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News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

4th August 2016



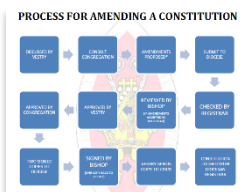
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NOTICES

CLERGY & VESTRY SECRETARIES

We are in the process of asking any charges to update their **Consistutions**, 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!



YOUTH & CHILDREN

News from the Youth and Children Officer



Techcrunch.com

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.

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! Closing date 1 September.

You can find the latest Youth and Children Newsletter here
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!



CLERGY & TREASURERS

You may be aware that the Scottish Episcopal Church is a founding member of the new **Churches' Mutual Credit Union.**

CMCU has been set up as a joint initiative involving the Church of England, Church of Scotland, Church in Wales, the Methodist Church and ourselves. It is open to clergy, lay readers, church employees (including diocesan staff) and vestry members. General Synod has welcomed the establishment of the Credit Union and encourages support for its work. A flyer a giving more information is attached. Additional information regarding membership and loans (including car loans) is available from the CMCU website at <http://cmcu.org.uk>

Whilst, as yet, membership is restricted, it is the hope of CMCU, once it has built an established track record, to be open to all church members and expand its denominational base.

Part of the raison d'être of CMCU is to use its skills and experience to support the credit union movement generally which can help people avoid being drawn into what can become devastating cycles of debt. In the words of the Ven Antony MacRow-Wood, who was instrumental in the establishment of CMCU: –

“Credit unions need to become, and be recognised as, a mainstream alternative to using a bank and to do that they need to serve a wide cross-section of society. Then they will be able to leverage what I call ‘the credit union advantage’ to achieve their social objectives. This advantage includes, the use of volunteers, payroll deduction (reducing both transaction costs and delinquency) and not having external shareholders. To reach out to that wider cross-section of society requires a changing of the public's perception about credit unions. There is a need to raise the ‘brand image’ so they are not just seen as a ‘poor person's bank’ but institutions that can offer an equivalent level of service and products as mainstream banks. CMCU aspires to do just that. Additionally by introducing clergy to the benefits of credit union membership they are better able explain those benefits to others, and Bishops are able to say to employers in their diocese ‘we encourage our staff to join our credit union why don't you do likewise’.”

Please pass this information on to your vestry and any lay readers or employees in your congregation. We understand that vestries are also able to open accounts with CMCU if they wish to.

Unlike some denominations the Scottish Episcopal Church does not operate a central payroll system and so we are not in a position provincially to offer payroll deduction in connection with regular saving with, or loan repayments to CMCU. However it should be possible for individuals who want to become members to save or schedule loan repayments or interest by way of direct debit, albeit interest rates may differ slightly from those applicable to members using payroll deduction. Fuller information will be available from CMCU direct.

Best wishes


John Stuart

Secretary General

Scottish Episcopal Church

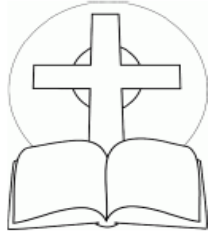
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| ALL | <p>The Very Reverend Norman MacCallum died last Sunday morning. Norman was a Team Priest in Livingston from 1972 to 1982, and then moved to be Priest in Charge of Grangemouth & Bo'ness, until 2000. From 1996 he was also a Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, and our Synod Clerk, until his move to be Provost of Oban in 2000. His funeral will take place at 11.00am on Friday, 5th August at St John's Cathedral, Oban followed by interment at St John's, Ballachulish. Any Clergy/Lay Readers wishing to robe, please wear alb and white stole and let the Argyll Diocesan Office know, for numbers (01631 570870; office@argyll.anglican.org).</p> <p>Please pray for his widow, Barbara, and their family.</p> |
| ALL | <div data-bbox="347 472 627 600" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Are you on Facebook? If so, do 'like' the diocesan page for further updates and news day to day. www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh</p> |
| ALL | <p>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.</p> |
| YOUTH & CHILDREN | <div data-bbox="339 788 569 1111" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>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</p> |
| ALL | <p>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 <i>your</i> congregations and, on the beneficiaries' behalf, please thank your congregations for their generosity.</p> <div data-bbox="959 1368 1465 1514" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Maureen O'Neill, FiOP's Director, writes: <i>"We are incredibly grateful for the very generous donation. The support is so important to us, and I can assure you that the monies will be put to good use in extending and developing our work, a lot of which is currently around developing dementia-friendly faith communities".</i></p> |
| ALL | <p>Accommodation Sought Jason Lingiah, is a student in training for the United Free Church ministry who is looking for rented accommodation. He wondered if any of the 'Edinburgh Churches Together' denominations had available accommodation available to rent over the next year, something like a vacant minister's manse. He is able to pay Council Tax and look after the manse and grounds and pay up to £500 per month rent. He is in his final year of training for full time church ministry, would be finished his probationary period by Easter and would be settled elsewhere by the end of the summer. If you knew of suitable accommodation to rent (that is available to start rent over next few weeks), Jason can be contacted on jasonlingiah@gmail.com.</p> |

DIARY

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| Friday 5 th August | Funeral of The Very Revd Norman McCallum in Oban |
| Sunday 7 th August | The Bishop is preaching and presiding at Christ Church, Duns |
| Monday 8 th August | The Diocesan Buildings Committee meets today |
| Weds 17 th August | The Bishop licenses Mr Paul Stollard as Lay Reader, St James Goldenacre |
| |  <p>Advanced notice: Autumn Synod Thursday 3rd November 2016 from 5.30pm at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh</p> |

CHANGES

- Mr Paul Stollard, Licenced as Lay Reader, St James' Goldenacre, Edinburgh w.e.f 17 August 2016
- Revs Maggie and Nigel Rode retired from the shared post of Associate Priest, Christ Church, Morningside w.e.f 17 July 2016



Please pray for those to be Licensed
as Lay Readers at Michaelmas

Elizabeth Gordon

John Starr

Paul Stollard

Faithful and compassionate God,
your Spirit guides the Church
and makes it holy;
hear the prayers we offer,
that in the particular ministry
of preaching and teaching,
communication and catechesis
to which you have called these your servants,
they may serve you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen



Please pray for those to be ordained
to the Diaconate at Michaelmas

Nick Bowry

Oliver Brewer-Lennon

Jane Green

Norma Higgott

and for the congregations in the
Dioceses of Aberdeen and Orkney,
Edinburgh,
and Moray, Ross and Caithness,
in which they will serve.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in the Church:
look with mercy on your servants
now called to be deacons;
maintain them in truth
and renew them in holiness,
that by word and good example
they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your Church;
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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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, Edinburgh, 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.)



'Play and Pray', the ever-popular 6-week interactive sessions aimed at toddlers and their parents/carers, will begin in the Hall at St Cuthbert's, Westgarth Ave, Colinton, on **Wednesday 14th September from 11.15 am - 12.15 am**. An opportunity for carers and little ones to try out creative ways of becoming aware of God *together*. There are oodles of ways of making prayer fun and

yet real; something parents and children can do together in the midst of the 'untidiness' of everyday life.

Contact Sarah Shaw to sign up. stcuthbertscurate@gmail.com or call 07943 405 156
www.playandpray.net



Borthaugh, HAWICK, Roxburghshire, TD9 7LN
Tel: 01450 377477 Fax: 01450 371080
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 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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SCOTTISH FAITHS ACTION FOR REFUGEES

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' Matt 25:35

Thursday 25th August at 7.30 pm

in St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church Hall, Westgarth Ave

How can we provide a welcome, support and hospitality to local refugees and migrants?

Come and hear David Bradwell, SFAR Refugee Co-ordinator, help us identify practical ways to help.

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees (SFAR) is a project which seeks to co-ordinate and promote action by faith communities in Scotland to support asylum seekers and refugees - working with Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Interfaith groups. All are welcome.



Scottish National Walsingham

2016 Pilgrimage

Friday September 23rd to Monday September 26th

A time for rest and refreshment.

A time to honour Mary, Mother of God

A time to pray for ourselves, our church and our world

The Walsingham theme for 2016 is, 'Merciful like the Father, Mary the Mother of Mercy.'

Bookings now being taken. Further details from any member of the Walsingham Scottish Pilgrimage Team

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Annie Blackwood

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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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FESTIVAL AUGUST 2016 AT ST VINCENT'S, STOCKBRIDGE

Thursday 4th August 2016

11am Said Eucharist :The Reverend Professor Gordon Graham

Saturday 6th August 2016

3.30pm Festival Choral Evensong: Precentor, The Reverend Professor Gordon Graham. The Choir of Old St Paul's Church, Edinburgh, Calum Robertson (director)

Sunday 7th August 2016

10.30am Sung Eucharist: The Reverend Professor Gordon Graham

6pm Evensong: The Reverend Professor Gordon Graham

Monday 8th August 2016

1.15pm Fringe: Melodies of Scotland: From Folk Music to Art Song by Rosha Fitzhowle

Wednesday 10th August 2016

1.15pm Fringe: Melodies of Scotland: From Folk Music to Art Song by Rosha Fitzhowle

Thursday 11th August 2016

11am Eucharist: The Reverend Fr William Mounsey

Friday 12th August 2016

1.15pm Fringe: Melodies of Scotland: From Folk Music to Art Song by Rosha Fitzhowle

Saturday 13th August 2016

3.30pm Festival Choral Evensong: Precentor, The Reverend Professor Gordon Graham, Choir Coro Vincenzo, Les Shankland (director)

Sunday 14th August 2016

10.30am Sung Eucharist: The Rector, Canon Allan Maclean, Preacher The Reverend Professor Gordon Graham

6pm Evensong: The Rector, Canon Allan Maclean

Wednesday 17th August 2016

8pm Fringe: Matthew Dames, Australian folk singer

Thursday 18th August 2016

11am Said Eucharist: The Rector, Canon Allan Maclean

Friday 19th August 2016

1.15pm Fringe: Schubert in Stockbridge : St Vincent's in the Fringe

7.30pm Fringe: Aislinn Logan Concert

Saturday 20th August 2016

3.30pm Festival Choral Evensong: Precentor, The Reverend Fr William Mounsey, The Chapterhouse Singers, Les Shankland (director)

7.30pm Fringe: Aislinn Logan Concert

Sunday 21st August 2016

10.30am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy: The Reverend Fr William Mounsey

6pm Evensong: Mr Michael Johns-Perring, ordinand

Wednesday 24th August 2016

8pm Fringe: Matthew Dames, Australian folk singer

Thursday 25th August 2016

11am Said Eucharist: The Reverend Fr William Mounsey

7pm Fringe: Classical Piano Recital Two Piano Students from Edinburgh Napier University

Sunday 28th August 2016

10.30am Sung Eucharist: The Reverend Fr William Mounsey

6pm Evensong: The Rector, Canon Allan Maclean

Wednesday 31st August 2016

8pm Fringe: Matthew Dames, Australian folk singer

#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:

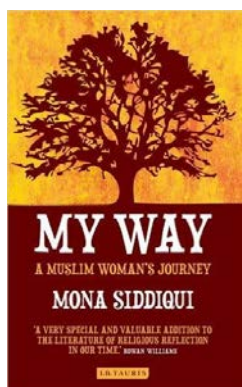
- Acting Alone - Acting Alone is inspired by the people Ava met in refugee camps in Palestine.
- Women's Stories, Women's Survival: Poems from the Edge - Nadine Aisha will read from her debut poetry pamphlet 'Still' (Appletree Writers Press, 2016), exploring the power of women's voices and women's stories, 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 Abusour, 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

HOT CHOCOLATE AT 10

LATE NIGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE OLD TOWN

Finish off your Festival day with relaxing
hot chocolate and music by candlelight

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

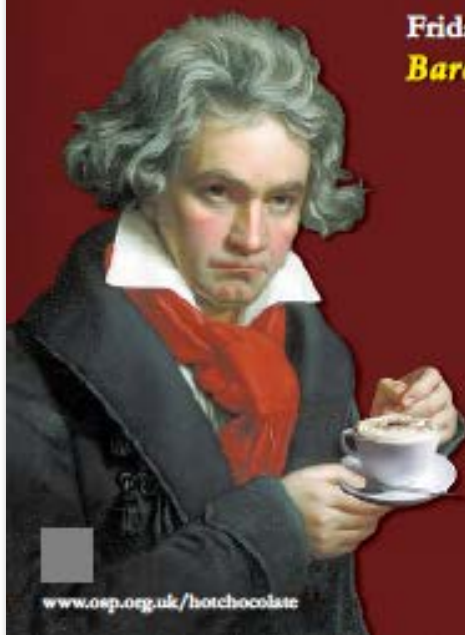
Wednesday 24 August
As Darkness falls

Thursday 18 August
Mozart Vespers

Thursday 25 August
Late night baroque

Friday 19 August
Baroque recorder

Friday 26 August
Rachmaninoff Vespers



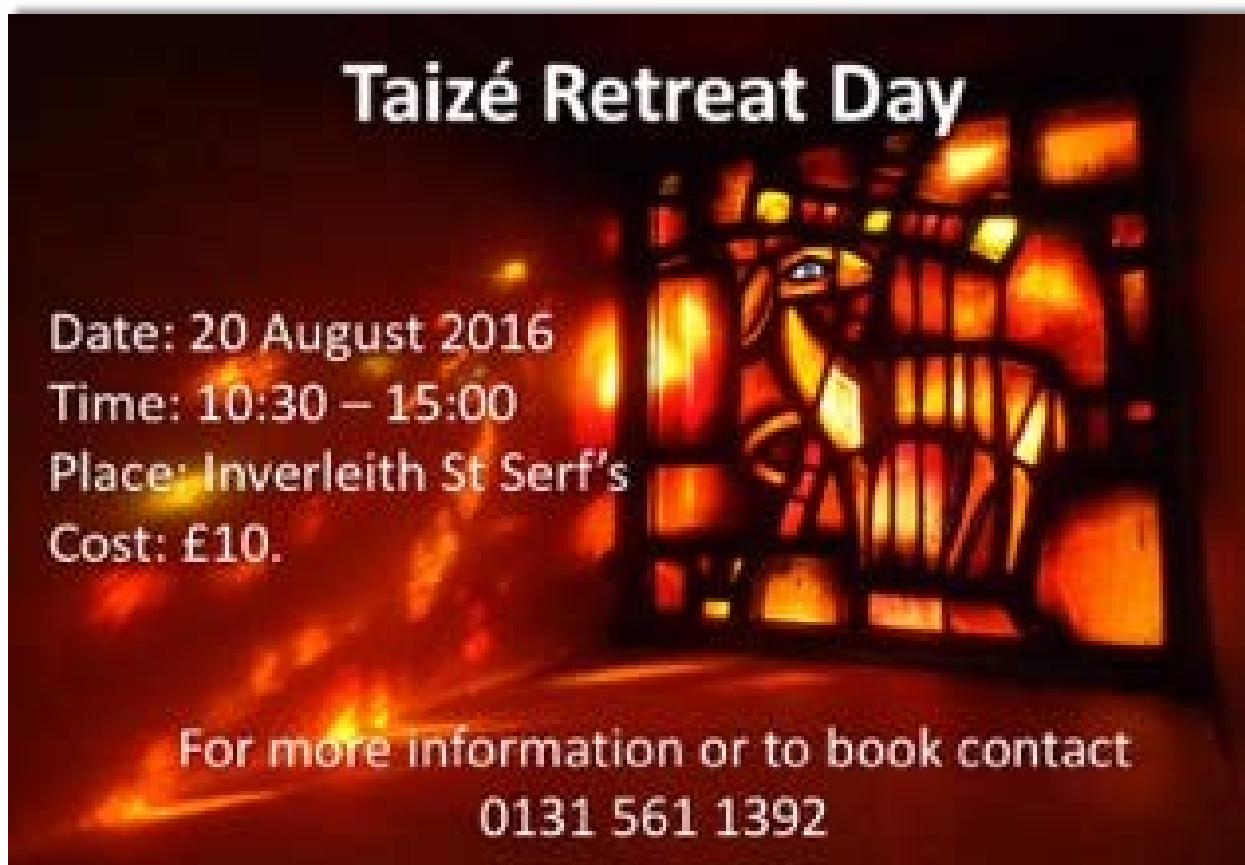
Tickets £8.50 (£6 conc) from the Fringe
Box Office or at the door from 9.30pm

Old Saint Paul's Church, Jeffrey Street

St Pauls' and St George's Church, Edinburgh

On Saturday 3 September 7.45 pm - 9.30 pm we are running an event at Ps & Gs with Tom Price, particularly aimed at parents and **those working with in older children and youth**. Tom Price is a speaker, cultural commentator and theologian who will be excellent at helping us to understand the media driven world that the 'i generation' live in today and the influence that this has on their understanding of faith and life. The evening will include a presentation, some discussion and a Q & A. (nibbles and wine will also be served!)

Please put the date in your diary, invite others you think may be interested and email office@psandgs.org.uk if you are intending to come.

The poster features a dark background with a warm, glowing orange and yellow light source on the right, creating a silhouette of a person in a chair. The text is white and positioned on the left side of the image.

Taizé Retreat Day

Date: 20 August 2016
Time: 10:30 – 15:00
Place: Inverleith St Serf's
Cost: £10.

For more information or to book contact
0131 561 1392



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.

The day will be led by **Daphne Audsley, Assistant Provincial Officer in the Scottish Episcopal Church for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.**

More information and booking: Elizabeth White adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 07398 954 011

Adventures in Faith presents:

'Completing the Canon'



Following Dr Anja Kein's theology presentation on The Psalms in May there will be two more events to complete the 'Canon' series at the **Trinity Centre, Haddington 2pm - 4pm**

Saturday 10 September Prophets: From Doom to Salvation

The prophets of Israel as we encounter them in the Hebrew Bible are the distinctive representatives of Hebrew Religion. In looking back at the past, analysing the present and predicting the future, they bear witness to the history of the God of Israel and his people. The prophets, as mediators between God and the people, played an important role all over the Ancient Near East. However, only the Hebrew prophets come in books that reflect on the relationship between God and his people. We will focus on the emergence of Hebrew prophets and the theological history of Israel that can be glimpsed in their writings.

Saturday 14 January 2017 The Pentateuch: The Torah of Moses - Composition and Theology of the Pentateuch. More details to follow in next newsletter. These afternoons will cover recent developments in scholarship, theological key features and work on some texts that are used frequently in Church.

With Dr Anja Klein, Chancellor's Fellow in Biblical Studies (Hebrew Bible), School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh.

All welcome to one or more events: No booking required for either event; £5 on the door.

adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Edinburgh Interfaith Association AGM

Monday September 5th, 2016, 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Venue: City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square

Open to all members and anyone interested in finding out more about our work. Meeting followed by community meal. All welcome, please RSVP to aliya@eifa.org.uk

Interfaith Service for the International Day of Peace

Wednesday 21st September, 7-8pm

Annandale Street Mosque

43-45 Annandale Street, Edinburgh, EH7 4AZ

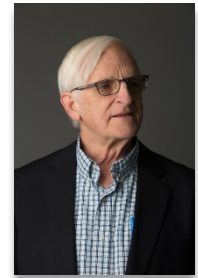
Edinburgh Interfaith Association and Annandale Street Mosque invite you to an Interfaith Service for the International Day of Peace. We will pray for peace across the world and for all the victims of war and terrorism.

The service will be hosted by the Annandale Street Mosque, with a contribution from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and prayers and reflections from Edinburgh's many faith communities. We hope that there will be strong representation from Edinburgh's political, civic and consulate bodies, as well as the general public, to show unity on this important day.

RSVP to info@eifa.org.uk / 0131 283 5427

An Evening with Matthew Fox

Title: Thomas Merton: A Celtic Mystic, Warrior, Eco-prophet and Martyr for our Times.



Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh.
Thursday 8 September 2016.

Registration: 6.30pm-7pm. Event: 7pm-approximately 9pm.

Event Description: Matthew Fox is an internationally acclaimed theologian and spiritual maverick who has spent the last 40 years revolutionizing Christian theology, taking on patriarchal religion, and advocating for a creation-centered spirituality of compassion and justice and re-sacralizing of the earth.

As a spiritual theologian, he has written over 30 books including *Original Blessing*, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, *A Spirituality Named Compassion*, *Christian Mystics* and *The Pope's War*. His books have been translated into 49 languages and have been known for pioneering a unique approach to spirituality as a powerful force to transform religion, education, and culture.

Originally a Catholic priest, he was silenced for a year and then expelled from the Dominican Order to which he had belonged for 34 years by Cardinal Ratzinger for teaching liberation theology and creation spirituality. Matthew Fox currently serves as an Episcopal priest after he received what he calls "religious asylum" from the Episcopal Church. With exciting results he has worked with young people to create the Cosmic Mass (www.thecosmicmass.org) to revitalize worship by bringing elements of rave to the western liturgical tradition.

His work has been featured by *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Rolling Stone Magazine*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *The Young Turks*, *Democracy Now!* and he is a recipient of numerous awards including the Courage of Conscience Award by the Peace Abbey of Sherborn, Mass. Other recipients of this award include the Dalai Lama, Mother Theresa, Ernesto Cardinal, and Rosa Parks.

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2-Day Retreat: The Journey from the Mind to the Heart: learning from the wisdom of the Christian mystics.

Facilitator: Liz Watson.

Skye Room, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 September 2016.

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Retreat Days: 10am-5pm.

Description: Meister Eckhart, 14th century German mystic, considered the journey from the mind to the heart the longest journey any human being could undertake, but also the only journey really worth making. During these two days we will draw from the wisdom of the Christian mystics as we reflect on some of the paradoxes of travelling in the realm of the heart: self-knowledge and self-forgetfulness, discipline and freedom, suffering and joy, solitude and unity, contemplation and action. The weekend will weave together talks, periods of meditation, movement in stillness, reflection in solitude and in common.

Liz Watson, became interested in the Christian mystical tradition after returning to Christianity and beginning to meditate in her early forties. Previously she had pursued a career in public libraries after graduating from Manchester University. She has since studied for an MA in Theology writing her dissertation on 'Theology and Joy'. She is a member of The World Community for Christian Meditation (www.wccm.org), teaching, leading retreats and as a spiritual director. She recently contributed two chapters to the book 'Journey to The Heart' and recorded a CD of short talks, 'Images of Meditation'.

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