# The Communicant





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### NOTICES 🧳

### ALL BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

I am delighted to announce the appointment of our first Bishop's Enabler of Mission. The Revd Annie Naish will begin work in late September and we plan to commission her formally at our autumn Synod on 3rd November.

Annie has been Missioner to the Lee Abbey Movement since 2011.

She was ordained in Norwich Diocese and following her curacy there she served as Ecumenical Mission Enabler in Bath & Wells. She has a range of interests including, I believe, scuba diving!

As you know, the appointment of a Mission Enabler is a key part of our mission strategy for the diocese and a vital support to me as a leader in mission. Annie brings both relevant experience and personal gifts to this exciting task. She will work with congregations and equip others to do so as we respond to the call to share God's mission in the places we serve. I am very much looking forward to welcoming Annie back to the city of her birth and working with her in the service of Christ.

+ John

### ALL

### News from the Youth and Children Officer

You can find the latest Youth and Children Newsletter here <a href="http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/youth-and-children-newsletter/">http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/youth-and-children-newsletter/</a>]. This edition features:

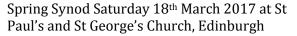
- Alpha Youth Film Series #inviteageneration
- Play Church latest news
- Seen And Heard Children's Ministry Conference
- Children's design competition win an ice cream maker!

# CLERGY & ALT/LAY REPS

### **Synod Dates for your Diary**



Autumn Synod Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 from 5.30pm at Plamerston Place Church, Edinburgh





**ALL** 

The Edge magazine and Adventures in Faith newsletter are now available online.



Printed copies for charges have been distributed **last week** to your HUB. Please do collect soon! If you are able to arrange for your sides-people or 'welcomers' to offer copies as folk arrive for services this would be much appreciated.

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#### **Information and Communications**

As many of you will be aware, Gillian McKinnon has been employed for the last year as a Communications Co-ordinator for the Diocese. She has done amazing work streamlining some of our systems, building websites for individual charges, helping the committee in its long term strategic planning, being a resource for other committees wishing to communicate important ideas and especially in the last few months, rebuilding from scratch the diocesan website - amongst many other things. The contract was for 8 hours a week, and it has been unbelievable what she has achieved in those 8 hours. Gillian decided not to reapply for the contract when it came up for renewal this year, and I want to take the opportunity to thank her enormously for all she has done this year as we've moved into a new phase of communications. Thankfully, Gillian will still be on board with I&C as she will continue as editor of the Edge magazine. We have awarded the contract to Sian Harris who runs her own design company. She will

We have awarded the contract to Sian Harris who runs her own design company. She will start in mid-July and I am very much looking forward to working with her. In the meantime, we will have a hiatus in the communications role, please bear with us during this time.

As you will see Gillian's main work recently has been the rebuilding of the website. I hope you are enjoying the new simplified version. There are many things that we have not moved over to the new site for a number of reasons, and there is clearly a lot of editing of text still to do. Thank you to all those who have let us know of mistakes and inconsistencies. Please bear with us as we correct, and let us know what else would be important on the website.

Sophia Marriage, I&C Convenor

# 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

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

Work mobile: 0747 372 8148

SEE FULL POSTER IN 'NOTICES' BELOW

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**RIP Revd David Maybury** died on Saturday 28th May, with his family by his side. His funeral took place at St Cuthbert's Church in Hawick on Monday 13 June followed by the committal at the Crematorium in Melrose. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.* 

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### RIP Revd John Towers died peacefully on 12th June 2016

As Rector of St James, Goldenacre, Edinburgh from 1962-71, John was trained for the ministry at Coates Theological College during the war and was a chaplain in Dundee before going out to India as a missionary 1947 -62 at Chanda India. After St James he was vicar in Bradford Yorkshire then Holm Cultram Abbey Cumbria before retiring to Moffat in 1985 and then Edinburgh (Old St Paul's) in 2000. A committal service for immediate family only will be held at Warriston Crematorium on Saturday 25th June which will be followed by a Thanksgiving Eucharist at St James at 12noon, to which all are invited. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory* 

### ALT/LAY REPS, & PEOPLES WARDENS

### **Adventures in Faith Summer OPEN Events**

Adventures in Faith wishes to strengthen connections with **Alt/Lay Reps, Peoples' Wardens** and anyone else who would like to champion adult learning within your own church. If you are interested in the work of Adventures in Faith come along to:

- A short presentation on Adventures in Faith
- News on Mission and Learning in the Diocese
- A chance to share *your* hopes and ideas
- Meet other Lay Reps / Peoples' Wardens
- Find out how you can be an area link
- Tea and cake in the Diocesan Office

# Please encourage someone from your congregation to come along!

Thursday 28 July 7.30 - 9pm or Thursday 4 August 3 - 4.30pm
Do let Elizabeth White know if you would like to come adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org
0131 346 9081 or 07398 954011



#### **ALL**

#### **Sunday Parking**

At the Transport Committee meeting of Edinburgh Council this morning, there was a substantial presence from various city centre churches, and Richard Frazer of Greyfriars spoke well regarding the work that these churches do and the social capital it generates. By a substantial majority the Council agreed that Sunday parking restrictions be introduced but to take effect no earlier from 12.30 pm. This is not the 1pm that we had

thought we were going to get, but it was made clear that when the proposals are implemented, which will not be until 2018, there will be scope to commence the restrictions later than 12.30pm (but not before that time). It was clear that a number of the members of the Committee favoured 1 pm.

The position is therefore not quite as good as we had been led to believe was likely, but at least city centre parking charges and restrictions on Sunday before 12.30pm have been ruled out, for the next few years at any rate.

Kind regards

Colin A Heggie, Diocesan Registrar

### **SERVERS**

### **Edinburgh Servers' Group**

A note from Sheena Liddell:

"It has been agreed to put the Edinburgh Servers' Group into dormant status. We do understand that people have a finite amount of time and many calls upon it so our numbers have been low. However we are thinking positively and will look again at providing something for our Edinburgh Servers in a couple of years' time. In the meantime I would draw your attention to the Scottish Guild of Servers Annual Festival which will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Saturday 3 September 2016 at 1.30 pm. It is a very long time since the Festival was held in the Cathedral and it would be wonderful to see you there."

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	The Mission and Ministry Committee meets today
Sunday 26th June	The Bishop presides at Confirmations at Old St Paul's Edinburgh
Tuesday 28th June	The Finance and Management committee meets today
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	The Bishop preaches at the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of St David's, Edinburgh

## CHANGES 🌎

- Very Revd Jim Mein, Interim Pastor, Christ Church Falkirk w.e.f 2nd June 2016
- Revd Anna Garvie, retires as NHS Chaplain, Borders General Hospital, June 2016
- Revd Tony Bryer, retires as City Centre Workplace Chaplain, Edinburgh, 30th June 2016

# 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 <a href="mailto:felicity.burrows@btinternet.com">felicity.burrows@btinternet.com</a>







# New Ideas on Matthew's Gospel

### **A CPD Event for Ministers and Worship Leaders**

New College, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Programme

12 noon Sandwich lunch (Rainy Hall)

12.45 – 2.15 'New Developments in Matthew Scholarship'- Prof Paul Foster

2.15 – 2.45 Tea and coffee

2.45 – 4.00 'The Massacre of the Innocents in New Perspectives'- Prof Jolyon Mitchell

4.00- 5.00 Two options (participants should choose one):

(1) 'Ethics in Matthew' – Prof Larry Hurtado
(2) 'The OT in Matthew's Gospel' – Dr Alison Jack

5.00 Review of the day and a glass of wine

There will be a charge of £10 per person to cover lunch and refreshments. To register for the event, please use this link:





### SafeTALK© — Save the date

- Would you recognise someone with thoughts of suicide?
- Would you know how to talk to them about it?
- Would you know how to connect them to appropriate support/help?
- Would you like to feel more able to help someone in this situation?

SafeTALK® is a 3-hr suicide alertness training which addresses these questions AUC is planning to offer SafeTALK® on:

> Sunday 2nd October 2016 1-4pm

at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge

(Cost tbc with trainer but £10-15)

If you would like to register your interest in attending, &/or be kept informed of updates, please contact Rachel Fitzgerald (AUC Administrator) on administrator@augustine.org.uk or 0131 220 1677

Places on this certificated course are strictly limited.







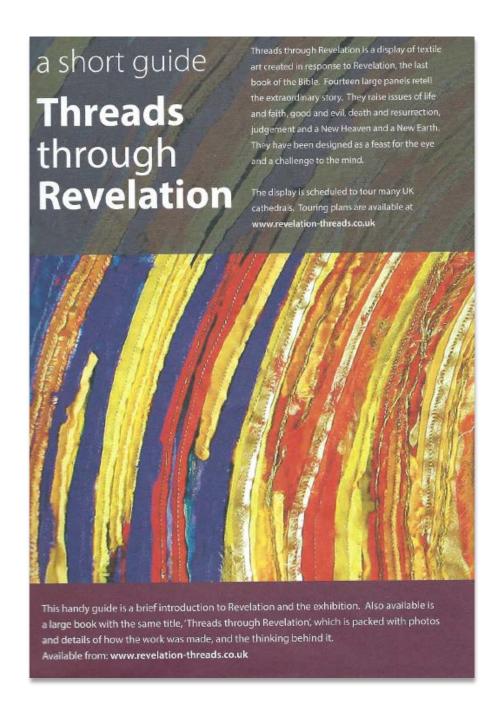
Edinburgh Churches for Sanctuary is a network of churches from across Edinburgh who are working together to welcome and support those who have arrived in our city seeking sanctuary from the crisis in Syria.

Churches in our network map their resources - of time, volunteers, space, activities, etc - and show how they are already active in their communities, to help us build a picture of the welcome that Edinburgh offers.

Churches are already woven into the heart of their neighbourhoods, through offering activities and services, like men's, women's and children's groups, community cafés, football clubs, sewing or knitting socials, the list goes on. As families and individuals build new lives in Edinburgh, this welcome of community can show the love and spirit of God's kingdom in a very practical way.

If your church would like to get involved, please email <u>Edinburghchurchesforsanctuary@yahoo.com</u>





"Threads through Revelation", by Devon artist Jacqui Parkinson, is on display at **St Giles' Cathedral from 9 June to 28 July**. The 14 panels are based on the Book of Revelation and are a combination of painting, cloth and stitchwork. The exhibition is free.

The panels are largely in a space which is beside the 'candle' section in the church, so people can sit in there an view one or two panels, or they can be surrounded by the fabric as the panels are mostly on large vertical stands in a circle. 4 of the panels are outside this circle but the effect is still of being enclosed within it.

### Modern Mystics

7pm each day from Monday 18 to Friday 22 July

Summer talks at Lauriston Jesuit Centre in conjunction with Edinburgh Living Theology.

A different mystic each evening in this order: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Edith Stein, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, John XXIII.

With Brendan Comerford SJ joined the Jesuits in 1980. He studied in Dublin, Rome and Boston, specialising in the History of Spirituality. Most recently he lectured in the Milltown Institute in Christian Spirituality 2006-2014. He is in much demand as a lecturer and retreat giver.

Admission by donation at Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ For information about the new format for 'Edinburgh Living Theology' contact James Crampsey SJ 0131 477 5788 <a href="mailto:icrampsey@lauriston.org.uk">icrampsey@lauriston.org.uk</a>

### **Meet your MSP**

**Meet Your MSP** is an exciting new project from the SCPO (Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office) building links between congregations and their recently elected MSPs.

The SCPO wants church communities to be at the heart of the decisions that affect our everyday lives and what better way to get involved than for your church to meet local MSPs early in their term of office.

The project begins this summer as MSPs are on recess from the Scottish Parliament and will be based locally. The SCPO will provide ideas and information that will help you to organise meetings that will be interesting for everyone involved. It could be a public meeting, an invitation to a project or church event that you are already organising, or it could be a walk in your local area to highlight issues that you would like addressed. The possibilities are endless, but making contact early is crucial.

The SCPO would like as many churches as possible to get involved and for you to let it know what you are planning leading to a celebration of church engagement at a Scottish Parliament event in February 2017.

Further information will be available on the SCPO website <a href="www.actsparl.org">www.actsparl.org</a> including ideas from the following networks: Eco Congregation Scotland, Scottish Churches Housing Action, Priority Areas and Faith in Communities Scotland. The project is also gratefully supported by ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland).





## **COMPANION PARTNERSHIPS' DAY**

# THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF EFFECTIVE COMPANION PARTNERSHIPS

HOW TO BEGIN HOW TO GROW TOGETHER HOW TO PART

Saturday 1st October 2016
10.00am for 10.30am till 3pm
The Threshold Centre
Princes Street
Perth
PH2 8LJ

The Global Partnerships Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church invites all across the Province who are involved in Companion Partnerships or thinking of getting involved in a Companion Partnership to a workshop gathering. There will be presentations on setting up a link and we will be making space for participants to share their experience of Companion Partnership so that we can learn from each other.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided plus teas and coffees.

Please complete a response slip by the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 so that we can make the catering arrangements - available from:

churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org or Church Relations Officer, General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE Scottish Charity No SCO15962