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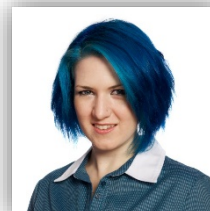
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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

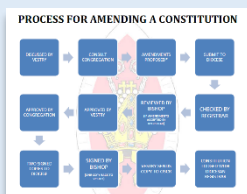
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Siân Harris as our new Communications Coordinator. Siân is currently the Alternate Lay Representative for St James Leith, Edinburgh, but also runs her own business, which helps small businesses build websites and branding.









Siân is now working for the diocese 8 hours a week (Monday and Wednesday afternoons), 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 welcome her as a part of the diocesan team.

CLERGY & VESTRY SECRETARIES

We are in the process of asking any charges to update their **Consstitutions**, if they are more than 10 years old, to bring them in line with OSCR regulations. Many vestries have already been going through this process and we are hugely grateful for your time and effort on this. We will be in touch with others to encourage you to put this on your Vestry agenda for the Autumn. The GSO produced a model document in 2008 for both single and joint incumbencies and we have now added to this a working document which simply gives a box down the side in which to type any changes you wish to make to the model, thus clearer for you and for the Diocesan Registrar to look over. We also have a sheet which gives some guidelines on the stages of updating - e.g at which points the congregation needs to be consulted etc. Please contact the office if you would like these documents emailed to you or have any other questions – we are here to help!



<p>ADULT LEARNING</p>	<p>Adventures in Faith Summer OPEN Events – TWO PLACES LEFT!</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short presentation on Adventures in Faith • News on Mission and Learning in the Diocese • A chance to share <i>your</i> hopes and ideas • Help to shape future programmes • Find out how you can be an area link • Tea and cake in the Diocesan Office <p>Thursday 28 July 7.30 - 9pm or Thursday 4 August 3 - 4.30pm</p> <p>Do let Elizabeth White know if you would like to come as room capacity is limited adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org 0131 346 9081 or 07398 954011</p> 
<p>ADULT LEARNNG</p>	<p>Call for Adverts!</p> <p>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 Deadline for adverts 1st August, for events running September to Christmas.</p>
<p>YOUTH & CHILDREN</p>	<p>News from the Youth and Children Officer</p> <div data-bbox="343 1032 663 1227">  </div> <p><i>Techcrunch.com</i></p> <p>There is a new craze that is bringing lots of new people to our churches. It is Pokémon Go: a game about catching or battling with cartoon creatures, played on the move with a mobile phone. Players view the real world through their phone's camera, and the game superimposes cartoon creatures on real streets and buildings for players to hunt in real time (they appear and disappear). Pokémon Go locates its creatures at local landmarks, so many churches will find children of all ages (and adults!) turning up to play. This is a great opportunity for churches to engage with their local community, especially during the school holidays. There are some excellent suggestions here about how churches can welcome Pokémon Go players.</p> <p>Please encourage children and young people in your church to enter the competition to design a brilliant banner for Play Church – and win an ice-cream maker! All details can be found on the poster in Events/Notices section below: closing date 1 September.</p> <p>Please pray for delegates and leaders attending the Scottish Episcopal Church's Youth Week at Glenalmond next week (24-30 July).</p> <p>You can find the latest Youth and Children Newsletter here [http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/youth-and-children-newsletter/]. This edition features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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! 

ALL		Are you on Facebook? If so, do 'like' the diocesan page for further updates and news day to day. www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh
ALL	Spotlight on the Diocese of Edinburgh Click here for an article profiling the Diocese of Edinburgh, its Mission and Ministry – which first appeared in the Inspires magazine of the Scottish Episcopal Church in June 2016.	
ALL		Some of you may know that our CMD/IME officer - and Rector of Christchurch, Duns - Rev Ken Webb had a nasty car accident six weeks ago. We send him healing prayers. If you have an appointment with Ken please contact the office in the first instance.
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 st 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
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.
Michael Angell
ACII Chartered Insurer
Church Operations Director

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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

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

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The total sum donated to this year's appeal was **£13,650** and payments have just been made to the 2 beneficiaries – **Faith in Older People** and the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel**. This is, once again, a wonderful amount raised by *your* congregations and, on the beneficiaries' behalf, please thank your congregations for their generosity.

Bishop of Edinburgh
Lent Appeal 2016

Thursdya 28 th July	Adventures in Faith Summer Open Event
Thursday 4 th August	Adventures in Faith Summer Open Event
Sunday 7 th August	The Bishop preaching and presiding at Christ Church, Duns
	 <p>Advanced notice: Autumn Synod Thursday 3rd November 2016 from 5.30pm at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh</p>

- Revd Donald Reid, retires as Chaplain, St Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh w.e.f. 13 July 2016
- Revd Willie Shaw, as Rector, St Mary's Grangemouth and St Catherine's Bo'ness w.e.f 30th August 2016
- Paul Stollard, Licenced as Lay Reader, St James' Goldenacre, Edinburgh w.e.f 17th 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

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

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 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 or tel.01563-522108



Borthaugh, HAWICK, Roxburghshire, TD9 7LN
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www.whitchester.org.uk

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.

Whitchester Open Days: 11am - 4pm 12th July, 20th September, 18th October, 22nd November

Each month, Whitchester invites guests and friends to enjoy the house, grounds and 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.



Soterion Ministries: Arise My Son (2nd- 4th September + Day Event 5th September) and Daughter Be Healed (30th September – 2nd October + Day Event 3rd October)

Whitchester welcomes Angela Weir and her team from Soterion Ministries (<http://www.soterionministries.org/>) to lead two weekend events of teaching, healing and prayer ministry for men and women respectively, followed by a day event of the same theme open to all.

Angela Weir is an associate teacher and member of the ministry team with Ellel Ministries. She was professionally trained as an actress and worked for several years in the theatre. She now uses her training and experience to bring to life some of the stories in the New Testament. For more details, please contact us or visit our website, www.whitchester.org.uk



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**You are warmly invited to attend
the Licensing of
Paul Stollard
as a Lay Reader
by the Right Reverend Dr John Armes
Bishop of Edinburgh
on Wednesday 17 August 2016
at 7.30pm
St James' Episcopal Church
Goldenacre.
(57b Inverleith Row, EH3 5PX)**

We will be delighted to welcome you to the service and supper afterwards. Your presence and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

(It is suggested that Visiting Clergy and Lay Readers do not robe, this is partly due to the on-going building work on the roof and the consequent difficulties in keeping the church dust free.)

JEREMIAH 29:7

SEEK THE PEACE OF THE CITY

FROM THE EDGE OF RELIGION, SOCIETY AND POLITICS

St John's
Festival
Pulpit

Four Evenings: Four Voices
6pm Choral Evensong
Presentation Q&A

| 7 August |

THE BARONESS RABBI

JULIA NEUBERGER DBE

Member of the House of Lords
Senior Rabbi to the West London Synagogue



| 14 August |

THE RT. HON. BARONESS

ELIZABETH BUTLER-SLOSS GBE PC

Member of the House of Lords
Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life



| 21 August |

THE RT. HON. LORD

DAVID HOPE OF CRAIGHEAD, KT, PC

Member of the House of Lords
Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland



| 28 August |

THE VERY REVD. DR.

JOHN HALL FSA, FRSA

Dean of Westminster Abbey
Chaplain to HM The Queen



St John's Episcopal Church
Corner of Princes St and Lothian Rd

St John's

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October cont

Wednesday 26th at 7:30
Talk "Medieval Berwickshire"
Venue: Dunse History Society
meeting at Dunse Social Club, 45
Newtown St.

Saturday 29th from 10-4
Textile Workshop
Southfield Community Centre
Cost £25

November

Sunday 6th
Scratch Concert
Venue: Volunteer Hall
See website for details of
participation and times.

Tuesday 8th
Mass for the Feast Day of Blessed
John Duns Scotus
Venue: Our Lady Immaculate
See website for details.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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John Duns Scotus Festival 2016



Statue in Duns Park

Born in Duns 750 years ago this year, John Duns Scotus rose to become one of the leading philosophers of the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages. Educated at Oxford and in Paris, he was a leading figure in some of the great arguments in the Church, with his followers earning the name 'Dunces' from the followers of his rival St Thomas Aquinas – the origin of the Dunce's Cap. They were called this not because they were stupid, but because they stuck to the teachings of Duns Scotus.

A series of events is planned to mark this occasion designed to re-awaken interest in this son of Duns.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Exhibition

An exhibition of the life and times of John Duns Scotus and of Berwickshire in the 13th century.
Venue: Duns Exhibition Room at the Library from the 17 Sept - 8 Nov. open during library hours.

September

Saturday 17 at 2pm
Introduction to Duns Scotus
By Professor Alexander Broadie
Venue: Volunteer Hall

Sunday 18 at 2pm
Family Walk
Venue: Meet at statue of Duns Scotus in Duns Public Park ending at Parish Church for refreshments

Friday 23rd at 7:30
Film: - "The Blessed Duns Scotus"
Venue: Volunteer Hall
Cost: £6 / £5 concessions

Wednesday 28th at 7:30
Talk by Professor John Thomas on
Painting of John Duns Scotus

Venue: Dunse History Society meeting at
Dunse Social Club, 45 Newtown Street

October

Sunday 2nd at 7:30
Yetholm Sinfonia Concert
Venue: Parish Church
Cost: £7.50 / £5 concession

Friday 14th at 7:30
Concert
Venue: Christ Church
Cost: £7.50 / £5 concession

Saturday 15th from 10-4:30
Conference on John Duns Scotus
Venue: Christ Church
Cost: £5 including lunch
Booking recommended

Sunday 16th at 2pm
Historic Walk
Venue: Meet at Market Cross in town centre ending at Parish Church for refreshments

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd at 7:30
Play - "You Duncel!"
Venue: Volunteer Hall
Cost: £7.50 / £5 concession

#FromTheEdge - 2016 Just Festival Programme

With the summer approaching the Festival season is coming. The Scottish Episcopal Church will continue supporting the delivery of Just Festival at the Church of St John the Evangelist and Quaker Meeting House. The 2016 edition of the festival is dedicated to the theme of 'From the Edge' with the aim of focusing on people who are commonly perceived to sit at the edge of our communities and societies. A platform will be offered to a wide range of individuals, whether it's those who find themselves socially or politically marginalised, or perhaps the boundary-pushers who sit at the very edge of their disciplines, challenging the way we think about science, society, faith and the arts. The Just Festival Programme launched in mid-June includes performing arts events, conversations, talks, death cafes and exhibition. The programme highlights are:

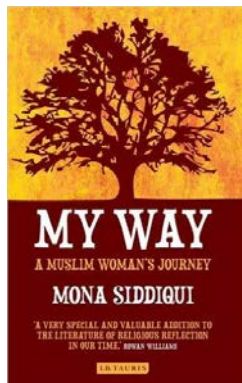
- Acting Alone - Acting Alone is inspired by the people Ava met in refugee camps in Palestine.
- Women's Stories, Women's Survival: Poems from the Edge - Nadine Aisha will read from her debut poetry pamphlet 'Still' (Appletree Writers Press, 2016), exploring the power of women's voices and women's stories, linking them to women's survival.
- 'Til Death Do Us Part - 'Til Death Do Us Part is a work in progress piece of theatre inspired by research into arranged marriages in Scotland.
- Every Picture Tells a Story - Dr Dina Sidhva explains the research which underpins this exhibition, which tells the story of HIV-positive asylum seekers from Africa, living on the edge of despair and uncertainty.
- Roma Holocaust Talk and Recital - Talk on the Roma's culture and heritage, from slavery and holocaust to today, and their influence on European music. Followed by solo double bass folk/jazz recital by Cretu, who will perform his compositions inspired by Roma traditions.
- Being a Dad - a drama reflecting the lived experience, hopes, fears and challenges faced by many fathers, especially disadvantaged young fathers in Scotland today.

just festival

- Al-Rowwad: Beautiful Resistance - Meet Dr Abdelfattah Abusrour, founder of the Beautiful Resistance and architect of Alrowwad Cultural Association in Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem. Using art, dance, music and film to break the cycle of violence and oppression experienced by young people living with the harsh realities of life under armed occupation.
- The Fair-Ground - this new piece of Forum Theatre from Active Inquiry tells the story of a woman who has always believed that she lives in a fair society until events in her own life force her to see behind this façade.
- Hotel Europa - Inspired by the events of the European crisis of the last few years, Hotel Europa brings together a European cast to tell the story of government imposed austerity and an unreformed banking sector across Europe.
- Do you mind? - HarmonyChoir (and special guests) will bring you an evening of inspirational and empowering music! HarmonyChoir is a group of singers, some of whom have experience with mental health symptoms.
- The Furnace - The story of the three holy children from the Book of Daniel set for choir, soloists and string orchestra by Peter D Robinson.
- The Conversation Programme, to be hosted at Quaker Meeting House, will bring facts and stories surrounding Journeys of Asylum Seekers, Loneliness and Isolation, Contemporary Nomadic Life, Language and Identity and Penal Policy Implementation in Scotland, to name a few, closer to Just Festival audiences.

More information on Just Festival and its 2016 Programme can be found at www.just-festival.org or collected from St John's Church the Evangelist (Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 4BJ).

Join us this summer to challenge perceptions, celebrate differences and promote respectful dialogue!



Mona Siddiqui

My Way: A Muslim Woman's Journey

Friday 9th September 15.00 - 16.15

Debates about 'Islam' and 'the West' are now so common that it is easy to forget how damaging they can be. The vast majority of Muslims do not wish to see Islam used as a divisive force within the largely secular societies in which they live. How then can Muslim stereotyping be challenged? Siddiqui is one of the foremost Western authorities on the reconciliation of 21st-century life and Islamic custom. She looks at issues such as wearing the veil within society at large. She also asks: Who are we? How do we cope with growing older? What kind of world will we leave to our children? Placing her rich personal

journey in a wider context, the author is able to explore love and sex, multiculturalism and diversity, ageing and death. She shows why she is one of the most vital thinkers of our age.

Professor Mona Siddiqui is a regular commentator on Radio 4 and BBC Scotland's 'Thought for the Day'. She also chairs the Islam and Interreligious Studies Department at Edinburgh University.

A Q&A session will follow.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets

Part of the Edinburgh Speakers Festival www.edinburghspeakersfestival.com

9th - 11th SEPTEMBER 2016

Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh



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Finish off your Festival day with relaxing
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16 -26 August at 10pm
Tuesdays to Fridays

Tuesday 16 August
Russian chamber music plus

Tuesday 23 August
Apocalyptic Messiaen

Wednesday 17 August
Lament for souls & nations

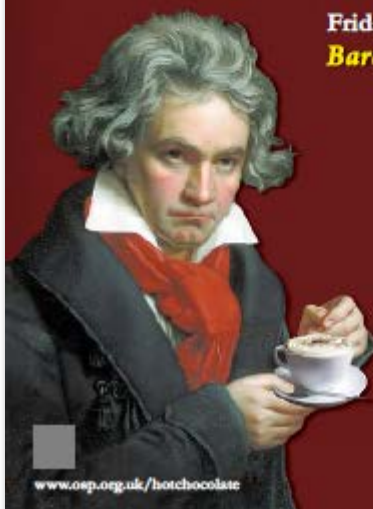
Wednesday 24 August
As Darkness falls

Thursday 18 August
Mozart Vespers

Thursday 25 August
Late night baroque

Friday 19 August
Baroque recorder

Friday 26 August
Rachmaninoff Vespers



Tickets £8.50 (£6 conc) from the Fringe
Box Office or at the door from 9.30pm

Old Saint Paul's Church, Jeffrey Street

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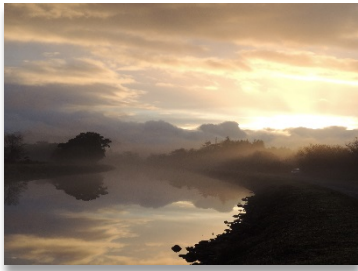
A one-day training programme for church leaders (lay and ordained) on '**Growing Through Conflict**'. This day is being offered in North Berwick on Thursday 15th September. This is a day that we have designed and run over 12 times now throughout Scotland and in the north of England. This particular event 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, Place for Hope, 07884 580 357 e: ruth.harvey@placeforhope.org.uk

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

http://epiphanygroup.org.uk/training_courses.htm

Adventures in Faith presents
Safeguarding Training for Spiritual Directors

Monday 12th September 2016
10.30 coffee, 11am (start) until 3pm

£5 with soup provided, please bring your own sandwiches
at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 13 Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 6AU

The Adventures in Faith programme of the Diocese of Edinburgh is offering an event for trained spiritual directors/accompaniers from any tradition. The day is suitable for new and experienced directors, especially if you have not received safeguarding training in another role.

From time to time spiritual directors/accompaniers may find themselves presented with an event or conversation which concerns child or vulnerable adult abuse, either historic or current. This training event will look at the issues we need to consider when working with vulnerable adults issues concerning Safeguarding. Topics will include:

- ☐ Who is a vulnerable adult or adult at risk?
- ☐ Where does spiritual direction 'fit' within the criteria for 'regulated work'?
- ☐ What might the safeguarding issues be?
- ☐ How do we recognise and act on concerns?
- ☐ What is the PVG scheme?
- ☐ Where can we find guidance and support?

The day will be led by **Daphne Audsley, Assistant Provincial Officer in the Scottish Episcopal Church for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults**. There will be time in pairs and in the larger group but there is no requirement to share more than you wish.

Adventures in Faith in the Diocese of Edinburgh acts as one contact point for those seeking directors in our region (from Falkirk in the west across Edinburgh to Eyemouth in the east; and from North Berwick on the coast to Hawick in the Borders). We also occasionally offer Retreats in Daily Life. If you wish to be a diocesan 'contact', or a guide on a retreat, we do now require that you are a member of the PVG scheme, and the thinking behind this will be covered on this training day. However the day is open to all whether or not you join the scheme, and also whether or not you have a particular link to the Edinburgh Diocese.

This day is supported and subsidised by the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Edinburgh as part of our commitment to good safeguarding practice. Although the topic is not an easy one we hope it will also be a chance to spend time together over lunch, network and meet new folk.

The venue is a 20minute walk from Haymarket station/tram stop. Buses reach Roseburn (48, 31, 26 and 12) from Princes Street in about 5 minutes, then walk up Murrayfield Avenue and the church is halfway up the hill on the right. Some parking is zoned, some is free – watch the signs!

Please book by 5th September by sending a cheque for £5 payable to 'Edinburgh Diocesan Synod' **with your name and email address** to Adventures in Faith, Diocese of Edinburgh, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EL

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