

# The Communicant

News and Notices for the Diocese of  
Edinburgh 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017



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## NOTICES

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**Only one more Growing Together Roadshow to go!** The previous three have been really encouraging and enjoyable for all who came, so please join us at the **LAST ONE at St Peter's Lutton Place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. YOU DO NEED TO BOOK IN** for catering and planning purposes, either by email at [growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org) or online at <http://growingtogetheredinburgh.bpt.me/>

**STOP PRESS - For those with young children, we are offering child care for those under 12 at the St Peter's Roadshow, but you must book children in by 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

Also check out the fabulous ideas for getting children and young people involved <http://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Growing-Together-Children-and-Young-People-Resources.pdf>

If we are honest, many of us find sharing our faith with those outwith the church rather scary and are a bit afraid of the idea of evangelism. For some encouragement, ideas and inspiration why not join me for an evening called **"Disciples Making Disciples"** with Matt Summerfield (*from Urban Saints*) **at Grangemouth on Thursday 31st August at 7:30pm.** (AGH Christian Fellowship, Myreton Road, Grangemouth, FK3 0BD). He is an excellent speaker and I can highly recommend this event, thoroughly worth the cost of £3.78. For more details or to book online visit [www.urbansaints.org/dmdgrangemouth](http://www.urbansaints.org/dmdgrangemouth) or speak to Annie in the office (0131 346 9089).

## YOUTH & CHILDREN

### News from the Youth and Children Officer

The latest Youth and Children newsletter can be found [here](#). This edition features:

- An update on the play church at Pentecost
- Great things that are happening in churches around the diocese
- A round-up of current events and resources
- Important guidelines for using photographs of children in your church's publicity



## ALL

### News from the Adventures In Faith Coordinator

#### Adult Christian Learning in Borders Area

Following the Galashiels roadshow there are seeds being planted for a 'local learning hub' in the Borders. If you are interested to know more or be part of this possibility please do be in touch.

The next submission deadline for the September **Adventures in Faith newsletter** is 1st August. Following three of the four Roadshows we want to highlight events in *all* areas of the diocese - but this does rely on East, West and Borders areas submitting events, as well as Edinburgh. These can be courses, days, retreats, one-off services, workshops etc on topics around discipleship, theology, spirituality, ethics, social justice, family, faith and work etc. They don't all have to be organised by diocese churches, but if they are held within the diocese area and you feel they would be of interest to others I would be delighted to receive them; around 30 words (in Word) is ideal. *Thank you.*

Elizabeth White, Adventures in Faith Coordinator, [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

## ALL

### Being Re-formed Conference - CANCELLATION

This conference was advertised for Saturday 28th October. The diocese regrets that for a number of reasons this has been cancelled. With the diocesan Roadshows this year, there will be a day of celebration within the diocese sometime during 2018. There are also a number of other celebrations of Luther's legacy this year, can we draw your attention especially to the Just Festival:

The Just festival has a series of 4 evening sermons exploring the relevance of the church today starting from a series of influential moments in church history - including Luther and Vatican II :

<http://just-festival.org/2017-just-festival-programme/#/festival-pulpit/>

### Your Communicant is Moving!

Your next Communicant will be available on **Wednesday** 27<sup>th</sup> July and every second **Wednesday** thereafter. Please ensure that all information and events are in by the Tuesday, in either A5 or A4 PDF format, to enable submission for publication on the Wednesday.

# Growing Together

Have you heard about this exciting adventure? Growing Together is a journey we are all embarking in the Diocese of Edinburgh to explore and articulate what God is calling us to be and do, at this time for this generation. As church communities we aspire to be faithful followers of Christ in our worship, service and witness, and so with constant change all around it is an opportune time to discern our vision and key priorities to give a clearer focus for the days ahead. Our hope is that this process of Growing Together will help us all develop stronger relationships, deeper faith, confident witness, wise stewardship and effective resources.

We are inviting every charge and all members of our diocese, both lay and clergy, to join in this journey. Bishop John will be travelling the Diocese and we would love you to come with others from your church to one of the roadshow events in four different locations. Come and contribute to the discernment of our vision and priorities. We want to reflect together on the adventure so far and listen to your local stories about what is working well in your church. We will spend time in worship and prayer, discussion and lunch. These events will be interactive, fun and inspiring as we discover and celebrate what God is doing amongst us.

Roadshow dates and venues are below and bookings are already open using the special email address - [growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

Sadly the Edinburgh one has had to change, so more details will be available after Easter. Do keep an eye on the website here - <http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/>

I hope you might be aware that we also have a Diocesan prayer and some suggested liturgy resources to encourage us all to be attentive to God in our corporate and private devotions throughout this process. At the Synod the Bishop commended the use of the dismissal in our worship these the coming months. Hard copies of these resources can be posted from the office and they are downloadable in word or pdf from the website to insert into your liturgies - <http://edinburgh.anglican.org/growing-together/>

Please do publicise this journey of Growing Together as widely as possible to your vestry, congregations and even family and friends. There are be some resources to help with this also on our website, for your magazine and notice sheets.

Like all adventures there will be surprises along the way. How will YOU be involved and inspired?

## Growing Together Roadshow

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Celebratory Eucharist	Group Discussion

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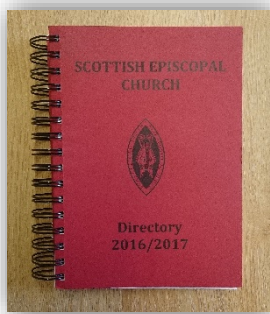
**Join the adventure of Growing Together in the Diocese of Edinburgh**

*Four different Roadshow locations across the Diocese, choose a venue or date as suits you*

<b>Bo'ness</b>	<b>Saturday 27th May</b> St Catharine's Church	10.30am - 2.30pm EH51 9AZ
<b>Galashiels</b>	<b>Saturday 24th June</b> St Peter's Church	10.30am - 3.00pm TD1 3HS
<b>Haddington</b>	<b>Saturday 1st July</b> Trinity Centre	10.30am - 2.30pm EH41 3EX
<b>Edinburgh</b>	<b>Saturday 2nd Sept.</b> St Peter's, Lutton Place	10.30am - 2.30pm EH8 9PE

*To book a place, or for more details contact:*  
Edinburgh Diocesan Office  
0131 538 7033  
[growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:growingtogether@dioceseofedinburgh.org)





# THE 'RED BOOK'



## New Procedures

If any of the following information (name *or* contact details) changes during the year, **please let the Diocesan Office know** and **not** the General Synod Office:

- Vestry Secretary
- Treasurer
- Lay Representative
- Alternate Lay Representative
- *plus*
- Church website address
- Office or church phone number etc.

It will then be the responsibility of the Diocesan Office to inform the General Synod Office. This has been agreed with the Communications Team, and is intended to cut down the time taken in both offices in making sure that information is correct in both places. A simple email is quite enough!

[office@edinburgh.anglican.org](mailto:office@edinburgh.anglican.org) or [arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

*Thank you*

# DIOCESAN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE NEWS

## DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH St Andrew's Building Fund Grants

1. The works should:

- primarily be of an emergency nature
- not be covered by insurance
- be urgent or unavoidable
- be critical to the proper functioning of the church/rectory
- be a danger to the public or a Health and Safety risk

2. Applications are not required to meet all of the above criteria but relevant factors to be employed in considering applications include:

## ST ANDREW'S FUND

When St Andrew's Prestonpans closed, the proceeds of the sale of the building were invested, and the income has been set aside for the award of grants to congregations in the diocese, towards urgent building works and repairs. The monies are intended to help those charges with small

congregations which struggle to find the funds for expenditure on emergency or unexpected buildings works. £3,500 is available annually for the committee to award, and an application form can be downloaded from:

<http://edinburgh.anglican.org/resources/diocesan-vestry-resources/>

## CANON 35 – WHAT IS IT?

The SEC Canon 35 provides two things:

1. A system of control over alterations to Churches and their contents
2. A means to ensure proper consultation with members of the congregation affected and also with interested outside bodies, where appropriate.



If your congregation is planning any alterations to the church building, your Rector and Vestry need to apply for "Canon 35 Consent" from the Diocesan Buildings Committee. The main elements covered include:

- *the structure*
- *ecclesiastical furniture or ornaments*
- *monuments, murals, tablets, or decorative windows*
- *schemes of redecoration*
- *any alteration of lighting or heating system*

The committee is very keen to work alongside congregations to achieve a consent, and submitting initial ideas via a 'Pre-Canon 35 Application' can help in many cases. Forms and more information can be found under the "Forms" section at:

<http://edinburgh.anglican.org/resources/diocesan-vestry-resources/>

## DIARY

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Diocesan Buildings Committee meets
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Institution of Diana Hall as Rector , St Anne's , Dunbar
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Institution of Sarah Shaw as Rector, Christ Church, Falkirk
ADVANCE NOTICE	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Growing Together Roadshow, St Peter's, Edinburgh
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Diocesan Synod (evening) at St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow

## CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

- **Bishop Mark Strange** (Bishop Moray, Ross and Caithness) to also be Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church

## EVENTS

**The second Annual Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture** will be delivered by the **Revd Canon Professor David Jasper DD FRSA FRSE**, Professor of Literature and Theology, University of Glasgow.

***‘The Role of the Arts in the Church of Tomorrow’***

*We live in a rapidly changing world to which the Church, as an institution, often finds it hard to adapt. But even in a world that often seems driven by economic and material factors, the arts remain a powerful agent to help us understand and address changes in our culture and society. The Christian Church has always had a creative, if sometimes uneasy, relationship with poetry, literature, the visual arts and music, and we need to nurture and care for this relationship in the future as part of our intelligent and prayerful mission in the world.*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Memorial Chapel, University of Glasgow**

**5.30pm Lecture followed by refreshments.**



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**Waverley Care**  
making a positive difference

## Do you have free time in August?



## Volunteer at the Fringe!

We are gearing up for another Fringe at The Pleasance and are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our merry band of bucketeteers!

- Soak up the atmosphere • Do a little celeb spotting
- Come on your own or come in a group
- Make a positive difference to people with HIV or Hepatitis C

**For more information, contact Ross**  
**Tel: 0131 556 9710 | Email: [fringe@waverleycare.org](mailto:fringe@waverleycare.org)**

Waverley Care is Scotland's leading charity providing care and support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C

Find us on Facebook • Follow us on Twitter [www.waverleycare.org](http://www.waverleycare.org)

Scottish Charity No: SC036500

# HELP

## **Greatly needed** to improve **St Cuthbert's Coffee Stop**

**Main Street, Morebath on The St Cuthbert's Way**



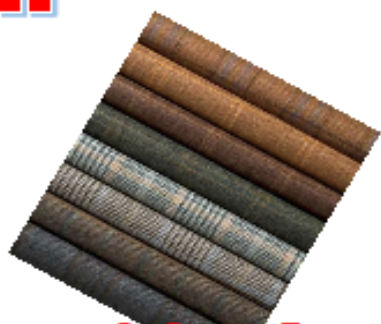
*To cater for larger groups we need to expand our small but much used coffee stop, install a kitchen and improve toilet facilities.*

Further information is available on Facebook and St Cuthbert's Coffee Stop [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) page



**St Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Belmount Place, Kelso, TD5 7JB**

# **Tartan & Tweed** **Exhibition**



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Admission Free**  
**(donations for Church Funds)**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 5.00 pm**



# **Hymns & Pimms**



**Just what it says on the tin! All welcome**



CHARITY GALA IN AID OF SYRIA RELIEF

# REQUIEM for ALEPPO

*".....more powerful than  
the biggest bomb"*

Pleasance at EICC,  
Venue 150  
Wednesday 16th August  
7.30pm

CREATOR & COMPOSER  
DAVID CAZALET

CHOREOGRAPHY  
JASON MABANA

Following its sell out world premiere at Sadler's Wells, Requiem for Aleppo comes to Edinburgh for a very special gala performance in aid of Syria Relief.

A 'brilliant act of love, remembrance and empathy' (Fardous Bahbouh, Oscar winning documentarian), this exceptional collaboration provides a unique expression of life in Aleppo.

The real testimonies of former residents are powerfully brought to the stage through David Cazalet's 'big evocative score' (The Times) and choreographer Jason Mabana's a 'crack team of international dancers' (The Stage), including BBC Dancer of the Year Jacob O'Donnell.

This profound, haunting and mesmeric production offers a unique opportunity to be part of a collective expression of solidarity for the people of Syria.

Following the performance, we will be hosting an after-party.

Buy a combined ticket to meet the performers, enjoy a free drink, and dance the night away in support of Syria Relief.

**Tickets £15**

**Show+After Party (£30)**

This ticket gives entry to both the performance and the party immediately afterwards, and entitles the bearer to a complimentary drink. All proceeds will be donated to Syria Relief.

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THEATRE TRUST



# TWIN YOUR CHURCH TOILETS



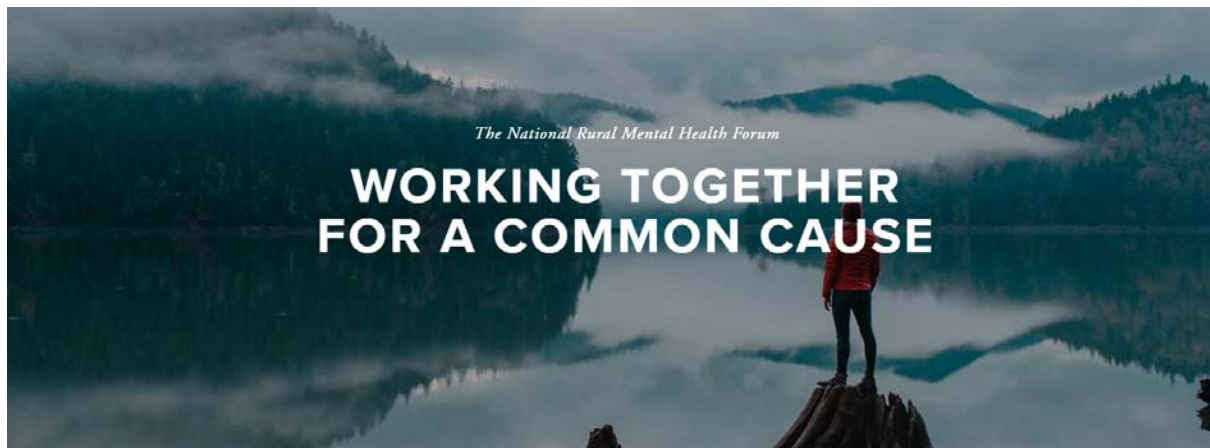
**2.4 billion people don't have a loo. Your church could help flush away poverty by enabling families to build a life saving toilet.**

Get a FREE resource pack and hold a service for harvest or World Toilet Day on Sunday 19 November.

Visit [toilettwinning.org](http://toilettwinning.org) or call us on 0300 321 3217

Toilet Twinning is part of Tearfund, registered Charity No. 362964 (England and Wales) and No. SC037674 (Scotland)





The new national Rural Mental Health Forum in Scotland was launched officially at the Royal Highland Show and now has a website

[www.ruralwellbeing.org](http://www.ruralwellbeing.org)

Can you please share this information as appropriate within your denomination? Congregations are encouraged to work in local partnerships with other organisations concerned about improving rural well-being. Partners may be able to support church initiatives; likewise, congregations may be able to participate helpfully in setting up and/or running activities set up by other organisations

All good wishes

Lorna  
REV LORNA MURRAY  
CONVENOR, SCOTTISH CHURCHES RURAL GROUP