



ADVENTURES IN FAITH

NEWSLETTER Spring 2017

Learning and Development in the Diocese of Edinburgh for March to June 2017



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Adventures in Faith exists to:

- Be a hub of information, enabling and support for adult learning across the Diocese of Edinburgh
- Encourage congregations in their discipleship programmes, sharing resources and good practice
- Publish a quarterly newsletter of learning opportunities from across the Diocese
- Be an access point for Spiritual Direction and Pastoral Supervision for all interested people



The Embrace of a Wounded World

Saturday 20 May 10 for 10.30 - 4pm, St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh

How can we live with, and make any difference at all, to situations of overwhelm and hopelessness? Can gentle attention to our own personal and cultural woundedness help to deepen our understanding of, and empathy for, the pain of others in our world today, including migrants and refugees? In this interactive day we will explore Jesus' awareness of and compassion for the cultural and political woundedness in first century Roman Palestine. We will link the findings of recent research in trauma healing and transformation with the healing attitudes, teaching and embodied practices of Jesus. The day will encourage participants to be open to the Source of Compassion which holds and heals our own wounds, sustains our hope, and which can flow through us to embrace a suffering world. Facilitated by Sr Carmel Byrne, a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart. This is an Adventures in Faith event: £35(30), please do not let finance be the only reason not to come; be in touch for a conversation. www.embrace20may.brownpapertickets.com

**NB: This event has been
CANCELLED due to a change in
the facilitator's circumstances.
We are sorry for any
disappointment.**

I Knew a Man - A Passion Play for Easter

Good Friday 14 April St Cuthbert's Church Colinton at 2pm
and Colinton Parish Church of Scotland at 7pm

Easter Sunday 16 April All Nations Christian Fellowship, Oxfgangs 11am

Based on the book of Isaiah and the 23rd Psalm this one hour performance is mainly choral, with elements of narration. The narrative is spoken by the Roman Soldier who stood at the foot of the Cross holding the robe Jesus wore. He tells the story of each person, starting with Mary the Mother of Jesus and all the events that took place that day. This play by Jeanne Sowinski is being performed by local churches together for Easter 2017, all welcome.



More Than Meets the Eye: Symbol and Allegory in Western Art

Thursdays 25 May, 1, 15, 22 June 2 - 4pm
Royal Overseas League, 100 Princes Street, Edinburgh

The ever-popular lecture series by Canon Anne Dyer. Understanding a painting often involves paying attention to the small details. Through the centuries artists have used, and then reinterpreted, a language of symbol and allegory to add depth to the meaning of pictures. These lectures examine some of the most common symbols used in western art, many from the Christian tradition, as well as some of the stories that were used allegorically to explore real world issues at the time the paintings were produced. £35 for series / £10 per session. Bursary help available, please enquire.

If you have facility please book online by 23 May www.art2017.brownpapertickets.com or phone 07398 954 011

Play and Pray

10.30 - 12noon 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3, 10 April
St Ninian's Church, Comely Bank, Edinburgh



No space or time to pray? How do I help my child discover prayer, whilst also finding nurture myself? The ever-popular 6-week interactive series for toddlers, pre-schoolers and carers. £30 per family or £5 per week, maximum 10 families. Bookings via rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk www.playandpray.net

Into Silence

Fridays 1.30 - 3pm at Christ Church Centre, Edinburgh
24 March, 21 April, 26 May, 23 June, dates thereafter

A new Adventures in Faith monthly group offering guided stillness and silent prayer. Come occasionally or regularly. Led by spiritual director and counsellor Mollie Paterson. Donations of around £5 on the day.

Further enquiries to 0131 346 9081
adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Water in the Desert - A Quiet Day for Lent

Saturday 18 March 10am - 4pm
Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh

During Lent, we remember Jesus' time in the wilderness. This Quiet Day looks at where we find sustenance in the dry places, how we refuel, repair, and even grow; and how we connect with a God who wants to see the desert filled with streams of water. The day will be facilitated by Susan Mansfield, who trained in reflective spirituality with the Epiphany Group and Ignatian Spirituality Centre. There will be a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, with a chance to rest, reflect and be creative. Cost £30 (£20 or pay what you can) includes lunch, coffee & cake. To book email wordsmansfield@gmail.com or 07803 620038. Please consider booking by 3rd March.

Humpty Dumpty After the Fall: The Church and Conflict

St Cuthbert's Lecture
Friday 17 March 7pm
St Cuthbert's Church, Westgarth
Avenue, Colinton



In Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*, Humpty Dumpty's sense of superiority, his inability to listen and understand, and his habit of twisting the conversation to suit his own point of view, leave Alice feeling confused, guilty, and exasperated. This lecture will explore the difficulty many of us have in dealing with conflict. The Reverend Ruth Scott is a facilitator, mediator and broadcaster. She works primarily in the field of conflict transformation. Admission free, all welcome. www.stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk

A Treat for Mind, Body and Spirit

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.30am 7 March to 18 April, Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh

Why not gift your whole 'Self' some time and space. Time for deep listening and contemplation; space for relaxation and renewal. A group offering a range of simple practices, which can help ease the body, focus the mind and increase self-awareness - which you can then put into practice in your daily life, drawn from some of the great traditions & teachings: Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Non-duality. All are welcome, no experience required. Sliding scale of £10 to £7 per session. There is no requirement to attend every week, as each session is complete within itself. Led by Sue Powell, an Emmaus House team member. Interest and booking 07984 007264 suepowell709@hotmail.com *'Fill me with the wine of your silence. Let it soak my every pore. For the inner splendour it reveals is a blessing. It is a blessing'*. Rumi

The River Walk

Saturday 17 June

A reflective walk by the Water of Leith, with material created by Margaret Silf and Susan Mansfield. An invitation to reflect on our own faith journey, from the calm stretches to the rocky rapids, and to connect with the living water which flows in and through us. Walk in your own time, with reflective material in audio and printed form. Inspired by Margaret Silf's river reflections, adapted by Susan Mansfield, creator of the Passion Walk. Following the afternoon walk, an evening event with Margaret Silf, 7.30pm at St James Church, Goldenacre, Edinburgh to which all are welcome whether you take part in the walk or not. Cost £7 for the Walk, £5 for the evening talk, £10 for both (or pay what you can). Meeting point to be confirmed; more information and booking reflectivewalks@gmail.com 07803 620038



Church Gardens

Tuesday 14 March 10.30 - 12noon at the Diocesan Office
Adventures in Faith has contact with three churches who wish to explore the use of their gardens for the spiritual well-being of the communities both within and beyond their walls. If you would like to join them for a networking meeting please contact 07398 954011 adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

The Abbey Summer School 2017

Library Course: Reading and Preaching the Old Testament 29 May - 2 June

Chapterhouse: No Man Is an Island 1 - 3 June

Newhaven Church, 7 Craighall Road, Newhaven, Edinburgh



The Abbey Summer School, now in its fourth year, is a venture for people who like to think about their faith. But it is more than just thinking, we aim to reach toward something of the integration of thought and emotion, head and heart, spirituality and theology. In this year's main programme ('No Man Is an Island'), Julie Canlis will help us to explore the Western predicament of individualism, and to see the way in which Christian faith cuts across our individualistic instincts urging us towards relationship and community. New to The Abbey this year is the Library Course, a week of teaching on 'Reading and Preaching the Old Testament' with Prof. Iain Provan (Regent College, Vancouver) that dovetails, at the end of the week, with the Chapterhouse. Open to everyone, this course may be particularly useful for clergy on study leave. Finally, on Thursday 1 June there will be a free evening public lecture in which we screen and host a discussion about *Godspeed*, a short film featuring Rev. Matt Canlis, Eugene Peterson and N.T. Wright that explores the pace of being known in Christ. For more details and registration www.abbeysummerschool.com phone 07803956238 or email info@abbeysummerschool.com



Restoring Radiance

Saturday 25 March

10 - 4.30pm

Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Moving, breathing, singing, prayer - this is day to connect with Jesus' teachings starting from the sound of his prayers in the language he spoke, Aramaic. Facilitated by Rev Jenny Williams and Sarah Bonner-Morgan. For full details and booking www.eicsp.org/events/event-details/505-mesp-2016-main-events

Refugio

7 - 8pm Sunday 21 May and 18 June

Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh

Refugio is a monthly contemplative communion service held in the intimate setting of the Lady Yester Chapel. Led by a variety of voices, Refugio offers stilling, reflection and the sharing of bread and wine in the context of reflective prayer. All welcome. www.greyfriarskirk.com/refugio



Revelation through Human Gifts

Lent evenings hosted by Christ Church, Morningside

Revelation through the gift of scientific reasoning

Led by Revd Dr Mark Harris, Senior Lecturer in Science & Religion, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh
Wed 15 March 7 - 8.30pm 'What does science have to say about Jesus' miracles?'

Wed 22 March 7 - 8.30pm 'What does science have to say about Jesus' resurrection?'

Revelation through the gift of inspired character portrayal

Led by Alan Shotter, Senior Honorary Professorial Fellow, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Edinburgh and member of Christ Church
Wed 29 March 7 - 8.30pm Video film of an interview with actor Jim Caviezel, followed by discussion
Wed 12 April 7 - 9.30pm Screening of the film 'The Passion of the Christ', followed by discussion.

www.christchurchmorningside.org 0131 229 0090

Growing through Conflict

Foundation Day Monday 24 April

Further Skills Day Wednesday 26 April

Augustine United Church, Edinburgh

Further details www.placeforhope.org.uk

Sunday Introductions

St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

All are invited to a continuing series of talks, held on Sundays in front of the High Altar 12noon - 12.45pm

2 April Professor Susan Hardman Moore: An Introduction to Luther's Reformation

7 May Professor Stewart J Brown: An Introduction to the Oxford Movement in Scotland

4 June Helen Hood TSSF: An Introduction to Franciscan Spirituality

Further information faithandgrowth@gmail.com or phone the Cathedral Office 0131 225 6293

Stations on the Road to Freedom

Thursdays 7.30 - 9pm

27 April, 4, 11, 18 May

St Columba's by the Castle,

14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh

A four-week course exploring Dietrich Bonhoeffer - his life, theology, poetry and relevance for today. No charge, if you would like to come along phone 0131 622 2277 or d.patonwilliams@gmail.com



Meditative Listening

Saturday 22 April 10 for 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 introductory day to the listening process called Focussing, that offers a format for connecting body experience with emotion, mind and spirit. Facilitated by Jenny Williams, who has been working with this framework for six years and is now accredited as a British Focussing Teacher.

Cost £20 (bring your own lunch) For booking and further information jennywilliams@gmx.co.uk 07935 723 968

Edinburgh Together Churches Lent Study Groups

'Take the Plunge - Baptism', with prayer, Bible reading and discussion based on the Baptism Service and Timothy Radcliffe's book 'Take the Plunge'. Copies of the book for those who sign up will be ordered from the Cornerstone Bookshop at about £11.50.

One group will meet in St John's, Princes Street after the 11am Eucharist on Wednesdays, at about 11.45am from 8 March until 5 April. To book a place contact Eileen Thomson eileenct@gmail.com

The other group will meet in the Melrose Room at St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road on Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9pm from 9 March until 6 April. To book a place or for more information contact Stephen Holmes 0131 229 7565 stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

Emmaus House Retreats

April 24-29 Listening with the Ear of the Heart: St Benedict's Way of Discipleship and Joy with Andrew Bain

May 22-27 Invited to Evolve, led by Margaret Silf

Residential full board £450 single, £350 sharing
Full information info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk
0131 228 1066

Advance Date for your Diary Diocesan Conference

Saturday 28 October, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh
'Being Re-Formed', a day to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther.

More information in the June newsletter



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Scottish Episcopal Institute Modules

Ever wanted to learn New Testament Greek?

If so, why not join a group of fellow learners, led by Professor John Starr, for 10 Thursday evenings starting in May. The sessions will be held at Emmaus House, Edinburgh. The Common Awards validated module is aimed at those with no prior knowledge of the language, and offers a grounding in New Testament Greek, a knowledge of the basic tools of translation, and skills to engage in close reading of the biblical text. The first year undergraduate level module, comprises ten one-hour sessions with a further ninety hours of personal study and an examination for those looking for credit; a fee of £70 is payable for credit. Those wishing to audit the course purely for pleasure are warmly invited; the only cost would be the price of core text books. Further information from Revd Dr Jenny Wright curate@osp.org.uk 0131 538 7096.

Ever wanted to learn about Christian Ethics?

If so, join a group of fellow learners for five Wednesday evenings with the Scottish Episcopal Institute, at the General Synod Office in Edinburgh, on 31 May, 7, 14, 21, 28 June 7 - 9pm. This introductory Common Awards validated module is aimed at those with no formal knowledge of the subject who desire an introduction to the fundamentals of ethics in the Christian tradition. The undergraduate 10-credit module comprises five two-hour sessions with the expectation of a further ninety hours of personal study and a formal assignment for those looking for credit; the fee for credit is £100. Those simply wishing to audit the module for pleasure are warmly invited; the cost would be the price of core text book(s). Students will take part alongside those studying for recognised ministries; courses are 'Skyped' across Scotland. Further information is available from Revd Dr Michael Hull, Director of Studies dos@scotland.anglican.org 0131 225 6357



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