

The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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NOTICES

CLERGY and LAY/ ALT LAY REPS

The Diocesan Synod agenda for the meeting on Thursday 3 November 2016 is now published on the diocesan website. Paper copies of the agenda are being printed and will be posted out to all members of the House Of Clergy and House Of Laity. Any members of our congregations are welcome to attend synod, and can speak to any of the items. However, only members of the House Of Clergy and House Of Laity are able to vote on the motions during the meeting. The agenda can be found at [here](#)



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News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission

It is a joy to have joined the Diocese and it was wonderful to be so warmly welcomed and commissioned during the ordination service last Sunday at St Marys' Cathedral. After only a week in post I feel very new here, but have already experienced something of the friendly and supportive ethos. I am looking forward to working together with charges and clergy across the Diocese as we inspire and equip each other in our calling to share God's saving love with all; already I have heard of so many good things happening and am really excited by the potential. Whilst based at the Diocesan Office, I get very bored when sitting at a desk, so it will be great to hear from you for a conversation or visit. Please do get in touch.



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Talking Jesus

What do people outside the church think of Christians today? Who do they think Jesus is? A recent UK-wide research project called *Talking Jesus*, has revealed some fascinating insights that could help inform and shape both our life and witness as congregations and our personal conversations with friends and family. For example 68% of those outwith the church said they knew a practising Christian, a far higher proportion than we might imagine offering us myriad opportunities to share God's love! Find out more at

www.talkingjesus.org or come to a one day event for information and discussion organised by the Church of Scotland. **Saturday 29th October, 10am-3pm** at Edinburgh University. For further details and registration go to: www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/talking-jesus

Interested and/or involved in pioneering in mission and evangelism? The two day BRUADARACH conference previously advertised on 26-27th October has changed to a one day event in Glasgow on **Saturday 22nd October**. An ecumenical space to share ideas and creates networks. For further details contact Emily Alldritt on emilyrosealldritt@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Annie Naish at the Diocesan Office on 0131 346 9089

YOUTH & CHILDREN

News from the Youth and Children Officer

Two exciting events are coming up!

- **29-30 October – Sci-Fi Sleepover at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield.** Please encourage teenagers in your church to send back their consent forms, available [here](#).
- **12 November – Launch of the play church project at St Mary's Cathedral.** The play church is designed to help children explore worship and wonder about God and his amazing family - the Church - that reaches across time and space. This special interactive all-age service with the Bishop of Edinburgh also features Fischy Music, who will be leading us in song. 11am start, followed by coffee, juice and pastries. Everyone is welcome!



Competition winner! The competition to design a brilliant banner for the play church has been won by Phoebe Pryce of St Mark's Portobello. Her bold design will be created in fabric by Rev'd Ruth Green and unveiled at the service of dedication for the play church.

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ADVENTURES IN FAITH

NEWSLETTER September 2016

News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator

Are you planning an adult learning, discipleship course or event in the diocese area between Christmas and Easter? If you would like to let others

know about it, advertise in the next Adventures in Faith newsletter. **Deadline for submissions 1st November**, preferably in Word and images are welcome.

AIF events coming up:


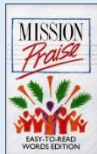
Science, Religion, Creation: Finding the Centre of Gravity with Mark Harris on Thursday 10 November 7.30pm at Old St Paul's, Edinburgh, **please book for this event by 1st Nov**. Full details in 'events' below or via [this link](#)

AIF event with a CMD overlap: the spiritual lives of those with dementia, their families and how church communities can support them.



Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit on Saturday 26 November 10.30 coffee, 11am - 1pm at St Paul's and St George's Church with Professor John Starr. £15/12. Booking details in the Adventures in Faith

[Newsletter](#) or from Elizabeth White
adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org 07398 954 011



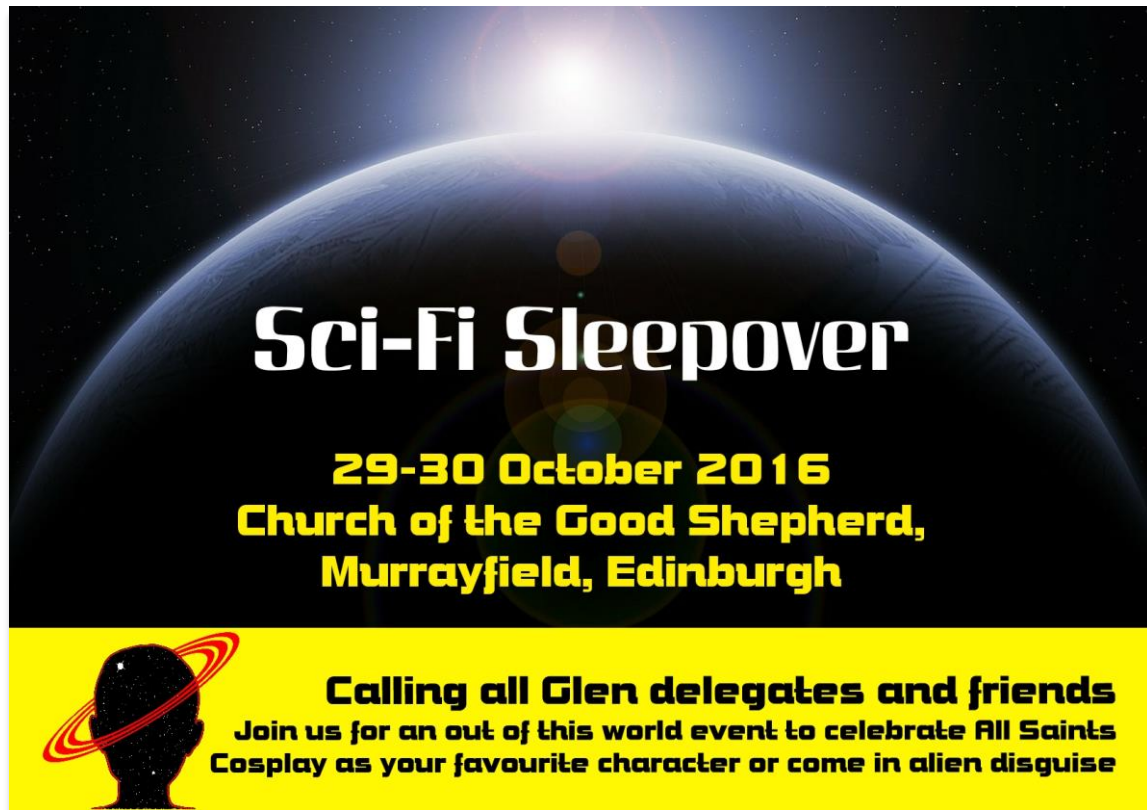
ALL	 Christmas Card Competition It's that time again! Could your design feature on Bishop John's Christmas card this year? This competition is open to all ages . The theme is "Let us go now to Bethlehem" and you can respond with a drawing, photograph, collage, model, tableau, sculpture or something else. Entries to office@dioceseofedinburgh.org or youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Closing date 5 Nov.
ALL	Call for news, features and events for The Edge due out in December - Deadline 26 th October editor@edinburghdiocese.org.uk
TREASURERS	VESTRY TREASURERS – PENSIONS AUTO ENROLMENT – IMPORTANT Emails were sent before the summer to all Treasurers concerning auto-enrolment, a mandatory scheme to ensure that all employees provide for their retirement. With effect from their relevant staging date (staggered between now and summer 2017), all employers have legal obligations to provide access to a pension scheme and to complete an online declaration of compliance. Charges with their own PAYE employer's reference are responsible for making these arrangements and completing the declaration (even if their payroll is administered for them by the Diocese). Further information is available on the Provincial website, and the Diocesan Treasurer, Nigel Cook treasurer@dioceseofedinburgh.org is happy to respond to requests for assistance. For Charges whose payroll is processed under the diocesan employer's reference, the Diocese is responsible for making arrangements and completing the declaration.
ALL	Free to a Good Home Two large boxes of red Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard - melody edition - first published Oct 1983, these are mostly 6th impression - Nov 1985 One large box of Mission Praise - Easy to read Words Edition. All free! Contact Sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org 

DIARY

25 th – 27 th October	Annual Clergy Conference in Pitlochry
Thursday 3 rd November	 Autumn 2016 Synod 5.30pm for Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral 6pm at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh
	 Advanced notice: Spring 2017 Synod - Saturday 11th March 2017 at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

CHANGES

- Mrs Liz Gordon as Lay Reader, St Anne's Dunbar



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.

Bookings through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prof-mike-higton-teaching-and-witness-in-the-life-of-the-church-tickets-27728485647>

Canon Anne Tomlinson, Principal
Scottish Episcopal Institute

MAKE YOUR MONEY COUNT

Thursday 3rd November 2016 10am

St Andrew's and St George's West Church, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA

This event brings together some of the UK's leading ethical investment organisations to mark Good Money Week. The event will explore key issues around how we invest our money and give practical ideas to make your money count.

ethicalfutures
make your money change your world

Rathbone Greenbank Investments
Dedicated to ethical and sustainable investment



The Church of Scotland

Triodos Bank

SHAREDINTEREST
INVESTING IN A FAIRER WORLD

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
Please Book by 1st November



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



ADVENTURES IN FAITH presents:

Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit

Saturday 26 November 10.30 coffee, 11 - 1pm

St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

As the world's population ages, dementia is becoming increasingly common as a lived experience for people with the condition, and others. Dementia is often thought of as affecting the mind, but it frequently affects a wide range of bodily functions. Together we will explore: How do these changes relate to the spiritual lives of those with dementia and their families? What kind of 'adventure in faith' lies ahead? And how can church communities support them?

Facilitated by John Starr, Director of the Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Research Centre and Professor of Health & Ageing at the University of Edinburgh; he is a consultant physician with a longstanding special interest in dementia and cognitive disorders. John holds a PhD in Hebrew and Biblical Studies and is shortly being licensed as a Lay Reader within the Diocese. Bookings via Adventures in Faith: £15(£12) cheque payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod. adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org Bursary help available, please enquire.

Meditative Listening

**Saturday 19 November 10.30 - 3pm Emmaus House, 14
Gilmore Place, Edinburgh**

How do we listen deeply; and learn to listen from a place of wisdom within us? An introduction to the listening process called 'Focussing', which offers a format for connecting body experience with emotion, mind and spirit. Facilitated by Revd Jenny Williams, who has been working with this framework for six years and is now accredited as a British Focussing Teacher. Cost £20
jennywilliams@gmx.co.uk 0131 447 0050



www.coreskillsforchurches.com

Fabulous opportunities for children's and youth workers, pastors, clergy, church leaders and volunteers to develop knowledge and underpin practice with theological reflection in these foundation courses in Core Skills in Children's Work and Family Ministry.

 <p>Children's Work 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child development • Programme planning • The bible and prayer <p>12th Nov 2016 Church Grove, Sauchie, FK10 3BU</p>	 <p>Children's Work 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership & teamwork • Children & community • Pastoral awareness <p>3rd Dec 2016 Perth Methodist Church, PH2 8JN</p>	 <p>Family Ministry 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family ministry today • The role of family relationships • Faith in families <p>26th Nov 2016 11 Newton Place Glasgow, G3 7PR</p>	 <p>Family Ministry 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical & contemporary understanding of family • Seasons of family life • Family well-being <p>25th Oct & 8th Nov 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX</p>
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For more information and to book a place contact:

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richard@ufcos.org.uk Tel: 07577 867024









CHURCH WEBSITE TIPS





FREE ADVICE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Free church website seminar Monday 24th October. We've run over 100 seminars around the country to help churches get the most out of their website. These seminars are free and give churches practical tips on how to have an effective site.

The seminar is being held at Fairmile Parish Church, between 2 and 4pm. More details can be found on: <http://churchwebsitetips.co.uk/>
Would it be possible to let your parishes know about this?

On Tuesday 25th October we are running an information day on our iKnow Church software that is helping churches around the UK with their admin, database, room bookings, rota management, giving and more. iKnow Church is packed with features to make church admin easy and this free day gives churches the chance to see how they can save time with our software <http://iknowchurch.co.uk/tour/edinburgh>

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living

Edinburgh and Fife 2016-17



This course aims to help people to pray and live reflectively by offering an opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning, and come to a deeper relationship with God.

<http://epiphanygroup.org.uk/training>

EDINBURGH ECO-CONGREGATION NETWORK FILM

MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 7.00 to 9.30pm

LAURISTON CENTRE Lauriston Street Edinburgh EH3 9DJ



Based on the book by Naomi Klein about the effects of climate change on the most vulnerable communities but with hope for the future followed by a discussion led by BISHOP DAVID CHILLINGWORTH

Contact Sarah Tolley to book a place

greeningourstreet@gmail.com

Free entry – donations welcome

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

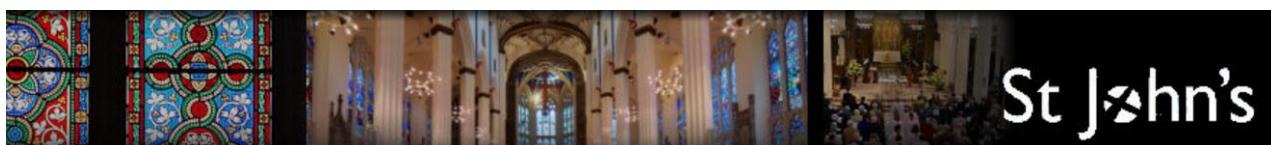
The Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together Pilgrim Course will explore one of the central experiences of Christian life, the Holy Eucharist.

It will be held at **St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road** in the Melrose Room from **7.30pm to 9pm** on four Thursdays: **17 November & 1, 8, 15 December**. To register contact Stephen Holmes.

The Revd Dr Stephen Holmes, Associate Rector of St John's, Princes Street.

stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

COMPLINE CHOIR



Members of St John's, Princes Street and other churches have been singing Compline in Gregorian Chant at St John's and at other locations, including under Dean Bridge, over the past two years. It will be sung at St John's on Thursday evenings at 9.30pm from 18 November until 15 December. All are welcome.

A group of us from three different churches intend to form a Compline Choir (of singers of all abilities!) to establish a core group for this popular service. For further information contact Stephen Holmes, stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

**Sacred and Folk
Music
For Russian Choir**

Concert



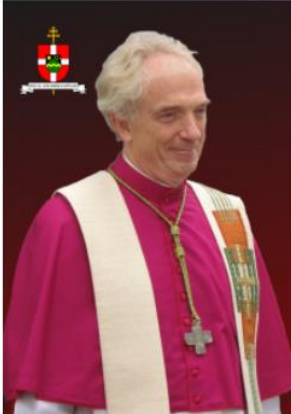
Voskresenije

Vocal Ensemble - St. Petersburg

Director, Jurij Maruk

**St Mary's Church
Dalmahoy
Friday 11th November 2016
7.30 pm**

Tickets £10.00 / £8.00 conc.



2016 Festival

Saturday, 5 November
Edinburgh

12noon, Festival Eucharist
St John's Episcopal Church
Princes Street & Lothian Rd

followed by

Lunch, Presentation, & AGM
St Mary's Cathedral
Palmerston Place

Speaker: The Most Rev'd Joris Vercammen
Archbishop of Utrecht

5pm, Concert
St John's Episcopal Church
Princes Street & Lothian Rd
Clarinet: Calum Robertson, Edinburgh
Piano: Lauretta Bloomer, Amsterdam

All are welcome!

St John's

The Anglican & Old Catholic
Society of Saint Willibrord
in Britain and Ireland



CEILIDH

7pm, Saturday 5 November

City of Edinburgh Methodist Church
25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX

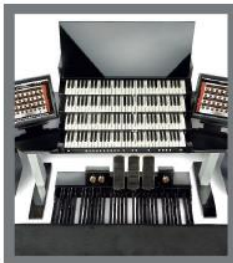
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ADULTS: £10 / CHILDREN: free

Includes refreshments



This ceilidh is a fundraiser for the
Under the Mango Tree charity



VIRTUAL ORGAN INAUGURAL RECITAL

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

4PM - 5.30PM

City of Edinburgh Methodist Church,
25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX

Featuring music by Bruhns, Buxtehude, Bach,
Dumage, Franck and Liszt.

Organist: George Wilson

TICKETS: £15/£10 and Children FREE

In aid of YMCA Edinburgh

www.edinburghmethodist.com 0131 662 8635

A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 3 December 10 - 4pm

Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place,
Edinburgh

It is very easy for the magic of the coming of Christ to be lost amid the busy preparations for Christmas. But it is there, sparkling among the pine branches and presents. This Quiet Day is an invitation to take time out in this busiest of seasons, to reconnect with the meaning at the centre of it all. A small event in a stable begins a big story. A mystery we can't really hope to understand: Immanuel, God with us. The day will include a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, rest and creativity. Cost: £30(£20), includes lunch; contact for more information on reduced costs. For bookings, email Susan Mansfield on wordsmansfield@gmail.com or call 07803 620038

GILDAS QUARTET

St Vincent's Chapel Stockbridge

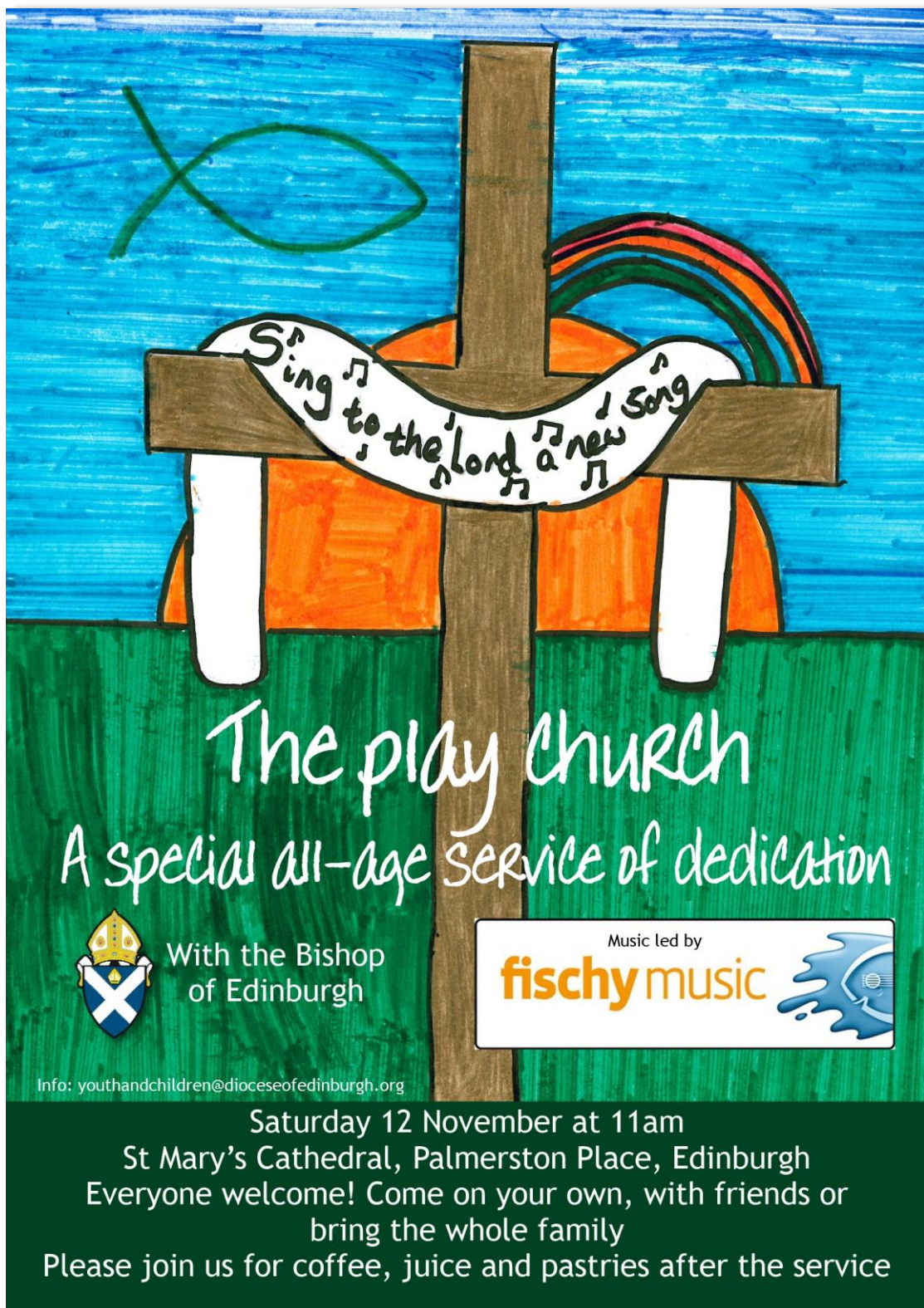


Saturday 22nd October 7.30 pm

An evening of music by
György Ligeti, Anton Webern and
Harry Whalley (composer in residence)

£12 / £8 Concession

In Aid of St Vincent's Chapel



Info: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org

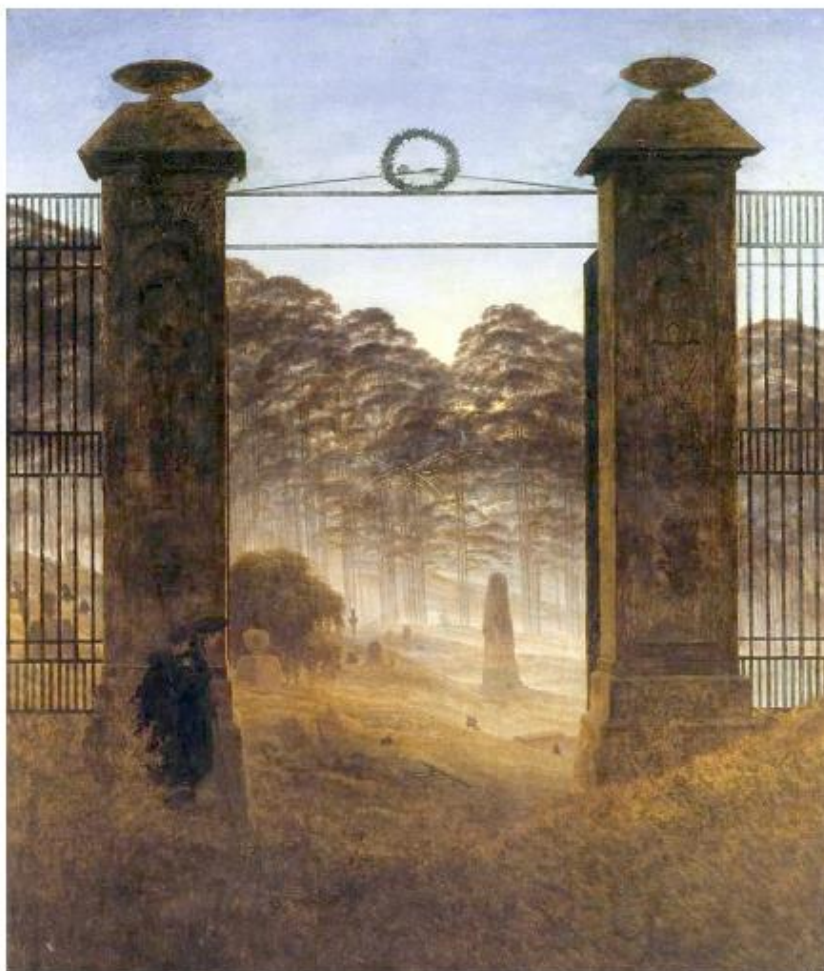
Saturday 12 November at 11am

St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

Everyone welcome! Come on your own, with friends or
bring the whole family

Please join us for coffee, juice and pastries after the service

Holy Trinity Haddington



Consolation for the soul

7.30pm, Tuesday 8 November

A lecture on art related to mortality, death and heaven
for the season of the saints

This lecture will be given by Canon Anne Dyer

Friends and family members are welcome. There will be
refreshments. This event is free.

ST JOHN'S THEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

10TH DECEMBER

10:00 – 16:00

GOD, MUSIC, DISCORD & SIN



PROFESSOR JEREMY BEGBIE

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL, USA

Jeremy Begbie is a concert pianist and theologian with an international reputation for exploring the frontier between God-talk and the arts. From the piano he will use music to investigate the mystery of sin in God's plan for the world.

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, PRINCES STREET

The Symposium is open to all and will include musical lectures by Professor Begbie, discussion, and lunch with refreshments. There is no charge but donations towards the cost may be given. To book a place or for more information, please contact the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes at stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

