

# The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

**ALL**



The Diocesan Office will be closed for the Autumn Monday holiday on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**ALL**



New editions of **The Edge** magazine and **Adventures in Faith** newsletter have now been sent to Hubs. We would be most appreciative if you can *collect promptly*. For those who collect from the Diocesan Office please note we are closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The two publications are also available [online](#).

**ALL**

*The Edge* is planning to run an article on members of our congregations who are musicians, amateur and professional. David Warnes is particularly keen to interview people whose music-making is outwith a church context, and also young instrumentalists. Please contact him by email - [warnesdavid@googlemail.com](mailto:warnesdavid@googlemail.com) - if you are willing to be interviewed or if you know someone in your congregation who might be.



**ALL**

**Adventures in Faith News** – a full term ahead with events for all!

- The Opera Course on Mondays 2 - 4pm 3, 10, 17 and 24 October at St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh
- Science, Religion, Creation: Finding the Centre of Gravity on Thursday 10 November 7.30pm at Old St Paul's, Edinburgh
- Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit on Saturday 26 November 11am - 1pm at St Paul's and St George's Church
- Silence - Way of the Heart on Friday 2 December 1.30 - 3.30pm at Christ Church Centre, Morningside

Booking details in the Adventures in Faith [Newsletter](#) or from [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org) 07398 954 011 or 0131 346 9081

**Could  
You Fill  
This Gap?**



**Design our Logo!**

Adventures in Faith is looking to create a new logo to use in publications and online. Do you know anyone with digital design skills who would like to offer help to Adventures in Faith in a voluntary capacity (expenses paid)?

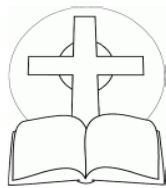
If so, contact: [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org) or 07398 954 011

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Thursday 15 September	The Bishop institutes Revd Yousouf Gooljary, as Assistant Rector, Christ Church, Morningside
Sunday 18 September	The Bishop preaches at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, and ordains Revd Kenneth Fleming as Priest, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh
Wednesday 21 September	The Bishop ordains Revd Jenny Wright as Priest, Old St Paul's Church, Edinburgh
Sunday 25 September	The Bishop ordains Oliver Brewer-Lennon and Jane Green as Deacon, at Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh
Thursday 27 September	Bishop John attends the Espoo Synodical Conference
	 <p>Advanced notice: Autumn 2016 Synod - <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016</b> from 5.30pm at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh</p>
	 <p>Advanced notice: Spring 2017 Synod - <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b> at St Paul's &amp; St George's Church, Edinburgh</p>

- Revd Canon Fred Tomlinson, as Interim Pastor, St Cuthbert's, Colinton
- Revd Annie Naish as Bishop's Enabler of Mission w.e.f 20 September 2016
- Revd Deryck Collingwood, retires as Rector, St Mary's Dalmahoy w.e.f 30 September 2016
- Revd Simon Metzner, Rector St Adrian's Gullane and St Baldred's North Berwick w.e.f 6 October 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.

Scottish Episcopal Institute  
Scottish Episcopal Church



## **Sunday Introductions at St Mary's Cathedral**

**Palmerston Place, Edinburgh**

**All are invited to a new series of introductory talks,  
to be held on Sundays in front of the High Altar,  
12 noon to 12.45pm**

**11 September 2016**

**Rev Canon Brian Hardy**

***An Introduction to Gesture and Movement in our Worship***

**9 October 2016**

**Rev Jenny Williams**

***An Introduction to Healing***

**6 November 2016**

**Rev Canon Professor Paul Foster**

***An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew***

**4 December 2016**

**Right Rev Brian Smith**

***An Introduction to the NoI Theological School, Botswana***

**29 January 2017**

**Rev David Robinson**

***An Introduction to Bonhoeffer***

**12 February 2017**

**Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ**

***An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality***

For further information, please  
see weekly service sheets or  
email [faithandgrowth@gmail.com](mailto:faithandgrowth@gmail.com)





## Workplace Chaplaincy Introduction Day

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

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

For those interested, or involved in workplace chaplaincy:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10am to 4pm**

**Palmerston Place Church, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AA**

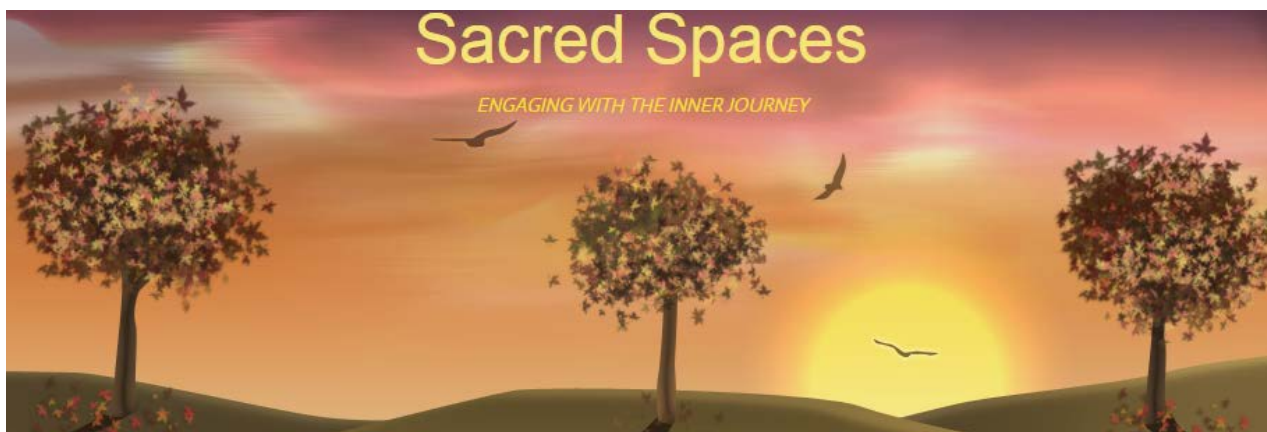
The day will include:

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

**For further details or to book a place contact:**

**Catriona Parkinson**

[info@wpcscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@wpcscotland.co.uk)



## **SACRED SPACES RETREAT**

Weekend at Whitchester Christian Guest House (just outside Hawick)  
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th of November 2016

There will be a mixture of silence, guided reflection and prayer stations, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the lovely countryside around the house.

You will find the flier and application form on our website  
at [www.sacredspacesretreats.co.uk](http://www.sacredspacesretreats.co.uk)

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## **Scottish Churches Housing Action's Autumn Event**

*'Homelessness in Scotland: the challenges of uncertainty'*

**10.15 am-2.15 pm, Friday 7 October 2016**

at the **Church of Scotland Offices**, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN.

We are delighted that our speakers will be

**Rt. Rev. Dr Russell Barr**, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; and  
**Kevin Stewart MSP**, Minister for Local Government and Housing.

This year has been marked by change and uncertainty: with the vote for Brexit, a new Prime Minister, continuing austerity, devolved social security, and possibly another Indyref in the near future. In this changing and challenging economic and political climate how do we continue to find ways of tackling homelessness?

The programme will include a panel discussion and an afternoon session 'Spotlight on Homelessness' – highlighting particular aspects of the work of Scottish Churches Housing Action. The event will be followed by the AGM of Scottish Churches Housing Action, to which all are welcome.

Cost: £15.00 per person. Lunch will be provided. The final programme will be sent out in September. To register for the event [info@churches-housing.org](mailto:info@churches-housing.org) t: 0131 477 4500  
[www.churches-housing.org](http://www.churches-housing.org)



# Seen and Heard

Encouraging and equipping  
children's ministry



Come to the Seen and Heard conference on Saturday 24 September 2016  
to be encouraged and equipped in the valuable work that you do.



Search **Seen and Heard** on Facebook



Here's what you can expect from the Seen and Heard conference:

- Get tips and ideas from experts in workshops
- Discover great ministry resources in the exhibition
- Be inspired during the main sessions
- Connect with other people doing similar work

When: Saturday 24 September 2016

Time: 9.30 am–4.30 pm

Where: St Paul's and St George's Church (Ps & Gs), Edinburgh EH1 3JW

Price: Early bird price until Easter 2016: £20

Students/unwaged/retired: £15

(price includes lunch, refreshments  
and all sessions, including two workshops)

Who: Anyone who does Christian work with children, including  
Sunday school, school groups, assemblies and holiday clubs

How: Go to Seen and Heard on Facebook for more information  
or Seen and Heard on Eventbrite to buy your ticket

Seen and Heard is supported by the following partners:



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Questions? Please post queries on the Seen and Heard Facebook page  
(if you're wondering about something, chances are someone else is too).

You can also call 0131 524 0138 or email [seenandheard@psandgs.org.uk](mailto:seenandheard@psandgs.org.uk)





## Time Out for Work

Thursdays 7.30-10pm October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd  
Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh

Stressful? Satisfying? Stimulating? Soul-destroying? Our experience of work has a profound impact on our lives. Wondering if you're in the right job, changing your working circumstances, managing stress, dealing with colleagues... all these things shape

who we are and how we feel about ourselves. And then there's the fabled work-life balance...

We spend as much as one third of our adult lives at work, yet we rarely have time or opportunity to reflect on it within the context of our walk with God. Time Out for Work is a five-week course which offers a chance to step off the treadmill and make space for reflection. We'll learn more about how prayer and reflective practices can help us to slow down and reconnect with God in our experience of work. I hope it will be an invitation to let some new light shine into our working lives, and provide a few new tools for the work-life toolkit.

Cost: £80, £60 concession, or contact me for more information on reduced costs

For more information and to book, email Susan Mansfield on [wordsmansfield@gmail.com](mailto:wordsmansfield@gmail.com) or call 07803 620038

## FIRST ANNUAL SEI LECTURE



The Scottish Episcopal Institute is honoured and delighted that the Revd Professor Mike Higton, Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, will offer the first Annual SEI Lecture in New College on **Thursday 20th October 2016 at 4pm in the Martin Hall, New College**. The lecture will be on 'Teaching and Witness in the Life of the Church'. This will be followed by a reception in the Rainy Hall. The lecture is co-sponsored by SEI and CTPI, New College.

Alongside research interests in the fields of Christian doctrine, Anglican theology and the theology of higher education, Professor Higton is currently responsible for academic input into Durham University's validation of the Common Awards in Theology, Ministry and Mission offered in conjunction with Ministry Division in colleges and courses around the country, and for developing collaborative research projects that bring together people from the church and university sectors to discuss the future of theological education. Professor Higton was part of the Validation Team which visited SEI last February to scrutinise its proposed entry into Common Awards.

**Canon Anne Tomlinson, Principal  
Scottish Episcopal Institute**

## Creating a New Vision for an Old City



### Are you interested in putting the church at the heart of Edinburgh city centre?

Conference at New College, University of Edinburgh,  
Mound Place, Edinburgh

Wednesday 28 September 2016

10.30 am to 4.00pm - refreshments and lunch included.

Leaders: Dr Eric Stoddart, St Andrews University,  
with Prof Paul Ballard and Revd Fiona Bennett

Free entry, please book in advance: [lesley.orr@ed.ac.uk](mailto:lesley.orr@ed.ac.uk)

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ADVENTURES IN FAITH presents:

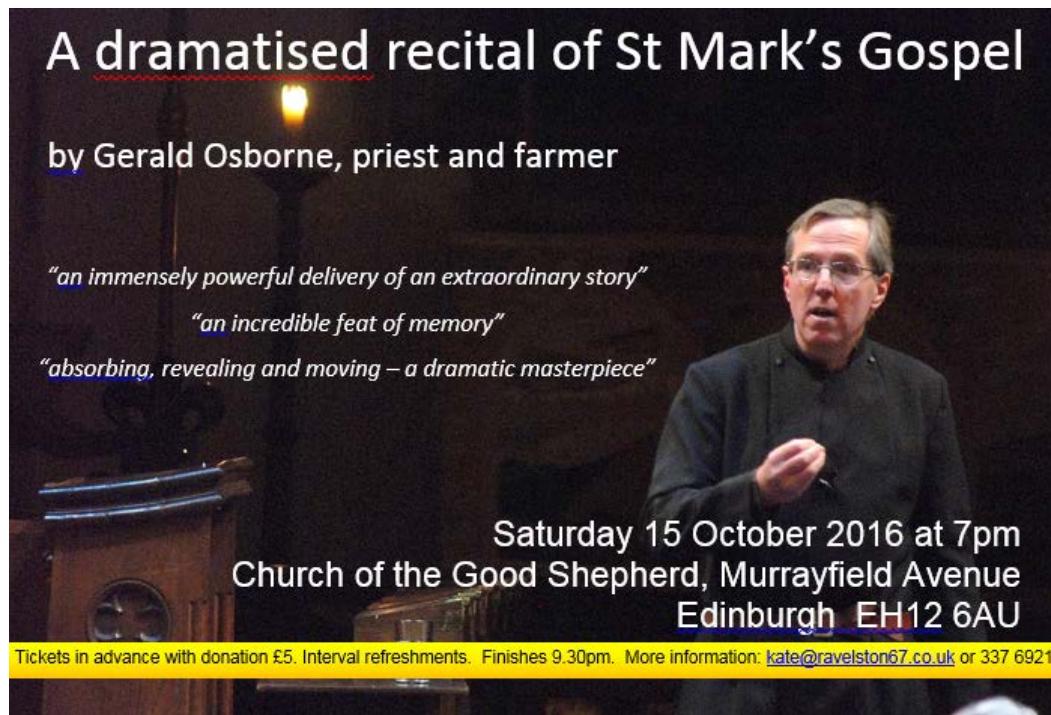
## Science, Religion, Creation: Finding the Centre of Gravity

Thursday 10 November 7.30 - 9pm Old St Paul's Church  
Hall, Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh



It is generally assumed in our society that science and religion can barely co-exist (at best) and are at war (at worst). The topic of creation/nature has become the main bone of contention, with the Bible's creation texts at the heart of the controversy. Creationist approaches, and atheist responses have problematised the Bible's texts to the extent that many of us avoid engaging with them to any great degree. We will explore the theme of creation in the Bible - which is far richer and more extensive than it is usually given credit for - and the ways in which science and biblical scholarship may be used to respond constructively to both sides of the argument.

With Mark Harris, a physicist, ordained Anglican priest and former Vice-Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Mark now combines academic interests in physics and theology by running the Science and Religion programme of study and research at the University of Edinburgh. Bookings via Adventures in Faith: £10(£7) cheque payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod. [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org)



Canon Gerald Osborne is appearing as St Mark in a dramatic retelling of St Mark's Gospel, reciting the entire Gospel to his scribe, Petronius. With more than 11,000 words and 16 chapters, learning the entirety of St Mark's Gospel by heart is an incredible feat. Gerald Osborne describes the Gospel as "a thrilling and powerful story of events and encounters through which we learn who Jesus is and why he came, as told through this near eyewitness account".

Gerald, who is Rural Dean of Pewsey and a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, spent a number of years learning the Gospel. He said, "I was inspired by the discipline of learning St Mark in full after being challenged by a sermon at a service in 2011. I committed it to memory during moments when nothing else was happening, like time around the farm, waiting in queues and when travelling." He decided that it was such a powerful story that he wanted to dramatise it and share it with others.

The performance is in support of the international development charity Send a Cow, which works with some of Africa's poorest rural communities to give them the hope and the means to build sustainable futures for themselves.

Tickets available in advance by donation of £5 and include refreshments at the intermission. All welcome. Finish at 9.30pm. Further information from Kate Doyle tel 337 6921 or [kate@ravelston67.co.uk](mailto:kate@ravelston67.co.uk) or any member of the 2016 Group at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Church of The Good Shepherd is registered as Scottish Charity No SC00357

## 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:

Website: [www.dunsscotus2016.com](http://www.dunsscotus2016.com)

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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





**Adventures in Faith presents:  
The Opera Course**

With Revd Canon Dr Mike Fuller

Mondays 2 - 4pm on 3, 10, 17 and 24 October

St Paul's and St George's Church, York Place,  
Edinburgh

Heroes, villains, lovers - and a bit of theology as well: Michael Fuller revisits his popular course on opera. Moving from Monteverdi and Mozart to

Adams and Ades in four lively sessions, Michael explores the history of this complex, passionate and intensely moving art form - lavishly illustrated with examples from the works being discussed.

Revd Michael Fuller has served as a priest in the dioceses of Oxford and Edinburgh, and for 14 years he ran the training programmes for those entering authorised ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. He now teaches and researches at New College, primarily in the field of science and religion. He has been a regular opera-goer for over 30 years, and greatly enjoys sharing with others his passion for this art form. Michael's previous opera courses have attracted praise for *'a great learning experience'*; *'Michael is everything that one looks for in a good teacher, enthusiastic, encouraging and having an amazing knowledge of his subject'*; *'it certainly was an Adventure in both opera and in faith! A remarkable course'*.

Booking is via Adventures in Faith, £40 (£35) for the series. Cheques payable to *Edinburgh Diocesan Synod* to Adventures in Faith, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EL. Bursary help is available, please enquire.

## THE MALCOLM GOLDSMITH LECTURE 2016

**THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016**

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE in association with

SKIMSTONE  
ARTS

presents an exciting new approach to the Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture with a performance by Skimstone Arts.

Following the performance, which will highlight our current collaborative project on Dementia Friendly Faith Communities, the subject matter will be open for discussion.

Venue: Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh  
Time: Registration from 1.30pm – Event start 2.00pm – followed by wine and canape reception  
Cost: £16.00

Email: [info@fiop.org.uk](mailto:info@fiop.org.uk) Website: [www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk](http://www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk) Tel: 0131 346 7981

# Edinburgh direct Aid

## WINTER CLOTHES APPEAL FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

For each of the past three winters EDA has shipped containers of clothes to some of the 70,000 Syrian refugees in Aarsal, a town in Lebanon over 5000' above sea level with bitterly cold winters. Funds for container transport and distribution have been a limitation: but this year, supported by Qatar's Red Crescent organisation, we will be able to send many more, to high altitude locations in the Northern Bekaa as well as to Aarsal.

Between now and Christmas we need as much as we can (in good condition) of the following:

**WINTER COATS – PADDED JACKETS – WATERPROOFS – FLEECES – WOOLLIES --THERMALS – MOUNTAIN BOOTS – WELLY BOOTS – PADDED BOOTS – GOOD SHOES – SOCKS – GLOVES – WOOLLY HATS (FOR YOUNG AND OLD, BOYS AND GIRLS, MEN AND WOMEN, BABIES TOO , BUT ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND TEEN-AGERS)**

**ALSO: NEW UNDERWEAR - TOILETRIES (SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SANITARY TOWELS, RAZORS) – SIMPLE FIRST AID THINGS (PAIN KILLERS, PLASTERS, DISINFECTANTS)**

And for our self-help workshops and schools: **STATIONERY, KNITTING MATERIALS, FABRIC, HABERDASHERY, HAND-TOOLS, CASH**

If you live in or near Edinburgh please bring things to  
[EDA Warehouse, 16a West Harbour Road, Edinburgh, EH5 1PN](https://www.edinburghdirectaid.org/warehouse)

Opening times (for now – may be increased later): Weds, Sats, Suns 11:00-3:00

If you live outside Edinburgh, and can organise a collection – or collections – please contact us by email ([HQ@edinburghdirectaid.org](mailto:HQ@edinburghdirectaid.org)) or phone the EDA office ([0131 552 1545](tel:01315521545)).

**AND FLOCKS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PACK AND SORT AT THE WAREHOUSE**

- please phone or email in to arrange times - or just turn up -

**ALSO DRIVERS WITH CARS OR VANS TO PICKUP DONATIONS (and a fork lift driver or two!)**

For more information for volunteers – see contact details for donations above, or phone:

[IAN at 0785 785 5849](tel:07857855849) (not 8-25 Sept) - [ANN at 0781 494 9468](tel:07814949468) - [DAVID at 0796 356 2686](tel:07963562686)

*Please note that we are NOT collecting food, household goods, light clothes (except underwear), tents or camping gear, large baby items like car seats & buggies. Any doubts about what would be useful please contact us. Our storage space is limited, and it takes time to dispose of unwanted items.*





# CHRISTIAN AID

AT ST ANDREW'S AND ST GEORGE'S WEST CHURCH  
13 GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH

## SALE OF PICTURES

## SCOTTISH BOOKS

**THURSDAY 27 to SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**

10am - 3pm

**Organ recital by John Kitchen, 2016 Patron**

**Thursday 27th October 3pm**

## COFFEE MORNING

**JEWELLERY GIFTS**

**SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**

10am - 12 noon

*Les LeMaître 1985*

St Andrew's and St George's West Church of Scotland Edinburgh is a Registered Scottish Charity No. SC 008990

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### **Thomas Merton's Engaged Spirituality**

Saturday 29 October 2016, 10 - 5pm and/or 7 - 9pm

Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, Edinburgh

Learn about and explore aspects of Thomas Merton's life and thought; network among those who are interested in aspects of Thomas Merton's life and thought; facilitate open and mutually respectful enquiry and communication among scholars and the wider public regarding aspects of Thomas Merton's life and thought. Speakers include: Rev James Crampsey SJ, Stephen Dunhill, Dr Jim Griffin, Revd Canon John McLuckie, Revd Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson.

Information [www.eicsp.org](http://www.eicsp.org) or 0131 331 4469

**Tuesday October 4th, 2016, 6.30pm**

**Augustine United Church George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL**

**A free event for International Day of Non-Violence from Edinburgh Interfaith Association**

**In a world infected by conflict and war, where poverty and inequality are the norm, we ask the question: *what is the legacy and relevance of Gandhi's teachings of non-violence to today's world?* To answer that question we welcome Piyush Roy and Jean Paul Samputu.**

Free event, [reserve your place with Eventbrite](#) and please share this invitation with your friends.

In this moving event, acclaimed critic, curator, novelist and academic Piyush Roy will highlight key periods in the life of Mahatma Gandhi through the exploration of early media footage. Piyush was the youngest editor of India's film magazine Stardust and was honoured with the Best Film Critic Award at the 60th Indian Film Festival.

We will then show the Scottish Premier of *Invincible*, a film telling the remarkable story of Jean Paul Samputu, an award winning musician and peace activist from Rwanda: how he fled Rwanda to avoid becoming a victim of the impending genocide; how his friend and neighbour Vincent was responsible for murdering his father in 1994; and how Jean Paul found it within himself to resist violent retaliation and learn to forgive. The film won the Film Competition Prize in Rwanda.

Samputu says in the film, "Forgiveness is the most powerful weapon against violence. This weapon does not only fight against community injustice; it also works on one's own heart... Sometimes there is nothing you can do about a particular individual or the situation, therefore retaining the anger in your heart continues to bring pain and bitterness to you and may affect your children in future. Forgiveness is therefore not for the other person, but for you who are bitter. When you forgive, you heal yourself."

Jean Paul will be on hand to answer questions on this remarkable film and life story.

Any questions email [info@eifa.org.uk](mailto:info@eifa.org.uk) / 0131 283 5427

### **The Other Side of Chaos**

**12 - 13 November 10 - 5pm**

**Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh**

We are living through times of enormous change and transition. Global changes affect our future as a human family on this planet, and also in our personal lives and choices. Some changes are like childbirth - painful yet ultimately life-giving; others are potentially destructive. The pattern of breakdown followed by breakthrough runs through the whole of life, and is ultimately a pattern of hope, not despair. Can we trust this pattern in our own lives, and engage in an authentic spirituality of transition?

With **Margaret Silf**, author of many books for 21st century spiritual pilgrims, she works ecumenically, across and beyond traditional denominations and is passionate about making Christian spirituality accessible in everyday life.

Information [www.eicsp.org](http://www.eicsp.org) or 0131 331 4469

### **An Introduction to Zen Meditation**

Friday 7 October 2016 6.30 - 8pm and Saturday 8 October 9.30 - 4pm  
(please bring lunch, drinks provided) Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

With Fr Patrick Kundo Eastman Roshi, a Roman Catholic priest and Zen teacher in the Wild Goose Zen Sangha. All are welcome, whether or not you have a religious faith. If you like to attend one or both of these sessions, please email [edinburghzengroup@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghzengroup@gmail.com) or phone ViceProvost Revd Canon John McLuckie on 07967 411884 so that we have an accurate idea of numbers attending. You may also use these contact details if you would like further information about the event.  
Entrance is free, but an offering bowl will be available.

## **AUGUSTINE ASSIGNMENTS**

An ecumenical youth group for those who want to bake, engage with social justice, make art, and talk about God.



**Who:** Youth aged 11-18

**Cost:** FREE!

**Where:** Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

**When:** 2:00-4:00pm on September 17th, October 1st, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th!

To find out more or to register for *Augustine Assignments*, please contact: Elizabeth and Nicola at [aucassignments@gmail.com](mailto:aucassignments@gmail.com)

Find Augustine Assignments on:

