

# The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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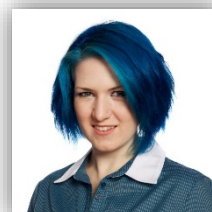
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## NOTICES

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#### COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Siân Harris as our new Communications Coordinator. Siân is currently the Alternate Lay Representative for St James Leith, Edinburgh, but also runs her own business, which helps small businesses build websites and branding.



Siân will be working for the diocese for 8 hours a week, and will work with the Information & Communications Committee, the Bishop and others in establishing and consolidating the tools for communications internally within the diocese, and between charges, as well as externally with associated bodies and the media. We look forward to welcoming her as a part of the diocesan team.

#### 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

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### Adventures in Faith Summer OPEN Events

Adventures in Faith wishes to strengthen connections with anyone else who would like to champion adult learning within your own church. Originally aimed at Alt/Lay Reps and Peoples' Wardens these events **are open to all**. If you have been to an AIF event in the past or are interested generally 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
- Help to shape future programmes
- Find out how you can be an area link
- Tea and cake in the Diocesan Office

**Please encourage folk 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 as room capacity is limited [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org)  
0131 346 9081 or 07398 954011



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### Call for Adverts!

Are you involved in any faith/theology/discipleship/spirituality/mission events or training happening in the Autumn, anywhere around our Diocese? Would you like to advertise in the next Adventures in Faith newsletter? Please send a short description in Word (plus royalty-free image, if you have one) to [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org)  
**Deadline for adverts 1st August**, for events running September to Christmas.

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Some of you may know that our CMD/IME officer - and Rector of Christchurch, Duns - **Rev Ken Webb** had a nasty car accident almost four weeks ago. We send him healing prayers. If you have an appointment with Ken please contact the office in the first instance.

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### Lost Property

A green flat cap was left at the Bishop's Open House on Saturday. If it is yours please contact Samantha Campbell on [bpsec@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:bpsec@dioceseofedinburgh.org) or 0131 538 7044

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### News from the Youth and Children Officer

You can find the latest Youth and Children Newsletter here

[<http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/youth-and-children-newsletter/>].

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!

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**The summer Edge magazine and Adventures in Faith newsletter** are available [online](#).

Printed copies for charges were distributed to Hubs three weeks ago – if you have not collected please do so soon, as dates and news are passing by!



## 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: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. More info and submissions

[youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org) Office direct line: 0131 346 9081

Work mobile: 0747 372 8148

SEE FULL POSTER IN 'NOTICES' BELOW

## CLERGY

### Ministry Bursary Awards 2017

Ecclesiastical has once again opened its annual Ministry Bursary Awards for entries. The awards are open to all clergy in Anglican Christian faiths and aim to provide financial support to members of the clergy for sabbatical activities including pilgrimages, study visits, spiritual retreats and the pursuit of lifelong dreams in 2017.

The awards were established to celebrate Ecclesiastical's centenary year in 1987 and have, to date, supported over 1,000 members of the clergy and provided financial assistance for a wide range of clergy projects. The sabbatical projects that have received financial assistance have varied greatly over the years and range from traditional and modern-day pilgrimages, to study visits, spiritual retreats and pursuits of lifelong dreams and hobbies.

Throughout the history of our bursary awards we have always tried to support sabbatical projects that provide both spiritual as well as personal development opportunities for members of the clergy. It is exciting to see how the projects we provide funding for have diversified over the years as the development needs and interests of our clergy continue to change and adapt to modern times. "Here at Ecclesiastical we believe the contribution our clergy make to our communities every day is invaluable, so I am pleased we are able to continue to offer them our support in return through our bursary scheme."

As mentioned above applications are now open for entries for sabbaticals taking place in 2017. Judging of the applications will take place in November and awards will be made during December 2016. To find out more about the Ministry Bursary Awards, eligibility criteria and to download an application form, please go to [www.ecclesiastical.com/mba](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/mba).

Michael Angell

ACII Chartered Insurer

Church Operations Director



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### Sunday Parking in Edinburgh

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



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### **Free NIV Bibles**

My name is Rachel, and I work for the Scottish Bible Society. We are inviting you to share our vision of seeing individuals and communities be transformed as they encounter God through His Word. Does your church need Gospels to share the Good News with people in your community?

Our mission at the Scottish Bible Society is to support churches and individuals by providing God's Word at an affordable price to aid genuine encounters with God. For a limited period, we are in a position to offer thousands of free Gospels to churches in the Edinburgh area!

What's on offer?

Pocket-sized Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke in the New International Version (NIV) with contemporary and colourful cover designs. They normally retail at 99p per copy but for a limited time, we are giving them away for free – you only need to pay for delivery. Unfortunately, we are sold out of the Gospel of John so this is not available in our offer.

How should they be used?

In any way that helps your church and your community. For example, you could distribute them during outreach opportunities like a summer mission, give them to visitors at your church, or distribute them in food banks run from your church.

What do I do now?

Consider how these free Gospels can help your church and your community, decide on how many Gospels you would like and contact us with your order. Please tell us if you need them for a particular date, otherwise we will aim to deliver these within two to four weeks of your order. But hurry, this is a limited offer on a first come, first serve basis whilst stock is available.

If you are interested in this offer, please contact us by Wednesday 31 August 2016.

To find out more and to place your order visit: [www.bible.scot/gospelgiveaway](http://www.bible.scot/gospelgiveaway)

Blessings,

Rachel

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### **Brexit: Implications for the voluntary sector**

A briefing from NCVO, its first on the implications of Brexit, covers the political landscape, funding and finance, social implications, regulatory change and the role of civil society. It offers some food for thought for churches too. Implications for charities and community groups from the Brexit referendum include political uncertainty, slow progress on government policy change, and potential financial challenges, according to a new briefing from NCVO.

[https://www.ncvo.org.uk/images/documents/about\\_us/media-centre/implications-of-brexit-for-voluntary-sectory-28-june-2016.pdf](https://www.ncvo.org.uk/images/documents/about_us/media-centre/implications-of-brexit-for-voluntary-sectory-28-june-2016.pdf)

**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

Spring Synod Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at St  
Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh



## DIARY



Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	The Bishop preaches and presides at St Cuthbert's Hawick

## CHANGES



- Revd Anna Garvie, retired as NHS Chaplain, Borders General Hospital, June 2016
- Revd Tony Bryer, retired as City Centre Workplace Chaplain, Edinburgh, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Revd Donald Reid, retires as Chaplain, St Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh w.e.f. 13 July
- Revd Willie Shaw, as Rector, St Mary's Grangemouth and St Catherine's Bo'ness w.e.f 30th August 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 [felicity.burrows@btinternet.com](mailto:felicity.burrows@btinternet.com)

## **Project Coordinator: Tapestry of Faiths**

**Edinburgh Interfaith Association**

Application Deadline: July 24th 2016

Interviews: week beginning August 1st

Start Date: September 1st

A part time job, 17.5 hours/week, coordinating EIFA's new Tapestry of Faiths Project, aiming to highlight the cultural and faith diversity of the city and how the different communities have contributed to the creation of a shared history. This project will involve community led research with many of Edinburgh's faith communities, production of a book, exhibition and online resource and organising educational / public events.

The project is funded for two years, an initial contract will run for 6 months.

[Download the full job description.](#)

Applications to [iain@eifa.org.uk](mailto:iain@eifa.org.uk)



## Harvest Festival Ideas



*Please sit down this harvest*

*Transform Burkina, a small UK based Christian charity, is asking churches to 'Please sit down' this harvest to support education in Burkina Faso.*

*The charity has produced free, simple to use, harvest materials which can be downloaded [here](#). Through 'Please sit down' the charity is asking churches to raise money to provide rural schools in Burkina Faso with desks for pupils.*

*Visit the charity's web site at [www.transformburkina.org](http://www.transformburkina.org) for more information.*

## Scottish Churches Disability Group

We aim to help churches to be inclusive by:

- demonstrating good practice in inclusive worship and church communities;
- telling people about initiatives in inclusive church life;
- raising the profile of talented people with disabilities in Scottish churches;
- proposing solutions to barriers which restrict access to church life in Scotland;
- encouraging people who support inclusive church life to gather in local regions of Scotland;
- lobbying and negotiating with authorities on ethical issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and their families.



**The Church of Scotland Learning Disabilities Working Group** has compiled useful advice for churches which want to be inclusive.

- Please be friendly – smile and speak to me.
- Please invite me to go with you to a church event – and other activities.
- Please ask me and my carer about my needs – but ask me first.
- Could I have a “buddy” in church?
- Pictures and visual aids help me greatly.
- I would love to help. What can I do for our church?
- Could you arrange training for church folk so that they can better understand how best to help me? I'll be happy to help with training.
- Invite me to share my gifts as I'm so willing to offer them.

Support and full newsletter from the Secretary  
[barbara.graham74@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.graham74@btinternet.com) or tel.01563-522108



The poster features a central white rectangular area with a blue scalloped border. Inside this border, the text "DESIGN A BRILLIANT BANNER FOR PLAY CHURCH" is written in red and black. Above the text are illustrations of a yellow star, flames, and a white dove with an olive branch. Below the text are a wooden cross and a shield with a white cross on a blue background. The entire poster is framed by a pink floral border. At the bottom, there is a rainbow illustration.

**DESIGN A  
BRILLIANT BANNER  
FOR PLAY CHURCH**

COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU...

PLAY CHURCH - A CHILD-SIZED CHURCH ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN!  
FEATURING DRESSING UP AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO HELP YOU EXPLORE  
HOLY COMMUNION, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND MORE  
NOW PLAY CHURCH NEEDS A BEAUTIFUL BANNER TO HANG ABOVE THE ALTAR  
CAN YOU HELP?

This is a COMPETITION to design a banner (1m tall x 80cm wide). First prize is an  
ICE CREAM MAKER! The winning design will be created in fabric as a banner to  
hang above the Play Church altar. 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  
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ENTRIES ON A4  
(DESIGN SIZE =  
20CM X 16CM)

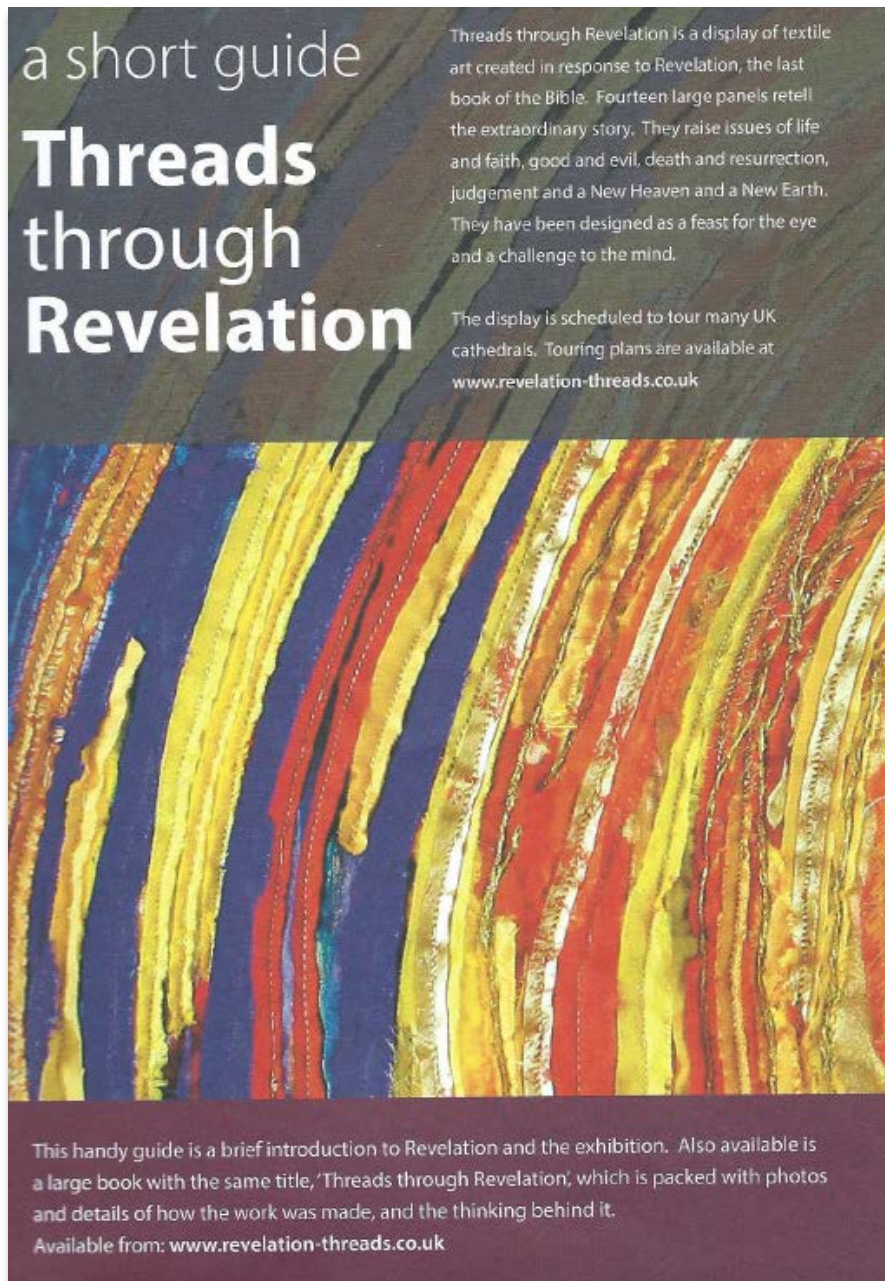
OPEN TO ANYONE  
UNDER 18  
CLOSING DATE  
1/9/2016




Contact Claire Benton-Evans  
[youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

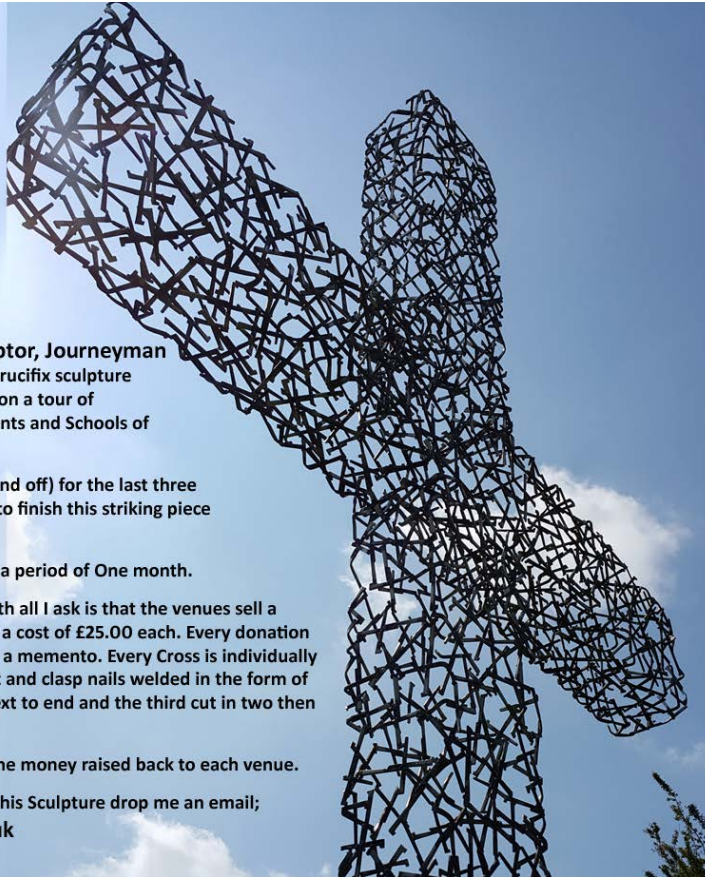


**"Threads through Revelation"**, by Devon artist Jacqui Parkinson, is on display at St Giles' Cathedral from 9 June to 28 July. The 14 panels are based on the Book of Revelation and are a combination of painting, cloth and stitchwork. The exhibition is free.

The panels are largely in a space which is beside the 'candle' section in the church, so people can sit in there and 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.





**Paul Pibworth, Artist, Sculptor, Journeyman**  
 We have here a maquette of a Crucifix sculpture which I want to make and send on a tour of Churches, Religious establishments and Schools of the UK.

I have worked on this idea (on and off) for the last three years and, at last, had the time to finish this striking piece of work.

I wish it to be at each venue for a period of One month.

To have the sculpture for a month all I ask is that the venues sell a minimum of 25 small Crosses at a cost of £25.00 each. Every donation of £25.00 will receive a Cross as a memento. Every Cross is individually crafted by myself from three cut and clasp nails welded in the form of the Crucifix. Two welded end next to end and the third cut in two then welded to complete the Cross.

I am going to give back 10% of the money raised back to each venue.

If you are interested in hosting this Sculpture drop me an email;  
[studio@paulpibworth.co.uk](mailto:studio@paulpibworth.co.uk)  
 Tel: 01767 261811



A one-day training programme for church leaders (lay and ordained) on **'Growing Through Conflict'**. This day is being offered in North Berwick on Thursday 15th September. This is a day that we have designed and run over 12 times now throughout Scotland and in the north of England. This particular event has been booked by the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Lothian. They have, however, an additional 5 places which they would like to offer to colleagues from other denominations at the subsidised rate of £10 per person (this cost includes all resources and refreshments on the day – we usually charge £45).

I very much hope that there might be a few church leaders (clergy, lay leaders, group leaders) who might find this day useful. More information about the programme is in the attached leaflet, and can be found [here](#) also.

If you have any in your diocese who you think may be interested, please they should send their details, along with a cheque for £10, made out to St Andrew Blackadder Church, to

Helen Millar  
 St Andrew Blackadder Church  
 St Andrew St, North Berwick  
 EH39 4NU

**Ruth Harvey**  
**Head of Training and Peacebuilding**  
**Place for Hope**  
 t: 07884 580 357 e: [ruth.harvey@placeforhope.org.uk](mailto:ruth.harvey@placeforhope.org.uk)

# IMAGING FAITH

ISABEL ROCAMORA

26 May - 13 July 2016



## *Imaging Faith*

Sciennes Galleries, Summerhall

until 13 July 2016

Tue - Sun 11.00 - 18.00

*Imaging Faith* centres on *Faith*, a film triptych which intimately observes the act of worship of the three monotheistic religions in Jerusalem. Set in the wilderness of the Holy Land – the historically significant landscapes of the Judean desert, far from the built and contested

territories – an Orthodox Jew (Cohen descent), a Greek Orthodox Christian (Father, Church of Nativity) and a Sunni Muslim (Quran reader, Al Aqsa Mosque) perform their morning prayers. In time, their synchronous action reveals an uncanny similarity of inner state and gestural intention. Questioning segregation while celebrating difference, *Faith* contemplates issues of human belief, inviting reflection on one of the most tragic, world resonating conflicts that persist in this new century.

In the adjoining gallery a series of still images depict Rocamora's experience of Jerusalem, culturally and politically contextualising the film triptych. A dedicated reading room provides a contemplative space in which contemporary thinkers (historians, theologians and philosophers, including Gil Anidjar, Mark Cauchi, Victoria Rocamora and Simon Critchley) have been invited to curate passages from seminal texts in response to the themes of the exhibition.

Isabel Rocamora is a British-Spanish artist whose films have been widely awarded and exhibited internationally. Recent shows include the Koffler Gallery, Toronto (solo); CCC Palazzo Strozzi, Florence; the National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen and the Bologna Museum of Modern Art. *Imaging Faith* presents the UK premiere of this new body of work by the Edinburgh-based artist as well as the first exhibition of her work in Scotland.

**Curated by Holly Knox Yeoman.**

<http://www.summerhall.co.uk/2016/imaging-faith/>

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Please note this event is **CANCELLED** due to illness:

## Modern Mystics

7pm each day from Monday 18 to Friday 22 July

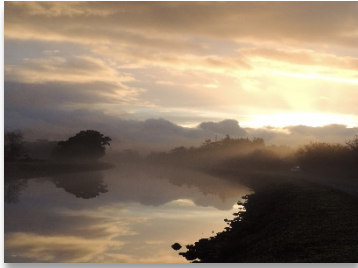
Summer talks at Lauriston Jesuit Centre in conjunction with Edinburgh Living Theology.

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

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## GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING



Apply now for October 2016 - April 2017

This course aims to help participants develop and deepen their experience of prayer and live more reflectively. It offers opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning and come to a deeper, closer relationship with God. In doing so, it provides space to examine hopes and desires and to move towards the fullness of life we long

for in ourselves, in those around us and in the global community to which we all belong.

Participants are offered opportunity to:

- Experience different ways of praying taken from Ignatian and other spiritual traditions. These include coming to stillness, silent waiting, praying with scripture, imaginative contemplation and prayer of review.
- Explore aids to prayer and reflection including journaling, artwork, body awareness, music and use of images.
- Develop and deepen awareness of different perceptions of God and self.
- Discover a way of making prayerful choices in tune with God's hopes and desires for the world through an introduction to Ignatian discernment.

The method is primarily experience-based and reflective. Sessions include input, space for prayer, guided prayer and reflection and small group sharing. In addition to the weekly group meetings participants are offered the opportunity of one to one spiritual accompaniment. Towards the end of the course there is a short non-residential retreat. After the course, an optional overnight retreat is offered for those seeking to deepen their experience.

The team are all members of the Epiphany Group – an ecumenical group of women and men working across Scotland committed to ministries arising from the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

The course will take place in the Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ.

Course dates for 2016-2017:

The course begins in October and ends shortly after Easter, and will be held on Wednesday evenings 7.00 – 9.30pm.

### Applications and further information:

Applications should be made as soon as possible using the enclosed form. For more information please contact:

Sharon Laidlaw

Tel: 07557104380

Email: [Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com](mailto:Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com)

[http://epiphanygroup.org.uk/training\\_courses.htm](http://epiphanygroup.org.uk/training_courses.htm)