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NOTICES 🧳

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Diocese Websites

Several church websites, plus the diocesan website, were down or not displaying up-to-date content this week. This was due to a host server failure at the weekend.

We are relieved to say that all EZPZ-hosted church websites, plus the diocesan website, were fully restored on Wed 25 May. We apologise for any inconvenience during this period.

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

YOUTH & CHILDREN



Brilliant Banner Competition

Play Church could be coming soon to a church near you... It's a child-sized church especially for children, and it needs a beautiful banner to hang above the altar. This summer sees a **competition for under 18s** to design this banner. Things to think about when designing:

COLOUR - make it bright and beautiful!

SHAPES - think about Christian symbols and what you want your design to say about welcoming children to church. Google 'church hangings' for ideas but be original!

SIZE - remember that the winning design will be sewn in fabric and will be seen in big church buildings: make it big, bold and not too fiddly! The hanging will be 1m tall and 80cm wide, so designs should be on A4 paper and measure 20cm x 16cm.

Please encourage children in your church to enter – they could win an ice cream maker and the chance to see their design, sewn in fabric, in pride of place above the Play Church altar. Closing date: 1st September 2016. More info and submissions

youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Office direct line: 0131 346 9081

Work mobile: 0747 372 8148

SEE FULL POSTER IN 'NOTICES' BELOW

TREASURERS

Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2016

Bishop's Lent Appeal If you have funds you have collected to remit to this appeal we would be glad to receive them at the office as soon as possible. We would like to send the monies to the beneficiaries in June.

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

ALL Think, Pray, Vote: EU Referendum resources for churches

The Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church commends the resources *Think, Pray, Vote* produced by the Joint Public Issues Team (Baptist Church, Church of Scotland, Methodist Church, United Reformed Church) with the support of the Scottish Churches' Parliamentary Office (SCPO). *Think, Pray, Vote* has been prepared to enable Christians to reflect thoughtfully and prayerfully on the issues involved and can be used for conversations with groups or for personal reflection.

It explores issues that surround the referendum, such as sovereignty, the single market, freedom of movement and the environment. It provides information, opportunity for theological reflection and different perspectives from Christians on how they may vote and is available from the JPIT website: www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/eu-referendum or to download from the SCPO website at http://bit.ly/1W1D9mi

RECTORS & VESTRY SECRETARIES

APPOINTMENT OF PVG COORDINATORS

This is just a reminder, but all PVG Coordinators appointed by vestries <u>MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BISHOP</u>. 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/

ALL Support for transgender people, their partners and families

The Beaumont Society has been supporting transgender people, their partners and families for 50 years. It would like to make church leaders aware of the resources and



support it can offer, having found that those who need help or advice about gender identity and transition often turn to their minister for help. The Beaumont Society can provide information, a listening ear and impartial support. More details can be found on the website www.beaumontsociety.org.uk

ALL St Hilda's Church Oxgangs

Service in St Cuthbert's Colinton at 10.30 on 29th May to celebrate the life of St Hilda's. Bishop Douglas Cameron will preside and preach.

Last March the diocesan synod confirmed that the area covered by the former charge of St Hilda's has been incorporated in the area covered by us at St Cuthbert's. We had approved this, gladly. St Hilda's was a daughter church of St Cuthbert's (a mission church since 1946 and it's first rector when founded as a church in 1964 was our curate - Charles Martin Reith) and many of its remaining members returned here. So, while we mourn the closing of St Hilda's nine years ago, we are celebrating its continuing life with us on 29th May.

All are welcome, particularly anyone involved in the life of St Hilda's over the years. Maurice Houston

Rector St Cuthbert's, Colinton

ALL For charges who use WORD PRESS WEBSITES

WordPress 4.5.2 Security Release. Word Press say: "This is a security release for all previous versions and we strongly encourage you to update your sites immediately." To update, log in to your Word Press Site and follow the instructions in the Dashboard.

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The Edge and **Adventures in Faith** Newsletters will be distributed in the second week of June to your HUB. If there are any changes to the number of copies required, or to your choice of HUB, please let Elizabeth White know by 7th June ewhite@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Saturday 28th May	Adventures in Faith 'Psalms' event in Haddington
Sunday 29th May	The Bishop presides at Confirmations at St Andrew's Kelso
Wednesday 1st June	Bishop John attends Pre-Synod Evening, Christ Church, Morningside
Sunday 5 th June	Bishop John preaches and presides at St Mary's Dalmahoy

CHANGES 😚

- The Revd. Christine Barclay, Rector of Bathgate and Linlithgow, to be Mothers' Union Chaplain in the Diocese
- The Revd. Ruth Innes as Rector, St Fillan's Edinburgh w.e.f 2nd June 2016
- Very Revd Jim Mein, Interim Pastor, Christ Church Falkirk w.e.f 2nd June 2016
- As the need for a fax line at the Diocesan Office is no longer relevant, it is being discontinued from 3 June 2016. Therefore, please remove any entries you might have for that number – 0131 538 7088 – in your own lists or publications

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

The Scottish Episcopal Church, Diocese of Edinburgh RECTOR

To join St John the Evangelist, Jedburgh, Scottish Borders eligible to be licensed for ordained ministry within the Scottish Episcopal Church, part of the worldwide Anglican communion.

A single sacramental charge, offering a half time post Accommodation (within town) and expenses package available.

Informal enquiries to: The Dean of Edinburgh • Telephone: 0131 538 7033

Application form available from Vestry Secretary or visit our website.

Vestry Secretary: Mrs C McLachlan, 91 Bongate, Jedburgh, TD8 6DU Email: relax@reiversrest.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 20 June 2016
St John the Evangelist, Jedburgh, TD8 6DJ

www.stjohnsjedburgh.org.uk Charity Number: SCO16786







Workplace Chaplaincy Introduction Day

Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland aims to meet people where they are - in the setting of their daily working lives. A chaplain's main purpose is Christian service, simply because people matter irrespective of their status or position. A chaplain is available to ALL staff.

Could you be involved in this rapidly expanding area of Christian service?

For those interested, or involved in workplace chaplaincy:

Thursday 2 June 2016

10am – 4pm

Central Baptist Church

9 Ward Road, Dundee DD1 1LP

The day will include:

- The role and structure of Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland
- What is workplace chaplaincy?
- Essential chaplaincy skills and how to use them
- Opportunities and pitfalls
- Planning for success
- An introduction to further training

For further details or to book a place contact:

Mrs Catriona Parkinson

info@wpcscotland.co.uk 0131 441 2271



Core Skills for Children's Work and Family Ministry

Sponsored by the Methodist Church, United Free Church of Scotland, and Scottish Episcopal Church

Four great opportunities to better equip you and your team for ministry among children, young people and families, and to network with others investing in these areas of ministry across Scotland.



Children's Work 1 7th May 2016 SEC Diocesan Centre, Glasgow 5 St. Vincent Place, G1 2DH

(1 min walk from Queen Street, 5 mins from Central)



Children's Work 1 21st May 2016 Perth Salvation Army 77 South Street, PH2 8PD (0.5 miles from Perth Train Station)



Children's Work 2 4th June 2016 SEC Diocesan Centre, Glasgow 5 St. Vincent Place, G1 2DH

(1 min walk from Queen Street, 5 mins from Central)



Family Ministry 1 25th June 2016 City of Edinburgh Methodist Church

25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX (1.5 miles from Haymarket Train Station, bus stops very near station and church)

These courses are primarily for anyone working with children, young people or families in the Methodist, Scottish Episcopal and United Free Churches but are also open to those in other church denominations and Christian organisations in Scotland.

The sessions are led by experienced practitioners and advisers in the field, and will help you develop knowledge and skills in the topic areas and assist your reflection on ministry practices in response to children and families in your context. Core Skills 1 and 2 each cover 3 sessions from Core Skills for Children's Work, developed by the Consultative Group on Ministry among Children (Britain & Ireland), which allows participants to complete the CGMC Certificate in Children's Work.

Family Ministry 1 covers 3 of the sessions in Family Ministry, also developed by CGMC, and where possible we will include sessions to best meet the needs of participants.

The cost for the course is being met by the Methodist Church and tea/coffee and cakes will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. Time: 10am-4.30pm

For more information and to book a place, please contact:

lorraine.darlow@sky.com Tel: 07769 784776 richard@ufcos.org.uk Tel: 07577 867024









Open Days

11am-4pm: 14th June; 12th July; 20thSeptember; 18th October; 22nd November



The Whitchester team invites you on each of these days to enjoy the house, grounds, a light lunch and refreshments free of charge. You are welcome to use this time for your own personal retreat or for a relaxing afternoon out.



We would also like to invite you to join us to pray for the Borders at 3.30pm on each Open Day.

Whitchester Christian Guest House, Borthaugh, Hawick, TD9 7LN (just outside Hawick on the B711 towards Roberton) Telephone: 01450 377 477

E.mail: <u>enquiries@whitchester.org.uk</u> V Charity reg: SCO11436 Col

Web: <u>www.whitchester.org.uk</u> Company no: SC093015



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

Gero McLoughlin SJ

On Being a Christian Group

Monday 30th May Talk 1: The early Church Monday 6th June Talk 2: The Ignatian tradition

Admission by Donation

Venue: Lauriston Jesuit Centre,

28 Lauriston Street

Edinburgh

EH39DJ

Contact: 0131 477 5788

To find our more or to register for *Getting* to *Grips With the Bible*, please contact one of the tutors:

Rev Trevor Jamison trevor@ecocongregationscotland.org Dr Nicola Robinson nicola.a.robinson1@gmail.com

All meetings take place at:

Augustine United Church

41-43 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL



www.augustine.org.uk



Getting to Grips With the Bible

Exploring the Bible and what it might mean for us today. Six conversations in a relaxed setting, for anyone interested in the Bible, not assuming biblical expertise.

Led by Trevor Jamison (Eco Congregation Scotland) and Nicola Robinson (Augustine United Church)





Getting to Grips With the Bible is an opportunity to...

- Explore the Bible
- · Enrich your spirituality
- · Engage with those on a similar journey
- · Enjoy stimulating and fun study sessions.

We will be using TLS* Lite (*Training for Learning and Service) material which uses a variety of learning styles, based on exploring together as a tutor led group. It involves home study, participation in a weekly group (Thursday evenings 7:30-9:00pm) plus one Saturday gathering (10:00-3:30pm).

What previous participants say:

"I got so much out of it: a greater understanding of the Bible, meeting folk who had a different ideas and sharing views, the friendships and we had fun as well. I would encourage anyone thinking about going on the course not to hesitate but to sign up."

"As the weeks went on I looked forward more and more to not only hearing the Bible words but also other people's."

"It was amazing what we learned about parts of the Bible and about ourselves."

 Looking at the Library (A tour of the 66 biblical books)

September 8^{th} 2016, 7.30 p.m. -9.00 p.m.

 Bible Times (Understanding the era when the Bible was written so as to better apply it in our own time)

September 15th 2016, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

 Language and Literature (Why how the biblical books were written affects how we read them)

September 22nd 2016, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

 Analysing the Bible (How others' explorations of the Bible help or hinder us)

September 29th 2016, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

5. Who Says? – Authority (What does "biblical authority" mean for you and for others?)

October 6th 2016, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

6. Bible Away Day (An opportunity to build on what we have learned together)

October 15^{th} 2016, 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. (venue tbc)

Participants should register by 20th June 2016



WEDDING OUTFITS' PAST AND PRESENT

Saturday 4th June 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church Westgarth Avenue, Colinton

Dress as a Guest!

Tickets £10 (children £3)

from Clare Laybourne 441 1409 or Wendy Pearson 455 860

Proceeds to Christian Aid

About the venue

Whitchester Christian Guest house is a 19th Century Dower House 2 miles outside the border town of Hawick. Set in 3 acres of grounds, it provides a peaceful setting for rest and reflection.

Booking information

To book or for more information about accommodation please phone: 01450 377477 or email: enquiries@whitchester.org.uk
Please note bookings for this event cannot be made online.

Price per person for the weekend is £130 or £110 per person sharing in a twin room. Non-residential £70 for weekend.

Where there are financial constraints, a bursary may be available to help with your stay. Please contact the Wardens.

Whitchester Christian Guest House, Borthaugh, Hawick, TD9 7LN www.whitchester.org.uk Charity reg: SCO11436 Company no: SCO93015

Soterion Ministries exists to bring the healing of Jesus into the churches. Both the teachers, Angela Weir and David Lauder, and all the members of the ministry team have been trained by Ellel Ministries.

Contact Soterion Ministries by email: soterionministries@gmail.com Website: www.soterionministries.org

ARISE, My son

A COURSE OF TEACHING AND MINISTRY FOR MEN



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Further details are available on the Soterion Ministries website: www.soterionministries.org

DAUGHTER, BE HEALED

A COURSE OF TEACHING, HEALING AND MINISTRY FOR WOMEN



AT
WHITCHESTER
CHRISTIAN GUESTHOUSE

30th September to 2nd October 2016



Epiphany Group 'Six Days Series'

Saturday 4 June: Thomas Merton: Many Paths to Wholeness
with Revd Canon John McLuckie

10am to 4pm at Christ Church Hal, Morningside
£25 including soup lunch; bursary help available

Booking: 0131 447 0050 sixdaysedinburgh@yahoo.co.uk

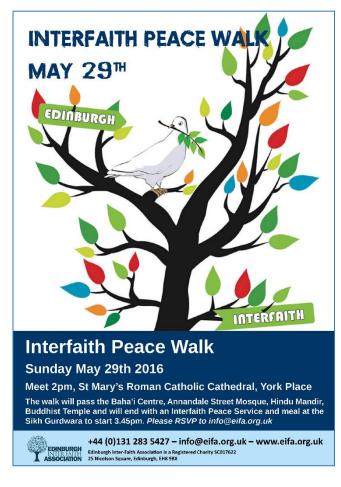
www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/south east

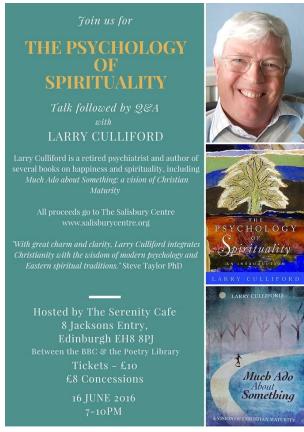


The theme will be 'Painting, Poetry and Prayer' and participants should choose painting or poetry when they book with Jock Stein, jstein@handselpress.org.uk

at Beech Hill near Haddington

Spaces are limited. Cost of £15 includes lunch and refreshments. Lifts available by arrangement from Haddington (which has a good bus service from Edinburgh).







Saturday 28th May At 15.00 Edinburgh
Breaking Barriers: Christian, Jewish,
Muslim Dialogue
"The Haves and the Have Nots"

By: The Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association, the Alwaleed Centre (University of Edinburgh) and the Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

Columcille Centre - 2 Newbattle Terrace Morningside, Edinburgh, EH10 4RT

The session will begin with brief reflections from faith leaders, followed by facilitated group discussion focussed on short passages of scripture. Light refreshments will be provided Places are limited so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment

To register go to: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breaking-barriers-the-have-and-the-have-nots-tickets-25194369036

The Edinburgh Interfaith Association: www.eifa.org.uk

CEILIDH

in aid of Edinburgh's Multi-faith Courts Chaplaincy Project

7pm on Saturday 25 June

City of Edinburgh Methodist Church 25 Nicolson Sq, EH8 9BX



With legendary Edinburgh ceilidh band AULD SPICE

TICKETS: £8 (in advance)/ £10 (on the night as available)/ children FREE includes refreshments

www.edinburghmethodist.com

Quiet Day: The Summer Day Saturday 25th June, 10am-4pm, Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place

What does summer have to teach us? A season of growth and fruitfulness, and of holidays and re-creation. But perhaps we worry we are not being fruitful enough, and being on holiday can feel as busy as being at home. This Quiet Day offers a chance to take time out and contemplate the summer day and what it means to us, to think about growth and rest and how to cultivate more of both in our lives.

There will be a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, and an opportunity to be outdoors, weather permitting. Lunch is provided, as are coffee and cake. £25/15. To book a place, email me back on wordsmansfield@gmail.com, or calling 07803 620038. Please consider booking early as the day is subject to getting sufficient numbers. Any questions, please get in touch.

CHAPLAINCY AT EDINBURGH SHERIFF COURT AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

UPDATE - MAY 2016



How is the project doing?

As with any new project there has been masses of hard slog in the background. Lots of progress has been made.

Here's what's been happening:

A freelance project worker was appointed thanks to funding from the Methodist District Advance Fund. She has been able to nurture a positive working relationship with the senior manager at the Sheriff Court.

A formal proposal and outline of the project has been accepted by the Sheriff Principal. This was a vital step and receiving affirmation from such a senior person gives a strong foundation for future development.

A major funding application has been made with a view to recruiting lead chaplains who will develop and supervise a team of volunteer chaplains.

A management group has been formed in association with Edinburgh Inter Faith Association to plan the launch of the project.

A successful fundraising concert 'Multi-cultural cabaret' took place in February.

Further fundraising events: a concert at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church on Saturday May 28th (see over) and a Ceilidh, also at the Methodist Church on Saturday 25th June (details to follow).

There will be 'Information and Taster' events for people interested in becoming voluntary chaplains, on Thursday 25th August between 4.00pm and 8.00pm and Saturday 3rd September from 10.00am until 2.00pm. These will be held at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church.

Thank you for your support - your financial contributions, time and prayer are invaluable.

