Wednesday 13th April, 6pm @ Paterson's Land (Room G.43), University of Edinburgh, EH8 8AQ. More info and free tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/huhrjeh>

HIV Scotland—issues of importance to people living with and at risk of HIV. Thursday 14th April, 6pm @ City of Edinburgh Methodist Church. More info and free tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/zs7tfsg>

More for Scotland's Animals (organised by a variety of animal charities). Thursday 14th April, 6.30pm @ Edinburgh City Chambers. More info and free tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/hw48p6h>

Scotland and Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre—peace and disarmament issues. Thursday 21st April, 7.30pm @ Augustine United Church

Teaching Scotland and SEJ - education issues. Thursday 21st April, 7.00pm @ Surgeons' Hall - Nicolson Street. More info and free tickets at www.education-hustings.eventbrite.co.uk



Prayer

We keep a regular pattern of daily prayer, either as a community or as individuals. Lauds, Sext and Vespers are public and are held daily in the Priory church.

Daily Prayer

Lauds: 08.15

Sext: 12.00

Vespers: 16.30

Mass

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 08.30

Sat: 09.00

After Lauds on Wednesdays we practice Lectio Divina and on Saturdays we reflect on a section of The Holy Rule. Compline is said privately.



Contact

A new monastic community living according to the Rule of St Benedict; serving the community of Abergavenny.

You can contact us at:

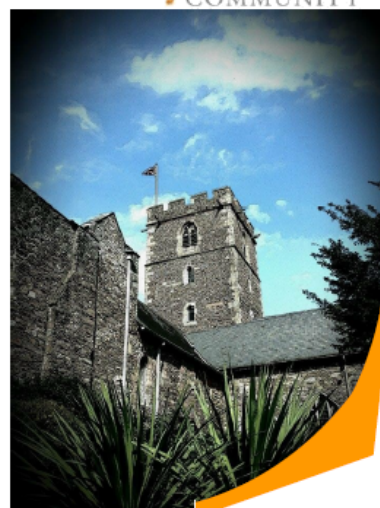
St Mary's Priory Church
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Abergavenny
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Monmouthshire

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enquiries@stmarys-priory.org

www.holywellcommunity.wordpress.com

Twitter: @HolywellCom



OUTREACH

The Holywell Community is involved in various outreach projects. From parent and toddler groups to youth drop in centres, our days are built around prayer and serving the local community. Alongside volunteering at already established projects, the community have set up and taken on their own outreach initiatives.

These include:

- All Age Worship
- After School Club
- School Assemblies
- Day in the life of a Monk tour
- Creative Prayer Events
- Kids Activity Days



"With all this great experience it has been a hectic but thoroughly enjoyable time and is the perfect opportunity for developing skills and testing a broad range of vocations. The bit I enjoy most of all though is the quiet observing of the offices during the day." - Adrian

From its conception St Mary's Abergavenny was a Priory Church, a place where the monks of the town lived, worked and prayed. During the reformation King Henry VIII dissolved the monastery but left the church for the local community. Five hundred years later the local clergy were thinking about ways for the monastic tradition to pervade the life of the parish once more. The Church had been left a property and in considering what they could do with this Fr Mark and his associates pondered the idea of re-establishing a monastic community. This community would be different from its predecessor in that it would take a modern slant,

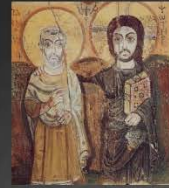
committing for one year at a time and following the spirit of St Benedict's Rule rather than a strict adherence.

Now in its second year the focus of the Community revolves around outreach and mission to the surrounding area. Acting as a core for the congregation to gather around in reaching people with the Gospel.

The Community are always looking for new opportunities to bridge the gap between church and town; to keep up to date with what is currently happening visit our website or Twitter.

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



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,
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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



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...make a donation



Scottish National Walsingham Pilgrimage

Annunciationtide Festival

Saturday 30th April 2016

12 noon at:

St Columba's-by-the-Castle Church, 14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh EH1
2PW

Mass is at 12 noon and the preacher will be The Very Rev Dr Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. Our new Pilgrimage Priest in Charge, Rev David Mumford will be celebrant. The Mass will be followed by a bring and share lunch – hot drinks provided.

This is an opportunity to discover more about Our Lady of Walsingham and to book for the annual Scottish pilgrimage to Walsingham which is from Friday 23-Monday 26 September 2016.

ALL WELCOME

Further details from any member of the Walsingham Scottish Pilgrimage Team

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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



Faith in Older People – Latest Newsletter here:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/30800602/public%20link%20-%20website/01%20MARCH%202016%20Newsletter.pdf>

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.

Refresh YOUR Walls

St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh

is holding a

PICTURE SALE

in church

on Saturday 9th April

10am – 4pm

Refreshments will be available

In aid of our 'Refresh our Church' Appeal
- a programme to upgrade the church interior

If you have any paintings, prints or photographs that you would like to contribute to this sale bring them along at 11.30 am on Sunday 3rd April or email us at refresh@stcs.org.uk

14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2PW
Registered Charity: SC016571

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.



Journeying together with the world's faiths

A mini-series of discussion events
Held at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral



Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AW
On Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30pm

Note: Please enter by the door on Manor Place.

Free events, information: faithandgrowth@gmail.com

Session 1: Wednesday 6th April

An introduction to the common threads of the world religions with Professor Frank Whaling and EIFA General Secretary, Iain Stewart.

Session 2: Wednesday 13th April

The origins of Christianity, Judaism, Islam.

Session 3: Wednesday 20th April

Origins of Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism

Session 4: Wednesday 27th April

Living our faith. A mixed interfaith panel in discussion.

Session 5: Wednesday 4th May

How faiths, working together can change society.



Scottish Vocal Ensemble in concert

Saturday 9 April • 7:30pm
St Mary's Church, Dalkeith Country Park
High Street, Dalkeith EH22 2NA
In aid of the Restoration Appeal

Tickets £10
on the door or online via the choir website

Sunday 10 April • 3:00pm
Traquair Kirk
Kirkhouse, Traquair EH44 6PU
Celebrating the 900th anniversary
of its foundation

Free - with a Retiring Collection

CHORAL MUSIC BY
Carver • Gesualdo
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Rachmaninov

Including the
premiere of a new
work by Keith Roberts

'A Prayer to St Brigid
of Kildare'

www.scottishvocalensemble.com

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

Adventures in Faith: Theology Presentations

Monday 11 April

Nowhere to Lay Their Heads: Church, Theology, and the Refugee Crisis

7.30pm at St Michael and All Saints Church, 28 Brougham Street, Tollcross, Edinburgh



With Dr Joshua Ralston, Lecturer in Muslim-Christian Relations, Programme Director for the MA Theology and MA Philosophy and Theology programmes, New College, Edinburgh. Dr Ralston's primary work is concerned with the theological, ethical, legal-political, and scriptural encounters between Christians and Muslims across the centuries with a particular focus on Protestant Christianity and Sunni Islam. He will present on Church, Theology and the Refugee Crisis.

Saturday 28 May

The Psalms – The Prayer Book of Israel

2pm - 4pm at The Trinity Centre, Haddington, East Lothian



With Dr Anja Klein, Chancellor's Fellow in Biblical Studies (Hebrew Bible), School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh. The Psalms constitute the core part of the Hebrew Bible. Frequently used in everyday worship, most Christians are familiar at least with the classics such as Ps23 (*The Lord is my shepherd*) or Ps139 (*If I take the wings of the morning*). This talk will shed light on the importance of the Psalms as being the prayer book of Israel. As such, the texts show how Israel participated in the worship and culture of its Ancient Near Eastern surroundings, how the identity of the people of the God of Israel was formed, and how the Psalms developed from a collection of prayer into a book of the Hebrew Bible. Depending on the audience's interest, there will be plenty of room for questions and discussion.

No booking required for either event - £5 on the door

Information: adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org