

The Communicant

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NOTICES

YOUTH & CHILDREN

News from the Youth and Children Officer

The latest edition of the Youth and Children Newsletter can be found [here](#), featuring:

- All-age resources for Pentecost – available free online
- Employing a youth and children's worker – an essential guide for churches
- Fischy music – Songs for Life
- Spring & summer events



TREASURERS & VESTRIES

TARGETED REGULATION FOR SCOTTISH CHARITIES

Treasurers and Vestries may wish to be aware that OSCR has this month introduced a new reporting regime. When you file your trustees report, accounts and annual return with OSCR you will now be asked a new series of questions relating to the management of your organisation. In addition, if your annual income is £25,000 or more, a full copy of your trustees report and accounts will be published on the OSCR website. Charity accounts have always been public documents, available on request to anyone who asks, but it will now be much easier for members of the public and others to obtain a copy of your report and accounts.

From time to time we read remarks in trustee reports and accounts, usually addressed to congregation members, that vestries may not wish to reach a wider audience. Vestries may in future wish to bear in mind that everything written in their report and accounts can now be read by anyone who chooses to do so. This may include members of the public, and organisations with whom a vestry conducts business. Further information is available here: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/hot-topics/publishing-charity-accounts>

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The Diocesan Office will be closed for the May Day holiday on Monday 2nd May.

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

ALL

To all at the Diocesan Office (and friends),

Thank you all so much for your generous donations at the coffee morning on Thursday. It means so much that you are supporting the work of the Vine Trust and my school's expedition to Peru. In total, we raised £104!

Thank you so much,

Alex Benton-Evans



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Looking for a good home – 'Hymns Ancient and Modern'. Please contact the office if you are interested
office@edinburgh.anglican.org



RECTORS & VESTRY SECRETARIES

APPOINTMENT OF PVG COORDINATORS

This is just a reminder, but all PVG Coordinators appointed by vestries **MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BISHOP**. You can send those recommendations to the Diocesan Office and, if approved, you will get a formal letter enabling you to confirm the appointment. The Provincial Protection Officer has become aware of Coordinators being appointed without that approval. There is a guidance document "*Appointment of PVG Co-ordinators*" on the Province website, which explains the process for you:



<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/safeguarding/>

DIARY

Tuesday 3 rd May	CMD day conference on Chaplaincy
Weds 4 th May	Bishop John attends the Interfaith Programme at St Mary's Cathedral
Thursday 5 th May	Bishop John attends the Ascension Day service at Christ Church Falkirk
Sunday 8 th May	The Bishop preaching and presiding at St Vincent's Chapel Eucharist and also attending Evensong
Weds 11 th May	The Diocesan Standing Committee meets today
Thursday 12 th May	The Mission and Ministry committee meets today

CHANGES

- Miss Elizabeth White as Adventures in Faith Coordinator, Diocese of Edinburgh, w.e.f 1st May 2016
- The Revd. Ruth Innes as Rector, St Fillan's Church, Edinburgh w.e.f 2nd June 2016
- The Revd. Tony Bryer, City Centre Workplace Chaplain, Edinburgh, retires 30th June 2016

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

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

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



Scottish Episcopal Church DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR (CONTRACT)

The Diocese of Edinburgh seeks to negotiate a communications contract to maintain the diocesan website, to advise and train individual churches on their communications (including their websites), to enable the Information & Communication Committee to develop and execute its communications strategy. The contract will be for two years. It is anticipated that the role will be for 8 hours a week. *Deadline: 13 May*

Details from - Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator

office@edinburgh.anglican.org 0131 538 7033

www.edinburgh.anglican.org

For information advice and discussion, please feel free to contact:

sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org



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

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www.edinburgh.anglican.org

Drama Group Volunteer



Anyone interested in leading an existing Christian Drama Group in the Glimerton area please contact Rev David Dixon 01875 812 985. This is a voluntary position but travel and other expenses can be paid.



The Murrayfield
Club
Charity No. SC023210

Address: 2b Ormidale Terrace
Edinburgh
EH12 6EQ

Tel: 07881288909
E-mail: mdp@mct.org.uk

Vacancy:

Project Co-ordinator

The Murrayfield Club (the Club) is a small, specialised Day Care Service supporting the frail elderly and those living with Dementia in the Murrayfield district and surrounding areas.

The Project Co-ordinator would be responsible for ensuring overall day-to-day organisation of the Club, supervision of staff and volunteers as well as submitting reports in a timely manner.

This is a 24 hours per week position and applicants must have an **SVQ Level 3** in **Social Care** or equivalent experience, have **excellent IT skills**, and experience of working with the **elderly**, preferably those living with **Dementia**.

Closing Date for Applications:

Friday 6th May 2016- 5pm.

For further information and an electronic application pack please email May Lindsay at mdp.secretary@mct.org.uk

If you require a paper copy of the application pack please phone May Lindsay on 0131 337 2916 with your name and address and one will be sent to you.



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



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

The University of Edinburgh

Gifford Lecture Series 2015/16

Professor Kathryn Tanner – 'Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism'

Dates: 2, 3, 5, 9, 10 and 12 May 2016

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

The lecture may be followed by questions.

Latest finishing time is 7pm.

Professor Kathryn Tanner's Gifford Lecture Series is made up of six lectures under the series title 'Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism'. Professor Tanner is Marquand Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School. Tickets for the lectures are free of charge and available via the University of Edinburgh's Gifford Lectures 2015-2016 web page.

The Right Revd Brian Smith, former Bishop of Edinburgh, will again facilitate a post-Series discussion in the Team Area of the Chaplaincy Centre (upstairs), Bristo Square, on Thursday, 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm. No booking is required for the discussion. All welcome.

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APPEAL

FOR THE 2016 SALE

Items may be brought to the church

Monday 2 May to Wed 11 May

(excluding Sunday 8 May)

9am - 9pm

(Saturday 7 May 9am - 5pm)

Church Office: 0131 225 3847

Mary Davidson: 0131 556 2168 or 07714 186754

Joan Dryburgh: 01383 860153 antiques, collectables & household goods only

- Books of every kind
- Paintings • Drawings • Prints
- Antiques • Collectables • Linen • Household Goods
- Printed Ephemera
Scottish • sporting • theatrical • catalogues • programmes
albums (autographs, scraps) • photographs • playing cards
cigarette cards • maps • travel & tourist material (especially vintage)
- Sheet Music
- Stamps and Postcards
- Records • CDs • DVDs
- Toys • Games • Jigsaws

BOOK SALE with ART & COLLECTABLES

at St Andrew's and St George's West Church

13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Saturday 14 May & Monday 16 to Friday 20 May 2016

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at St Andrew's and St George's West Church
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Saturday 14 May 2016 10 am - 4 pm

Monday 16 May to Friday 20 May 10 am - 3.30 pm

Antiques, Toys & Records will close at 1.30pm on Friday 20th May

Thursday 19 May late opening until 7 pm

Undercroft Café open all day

Prayers in the Undercroft Chapel each day at 1pm

- Books of every kind
antiquarian, out of print, many languages, paperbacks
- Paintings • Drawings • Prints
- Antiques • Collectables • Linen • Household Goods
- Printed Ephemera • Maps • Photographs
- Sheet Music
- Stamps and Postcards
- Records • CDs • DVDs
- Toys • Games • Jigsaws
- Baking • Cakes • Preserves

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April-May 2016

Tickets £6

Available on the door or from the church

Under 16s Free

Music for a Summer Evening

St Mark's Church
287 Portobello High Street
www.stmarksportobello.org
St Marks Portobello
0131 629 1219
Scottish Charity No: 017137



Wednesday 27 April: 7pm
 Spurtle from Portobello High School
 Philomusica of Edinburgh: The Four Seasons
 with sonnets read by Roger Chalmers-Lang

Saturday 30 April: 7pm
 Ciaran + Katy
 With special guest, Brian McGlynn
 Natural singing and delicate guitar - Folk music
 with highlights of country and jazz

Friday 13 May: 7pm
 Sally Simpson & Friends
 Fiddle music and much more

Sunday 15 May: 3pm
 Folk Trio Treble Entendre and
 Singing trio The Linties
 Come for music and tea

Friday 6 May: 7pm
 Edinburgh Renaissance Band
 Music and instruments of 1300-1650

Sunday 8 May: 7pm
 Jazz Evensong Concert
 with Richard Michael:
 As heard on BBC Scotland's
 The Jazz House

Wednesday 18 May: 7pm
 Portobello Community Choir
 The Brogues folk and ceilidh music

Friday 20 May: 7.30pm (NB time)
 Dalkeith and Monktonhall Colliery Brass Band





Way of the Heart – Stillness and Silence:

A free two hour workshop to explore how to become better at listening for God and the use of silence in worship settings. Led by Mollie Paterson, after a presentation and discussion on the topic, participants will be led through a series of short exercises to put the thinking into practice. Suitable for anyone with an interest in this area, whether church goers, non-church goers or clergy.

2-4pm Friday 6th May at Kirk O'Field Centre, 138-140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR. To reserve a place or for any other queries please email: news@nitekirk.org

Adventures in Faith presents TWO EVENTS:

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.

It is now also possible to book individual afternoons at £10 per session. For catering purposes please book by 19th May.

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.



The Psalms – The Prayer Book of Israel

An Adventures in Faith theology presentation

Saturday 28 May 2pm - 4pm

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 £5 on the door. Information: adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Article '**dementia friendly faith communities**' now available on our website.

<http://faithinolderpeople.org.uk/Home/dementia.php>

Also

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.

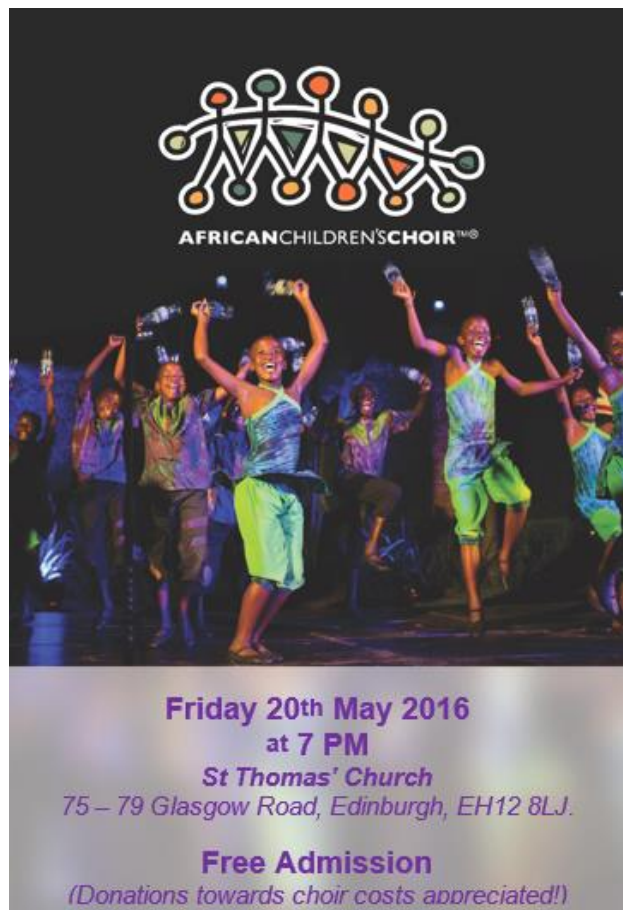
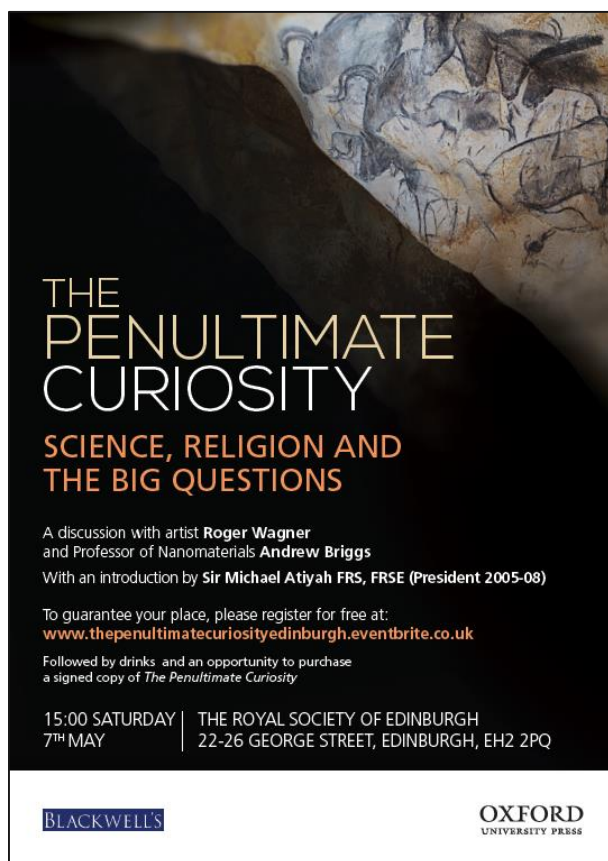
The programme will include presentations from:

- 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 Tel: 0131 346 7981 Email: info@faithinolderpeople.org.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

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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