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NOTICES

ALL

The Dean of Edinburgh

The Very Rev Susan Macdonald has announced that she is stepping down as Dean of Edinburgh. In speaking to the Diocesan Synod last week Susan said "Over the past 18 months I have been experiencing increasingly persistent balance problems with a number of associated issues, significantly among those being much reduced energy levels. I have undergone, and continue to undergo various medical investigations, but it has become clear that it is now time to take heed of strong medical advice to reduce my working hours. My time as Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh has been a hugely rewarding and inspiring time. Of course not without its frustrations and challenges, but they were only a small part of it, for throughout it has been a great privilege to have been appointed by Bishop John to be his first Dean, and to serve alongside him throughout this time."






The Rt Rev Dr John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh says "Susan Macdonald has been a brilliant Dean. She has been a vast source of wisdom and encouragement to me over nearly five years and I know many clergy and congregations will echo this tribute. I have been enormously fortunate to have as a close colleague someone who knows the diocese so well and who offers such a wealth of experience. I know that this has not been an easy decision for Susan to make but I am sure she is right to follow the advice of her doctors. We hold her very much in our prayers at the moment and wish her well for her continuing and flourishing ministry at Christ Church, Morningside."

Youth and Children

News from the Youth and Children Officer

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

	<p>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! Claire Benton-Evans, Diocesan Youth and Children Officer e-mail: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Office line: 0131 346 9081 Work mobile: 0747 372 8148</p>
ALL	<div> <div>  </div> <div> <p>News from the Adventures in Faith Coordinator</p> <p>AIF events with a CMD overlap: Dementia: Body, Mind and Spirit: the spiritual lives of those with dementia, their families and how church communities can support them.</p> <p>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</p>  </div> </div> <p>Silence - Way of the Heart Exploring how we listen for God in stillness, and the use of silence in worship settings. Friday 2 December 1.30 - 3.30pm Christ Church Centre, Morningside, Edinburgh The afternoon will include a presentation on ways to enter silence and an experience of guided meditation, followed by discussion and sharing. Suitable for anyone with an interest in silence, whether church-goers, boundary-dwellers or clergy who wish to lead others into contemplative prayer. Led by Mollie Paterson, counsellor, supervisor and spiritual director; Mollie has been involved in leading reflective prayer groups for many years. Booking via Adventures in Faith: £15(£12), send cheque payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod.</p> <p>Bursary and CMD help is available for these events, please enquire adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org</p>
ALL	<p>Faith in Older People would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the recent Bishop's Lent Appeal. The support is so important to our continued work but also because it encourages us to feel that what we are doing is recognised and felt to be important. We will continue to stress the importance of the spiritual dimension in the care of older people in all settings and to emphasise the key role played by congregations in supporting those older people who experience dementia or other care needs. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with congregations to discuss our work and the potential to work together. Please contact Maureen O'Neill, Director email: director@fiop.org.uk Tel: 0131 346 7981</p> <div>  </div>
TREASURERS	<p>New Financial Reporting Standards and Charities SORP</p> <p>A number of treasurers have enquired about new financial reporting standards and the new charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) which are now applicable. Specific issues may best be taken up with a Charge's auditor or independent examiner. However, we can summarise the position as follows:</p> <p>Financial Reporting Standards and Charities SORPs only apply to accruals-based accounts (i.e. accounts where income and expenditure are recognised when entitlement or liability arises, not at the point of receipt or payment). Only charities whose total income is £250,000 or more are required to prepare accruals-based accounts. The Charities SORPs determine the content and presentation of the Trustee Report and Accounts of a recognised charity.</p> <p>In respect of annual accounts ending before 31 December 2016, two alternative mandatory reporting standards and SORPs are provided: Financial Reporting Standard 102 and related SORP may be adopted by any charity, and the Financial Reporting</p>

Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) and related SORP may be adopted by any charity with gross income not exceeding £6.5 million. However, for subsequent periods the FRSSE and related SORP have been withdrawn, and all charities must follow FRS 102. An explanation and details can be found at: <http://www.charitySORP.org>

OSCR provides more generalised guidance on charity accounting at: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2064/2015-10-28-amended-scottish-charity-accounts-guide.pdf> and there is a useful model set of accounts on the Church of Scotland website at: http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/finance_resources#accounts (scroll down to Standard style of accounts). The Diocesan Treasurer (treasurer@dioceseofedinburgh.org) is happy to provide general advice on these issues.

Nigel Cook *Diocesan Treasurer*

DIARY

12 November	Bishop John attends the dedication of the play church, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh 11am
17 November	The Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committee meets today
19 November	Licensing of Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, Assistant Priest, St Salvador's 11am
20 November	The Bishop presides at St James the Less, Penicuik 10.30am
20 November	A Light for Aleppo - please visit www.alightforaleppo.org 5.30pm
22 November	The Diocesan Standing Committee meets today
23 November	The Bishop presides at St Cuthbert's, Hawick 11am
	 <p>Advanced notice: Spring 2017 Synod - Saturday 11th March 2017 at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh</p>

CHANGES

- The mobile number for Revd Tony Bryer in the Red Book is incorrect. It should read 07814 832004
- Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, as Assistant Priest, St Salvador's, Edinburgh



The Gift of Years – Bible Reading Fellowship



BRF's programme *The Gift of Years* whose aim is 'resourcing the spiritual journey of older people'. At its heart lies the practical approach to supporting men and women in later life known as Anna Chaplaincy (named after the widow Anna who appears with Simeon in Luke Chapter 2 - both fine role models of faithful older people).

Anna Chaplaincy is a timely response to the rapidly ageing population and is currently expanding beyond where it began in Hampshire to Lancashire, Kent and other parts of the UK. The Gift of Years network of Anna Chaplains and others engaged in similar ecumenical, community-based ministry among older people now includes practitioners from a wide geographical area, though, as yet, none in Scotland. We have, however, received a number of inquiries so have arranged a meeting **in Edinburgh on Thursday November 24** at Central Church, Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, EH3 9BP, from 9.30am (and to include a sandwich lunch from midday).

We would very much like to invite you to join us at this meeting. Our aim is to bring together those individuals who have contacted us from churches of various denominations across the city, as well as key people such as yourself who might help us develop Anna Chaplaincy across Scotland.

www.brf.org.uk/thegiftofyears



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.

Interfaith Week

Something for everyone with over 20 events including the famous Interfaith Quiz. Full programme www.eifa.org.uk/interfaith-week-programme-edinburgh



Lord Provost Reception with EIFA to mark the official opening of Interfaith Week. 14th of November. 6-7.30pm. It is important as an organisation and as faith communities that we continue to work closely with Edinburgh council and this is a key event to promote that relationship. If you are holding an event this would also be a good place to plug it. Could you please rsvp to info@eifa.org.uk for catering purposes?

Key Note Lecture by Aaqil Ahmed, BBC Head of Religion and Ethics. 15th of November. 5.30-7pm. Edinburgh University Chaplaincy, 1 Bristo Square. EIFA is very privileged this year to have secured Aaqil Ahmed to deliver our key note lecturer on the topic of, 'Faith and the Media.' Could you please circulate this as widely as possible across your communities? It would be good to give him a large audience and I am sure that many people within our communities will have questions to ask him. For further info or to rsvp email info@eifa.org.uk

Edinburgh Interfaith week Key Note Lecture: Aaqil Ahmed

November 15th, 5.30pm-7pm.

Venue: Edinburgh University Chaplaincy 1 Bristo Square

Fearmongering, Faith and the Responsibility of the Media Followed by a short Q & A Aaqil Ahmed Head of Religion & Ethics and Commissioning Editor of Religion at British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

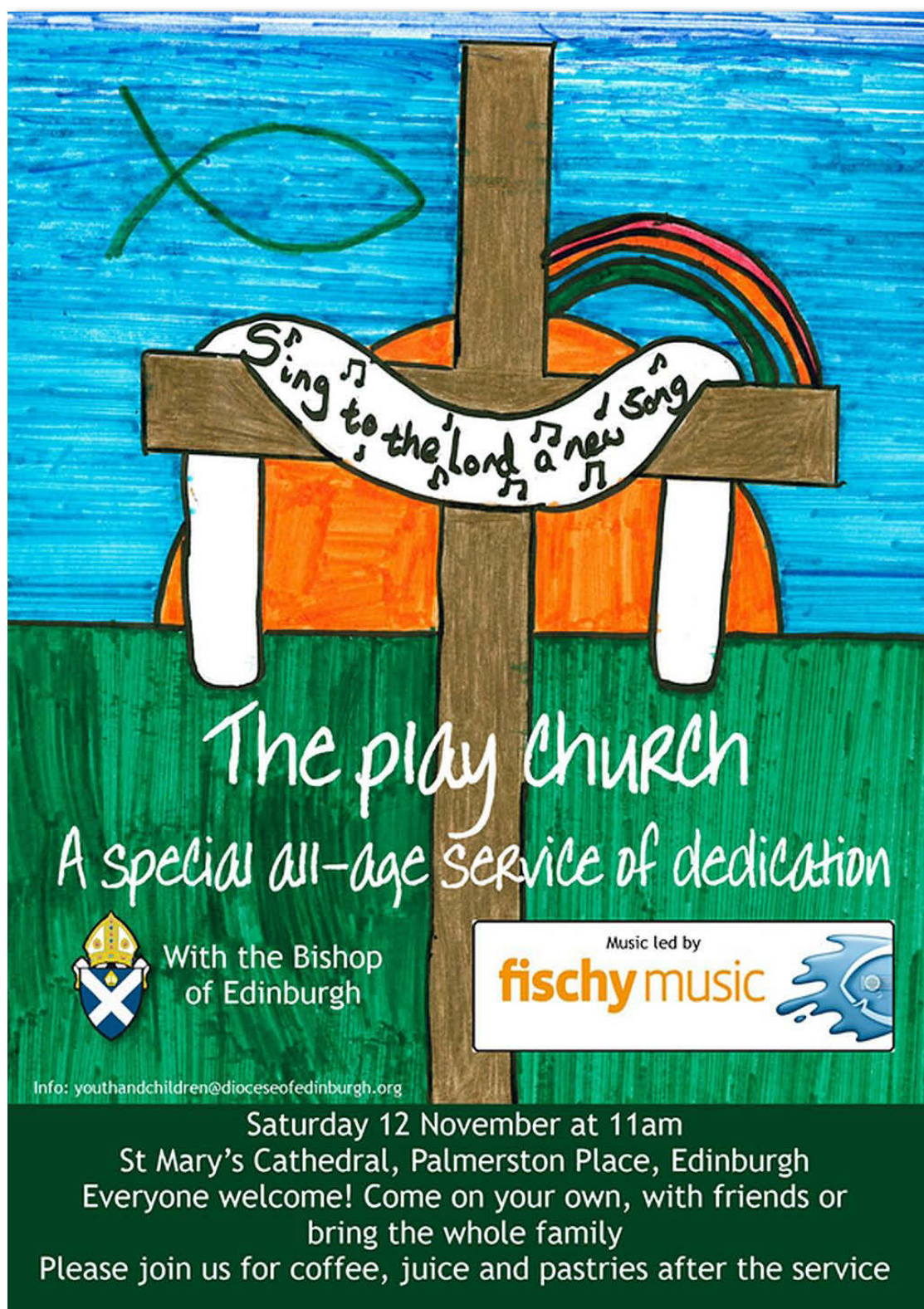
This Key Note Lecturer will explore the responsibility that the media has when it comes to covering religious matters. It was also consider the potential impact of the media on communities. An Edinburgh Interfaith Association key note lecture and panel discussion in partnership with the Alwaleed Centre and Edinburgh University Chaplaincy

Volunteering Opportunities:

Volunteering internships with EIFA: EIFA is looking for people to fill two roles, one is to assist with editing and developing our magazine, *Interfaith Matters*, the second is to help develop a new religious / cultural diversity programme for schools. Interested? email info@eifa.org.uk for more information explaining your interest in these issues.

Court Chaplains: Volunteers from different communities and backgrounds are invited to consider becoming chaplains at the new Court Chaplaincy, to support people going through the court system. No previous experience is required. Interested? Email courtchaplaincy@gmail.com

Interfaith Week: Interfaith Scotland are looking for a small group of volunteers who are social media savvy to visit some of the Interfaith week events (13th-20th November) across Scotland and report back by writing articles and taking pictures for a new blog. For more information about what's involved see [here](#) or email Mel: mel@interfaithscotland.org



The play church

A special all-age service of dedication



With the Bishop
of Edinburgh

Music led by

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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



"Mapping Sanctuary in Edinburgh"

Saturday 19th November
10.00am-3.00pm at the City Chambers

As more refugees and asylum seekers arrive in Edinburgh, many brilliant initiatives have sprung up to provide a welcome across the city. This event will

provide an opportunity to map out what is already happening to welcome refugees and asylum seekers in Edinburgh, what you think needs to happen next, and to work out the best way to develop co-ordinated initiatives across our city. We will build on conversations begun during previous initiatives such as the Edinburgh World Justice Festival. Organisations, groups and individuals are all welcome but venue capacity is limited. Please register interest by Monday 31st October.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Childcare is also available but needs to be booked in advance. The day is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council and City of Sanctuary Edinburgh.

Booking: www.eventbrite.com/e/mapping-sanctuary-in-edinburgh-tickets-27429781214

Or if you would like other information, then please get in touch
via: edinburgh@cityofsanctuary.org

God's Invitation to Relationship: prayer course

A four week course to give you the skills to deepen your prayer life



This course will explore Ignatian Prayer and will be facilitated by Sr Kathleen Curran UJ & Juliet Mackellaig. Andrew Cassidy and Mark McManus will also assist.

Taking place in Lauriston Centre SMALL HALL each Thursday from the 10th November – 1st of December, 7pm – 9pm.

This is a free course but donations are welcome.

Spaces are limited to 20. To book a place please contact Andrew Cassidy at pastoral@lauriston.org.uk or call 0131 229 9821.

Lauriston Centre, 28 Lauriston St, Edinburgh, EH3 9D

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



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2050 Edinburgh City Vision Churches' Workshop
***Sunday 20th November 2016, 3-5pm**
Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

The City of Edinburgh Council is embarking on a project to develop a vision for Edinburgh 2050. The 2050 vision aspires to be:

Ambitious

One that we can all understand and buy into

Developed with involvement from residents of all ages, businesses and groups from all sectors and

The City of Edinburgh Council wants to hear from everyone with an interest in the city:

- What is great about Edinburgh as a city in 2016?
- What could be better?
- What should Edinburgh be like in 2050?

particularly in relation to key themes of: *Community, Digital & Technology, Built Environment, Business & Work, Health, Faith, Transport, Sustainable Development, Young People, Housing, Education, Physical Activity & Sport, Culture & Tourism, Community Safety, Natural Environment.*

They have launched a city wide conversation to hear peoples' views, which can be offered as individuals, but also as groups. (www.edinburgh.org/2050-edinburgh-city-vision/)

Edinburgh Churches Together in partnership with Edinburgh Presbytery

would like to invite churches and faith groups across the city to a workshop, to respond to this conversation as a group. This does not mean our responses have to agree, but that we can submit a collective response to ensure our voice is heard in the process of shaping this vision. The submission deadline for responses is December 2016. We have therefore organised our group workshop for Sunday 20th November 2016.*

The proposed program for the afternoon workshop is:

3:00pm	Welcome
3:05pm	Representative of City of Edinburgh Council to offer overview of 2050 Edinburgh City Vision
3:15pm	Rev Carol Ford to explain the 2050 consultation process
3:25pm	16 discussion groups offer around the room. Each taking one of the Themes and exploring the 3 Questions in relation to it.
3:55pm	Break
4:00pm	16 discussion groups offer around the room. Each taking one of the themes and exploring the 3 Questions in relation to it.
4:30pm	Facilitators briefly feedback the responses on their flip chart sheets.
4:50pm	Closing Remarks
5:00pm	Finish

We would like to encourage all Churches across the city to send **at least one** representative to participate in the workshop, so that our response is as honest a reflection as possible. Each participant will be able to take part in 2 workshops, engaging with 2 of the 15 themes which are of greatest interest to you.

If you are able to send a representative please register for free through

<https://edinburghvision2050workshop.eventbrite.com/>

If you prefer to register by phone please call Nicola at 07950 431513.

Nativity Carol Concert

EDINBURGH'S
CHRISTMAS
2016

FREE

Advent Sunday
Sunday 27 November 2016
3pm
St Andrew Square Gardens

Thanks to our guest speakers:

Bishop John Armes who will give the Christmas message and Archbishop Leo Cushley brings prayers for the city, while Moderator James Dewar blesses the nativity scene.

Everyone is welcome to join the Exile Gospel Choir, The Edinburgh Signing Choir and Craigentinny Primary School Choir in singing traditional carols. The collection this year is for the Cape Town Gospel Choir.



Edinburgh's Christmas 2016
18 November 2016 - 7 January 2017

www.edinburghschristmas.com

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SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2016

For a
EUCCHARIST of WELCOME
And the Licencing of
Rev Mariusz Wojciechowski as
Assistant Priest by
Rt Rev Dr John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh

Followed by lunch and refreshments
All clergy and lay readers are invited to join the congregation



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SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016
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£30 (£15 students), including lunch

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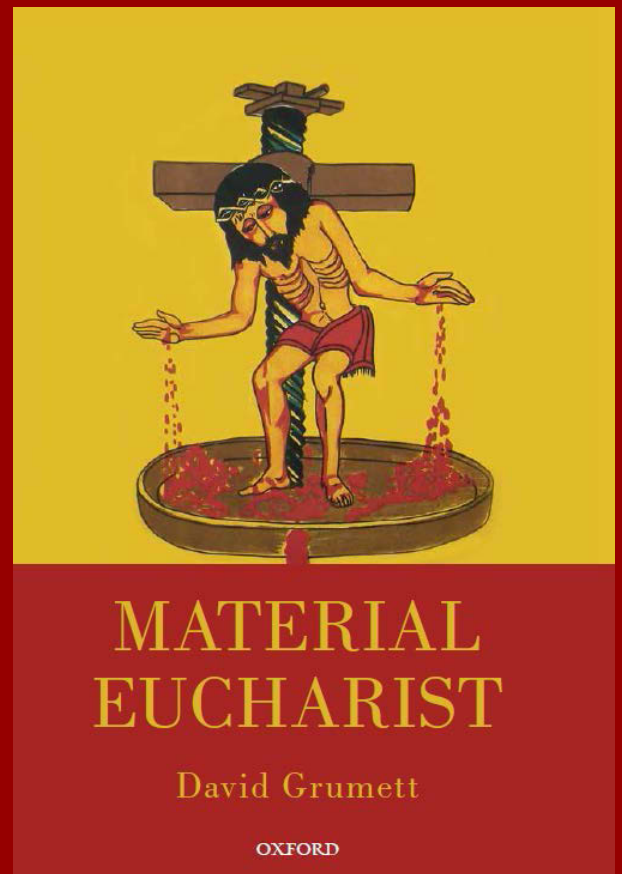
Wednesday 7 December
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(10.30 a.m. refreshments)

Martin Hall, New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LX

*Dr Grumett will discuss the
implications of his new book for
understanding life and worship*

Further information:
dgalbraith@hotmail.com

Please book by 30 November at
<http://bit.ly/TheologyEucharist>



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M O Z A R T R E Q U I E M

John Kitchen (conductor)
Morley Whitehead (organ)

Jan 21 2017

2-9pm (2-5.30pm rehearsal; 6.30-9pm Concert)

St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road, EH1 2EP

Singer (suggested donation) - £15

Audience (suggested donation) - £5

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