



Scottish Episcopal Church

## The Diocese of Edinburgh

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# The Communicant

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## NOTICES

### SYNOD MEMBERS

#### Synod Agenda

The agenda for next Thursday's Synod is published online - go to the "Synod" page from this link:



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

Paper copies were posted out to voting members.

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## Listed Places of Worship Grants

The Heritage Minister, John Glen MP, has announced that the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme will continue with the same amount of funding until March 2020. The eligibility criteria and application process will be unchanged.



For more details [click here](#)

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## News from Bishops Enabler of Mission



**Mission Shaped Intro course this Autumn.**

**Come with others from your church or individuals welcome too.**

**Six Mondays 6 Nov. – 11 Dec. 7.30-9.30pm**

**Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW**

Our world and our lives change at an ever faster pace, but how can the church respond to this change? Are new ways of engaging with people and being church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century possible? If so, what might they look like? *Mission Shaped Intro* is a creative six session course using videos and stories to help explore mission and church life in our current context.

To book or for more details contact Rev Annie Naish, Bishop's Enabler of Mission on [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org) or 0131 346 9089

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## 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



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## **Adventures in Faith**



The next edition of the Adventures in Faith programme will be the first issue which is NOT coming out as a printed hard copy. It will be available in digital format via the diocesan website

[www.edinburgh.anglican.org/adventures-in-faith](http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/adventures-in-faith) and Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh) It will also be sent to all clergy and those on the AIF mailing list; if you wish to join this list please email me.

If you particularly need a printed copy do let us know and we can run off a few in-house and make sure you receive these.

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

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## **WEEKLY COMMUNICATIONS SURGERY**

Come along to the Diocesan Office, bring your laptop or your newsletter, or whatever other communication challenges you have, and we'll sit down with a cup of tea and figure it out.

Surgery runs 2-4pm, every Monday until the end of the year, with the exception of 11 and 18 September.

This service is in addition to the current support provision and is intended to make it easier and more pleasant to deal with complex or technical challenges by talking face to face. You can, of course, still contact the Communications Coordinator outwith these times, and she will do her best to help.

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## **ST PETER'S LINLITHGOW BEGINS THE BUILDING OF THE LONG-AWAITED EXTENSION.**



It is 89 years since St Peter's, then known as St Mildred's, first opened her red doors and welcomed the good folk of Linlithgow into God's new holy space. Rarely, if ever since then, have those red doors been closed for the Sunday Eucharist. However on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 they were indeed closed tightly and have to remain so for six long months, whilst they build a bright, glass- enclosed special space designed by architect Grant Bulloch - including an Upper Room which will flow into the back garden.

Two years have passed since our Extension Team was formed, and the seemingly impossible sum of £300,000 raised through formidable form filling, innovative ideas from congregational members and the overwhelming generosity of not only the congregation, but sister churches and the local community.

Now wrapped safely behind sturdy fencing the little church awaits the coming of spring when they will once more open the red doors and invite their congregation and community into that special place. Please pray for St Peter's whilst they look towards moving back into their 'new' home.

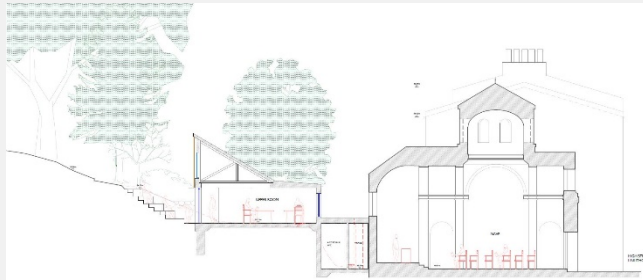
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### Request for Renting

Hello, I am a member of the clergy in Edinburgh, and am looking for a 3 bedroom property to rent any time after 1st Jan 2018 for myself and two children. Within 20-25 mins drive of *Edinburgh City Centre* If you can assist please contact The Revd Yousouf Gooljary - [revgooljary@apl.com](mailto:revgooljary@apl.com)

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### PROJECT FUNDRAISING – FREE DIOCESAN SEMINAR



St Peter's Linlithgow has just seen the first piece of ground broken, at the start of a development project to build an extension to the church. St Peter's, which features in the "Tiny Churches" book, has a small but very dedicated and ambitious team who have steadily worked to secure

giving and grant funding to raise the necessary funds, during 2 years of faith and prayers. Three key people – The Rector (The Revd Christine Barclay), the manager of the project (Dr Lesley Stanley) and the architect (Grant Bulloch) – have agreed to 'tell their story' to those vestries and congregations contemplating a development project, or wondering how to make the best use of buildings for mission and community engagement. This will be held on an evening in November, probably at the Diocesan Office. Rather than fix a single date, hoping that people might come along, a response form has been created, to pick one that suits as many interested parties as we can:

<http://edinburgh.anglican.org/linlithgow-project-seminar-2017/>

Please complete the form by **Friday 27 October** so that we have time to organise the event in time for the first date offered.

## VESTRIES

### INVENTORIES

Canon XXXV requires that *"a detailed inventory of all church goods and ornaments, registers and other property belonging to the charge..... shall be prepared and kept up to date..... a copy shall be sent by the Vestry to the Registrar of the diocese"*. The Dean inspects these (under Canon XLII) during the Visitation process, but it is possible that your own Vestry may not have done this update in the last 4 years? Everything from pews to pyxes needs to be recorded! This is not just for insurance – but also for such things as items gifted or loaned. If the worst happens, this becomes a vital record.



We have produced a pro-forma to help you, which can be sectioned-up and delegated to different people, to complete individual sections, over a period of time. Hopefully, this means it will not be the huge task that it might have been in the past. They are available in the "Vestries" section of the Diocesan Office Resources page on the website:

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

### A PRAYER REQUEST

The Reverend Tim Tunley, one of our diocesan clergy, is currently on board MY Phoenix, taking aid to the Myanmar refugees in a refugee camp in Bangladesh. After picking up relief supplies in Sri Lanka he headed to Bangladesh to set up an offshore clinic at Coks Bazaar at the refugee camp.

They are in front of a tropical storm and, at one point, the ship was put into lock down as pirates and bandits were operating in the area. Last Sunday night he celebrated Eucharist for the crew. He has asked for prayers for the refugees in the camp, and for MOAS – the sister charity to the Mission to Seafarers, which is running the first aid post in the refugee camp. Thank you



## CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

### DIARY

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	Diocesan Synod at St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Youth & Children Sleepover at St Columba's by the Castle
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Licensing of Rosie Addis as Curate at St John's Princes Street
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Bishop attends Reformation Service in St Andrews (Fife)

### ADVANCE NOTICE

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>	Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
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## VACANCIES

**None at Present**

# EVENTS

**Dear Friends,**

It's 80 years since the foundation stone was laid for St Mary's Church in Grangemouth. To celebrate this, we're holding a series of events and we'd like to invite you along to all of them.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2-4pm – Tea & cake with an exhibition in the church. £3 in advance or at the door.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 9.45am – Morning service followed by soup and pud lunch (free)

7pm – Steph Macleod – A Christian singer/songwriter coming to bring his mix of Christian, acoustic folk, blues, soul, americana, roots, & celtic music and to share his story. Tickets £8 in advance or available at the door.

E-mail [stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com](mailto:stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com) to reserve your tickets.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 6.30pm – A Festal Eucharist with our former Rector Rev Jim Mein coming along to speak. A special choir will sing with members from Christ Church, Falkirk (whose choir sang at the original service for the foundation stone laying), from St Mary's and from St Catharine's, Bo'ness. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing work of St Mary's.

St Mary's has also been knitting! We're creating a knitted poppy waterfall for Remembrance Day. If you wish to sponsor a poppy, they can be dedicated in memory of someone for £2 each – the money will entirely go to charity. You can do this at any time, or at any of the above events.

If you have any comments or questions, please call the Rector Rev Willie Shaw on 01324 482438 / 07749256547 or send him an e-mail at the above address.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



## A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 - 10am to 4pm

Step aside from the busyness of the Advent season. The day will be punctuated with reflections and communal prayer but will also give quiet space for your own thoughts and response. There will be an opportunity to walk in the beautiful grounds of Carberry Estate.

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Hosted by Healthlink360 at Elphinstone Wing, Carberry,  
Musselburgh, EH21 8PW

Facilitated by Duncan Hughes and Di Hollow of the Epiphany Group.

Donations of between £5 to £30 welcome

For further details and to book: 0131 653 6767 or  
[admin@healthlink360.org](mailto:admin@healthlink360.org)

Numbers are limited so please book as early as possible

~Dear Friends\*





## WOULD YOUR CHURCH LIKE TO HOLD A CONCERT IN 2018

IF YOU would like your church\* to host a concert in Spring 2018 by a Soloists of Russian Orthodox Male Choral group from St Petersburg ,Russia next February to early May, please feel welcome contact us, Music in Local Churches. The attached leaflet should answer many questions about what you would need to do to host a concert by the Ensemble [https://hermitage.seenworks.com/dloads/Hermitage\\_2018UKv2.pdf](https://hermitage.seenworks.com/dloads/Hermitage_2018UKv2.pdf)

As you will see from the singers' biographies in the attached leaflet, when they are not touring the world they sing in St Petersburg's finest cathedrals and concert venues.

OUR Male Choral group, The ORIGINAL Hermitage Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, will be touring the UK for the nineteenth successive year in 2018 and still have several free dates. All concerts we gave on our recent 2017 tour were sold out.

Whilst they normally give concerts in large churches, they particularly love to sing in our smallest, intimate, atmospheric, friendly churches. So even if your church could seat only a small audience please get in touch. The Ensemble's fee is negotiable according to the size of the venue and the number of people who attend the concert.

The Ensemble is a professional a cappella group of male singers with a countertenor and two of the richest bass voices for which Russian choral music is justly famous. They sing music to suit all tastes, including spine-tingling sacred music and much-loved Russian folk songs, including Kalinka. The size of the group varies according to the music they are singing - between three four and six singers normally take part in each concert.

If you would like to listen to excerpts from their wonderfully uplifting concerts please go to their website: <https://hermitage.seenworks.com>

,IF you would like to talk to a volunteer promoter in England who has organised ten sell-out Hermitage Ensemble concerts, please contact Q/love music tel. 01823333 451162

YOU can contact the Hermitage Ensemble direct, by emailing in St Petersburg: singer's hermitage (at) gmail.com

With good wishes  
Mel Davis

Music in Local Churches

Arts Co-ordinator

We ask you not to be angry with us because of our using you e-mail, we have unfortunately no other means. In every case of interest please get in touch with us. We are waiting for your kind request and remain always at your service.

All participants of "HERMITAGE"  
The project manager Natalia  
[singershermitage@ gmail.com](mailto:singershermitage@gmail.com)





## **Second Hand Book Sale**

**Old St Paul's Church, Jeffrey Street**



**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at 12:15**

**Coffee will be available**

Thank you to one of our church members for donating a number of fiction, history, politics, art and religious books for Sale with all proceeds to go to the churches Restoration and Renewal Fund , this will help with the upgrade of our hall.

The Guild of Health  
and St Raphael



# The Denis Duncan Lecture 2017

on healing, health and wellbeing

The Very Revd David Lunan  
Former Moderator of the General Assembly  
of the Church of Scotland

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017  
6.30pm

St. George's Tron Church  
163 Buchanan Street  
Glasgow  
G1 2JX

Free, ticketed event  
Booking: [www.gohealth.org.uk](http://www.gohealth.org.uk)

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# EDINBURGH INTER FAITH ASSOCIATION

## Faithful Friends

### *Interfaith Befriending Service*

#### Building Bridges of friendship

Edinburgh Interfaith Association invites you to two consecutive inspiring training evenings which will equip you towards build meaningful friendships with people who are facing loneliness and isolation in our communities. These training evenings are open to all faith groups who want to become Befrienders and build purposeful relationships in society.

*"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."* Mother Teresa

#### Interfaith Training Sessions

**Venue: Punjabi Junction, 122-124 Leith Walk , Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 5DT**

Join us at 6.30pm for a free vegetarian curry meal followed by an inspirational evening of learning, encouragement and information to develop your important role as a Befriender in the community.

##### **Tuesday 24th October 2017, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)**

- Why is friendship important in our Faiths?
- What is transactional analyses?
- Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?

##### **Tuesday 31st October 2017, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 2)**

- What makes a good conversation?
- Listening for people's hopes and skills
- Helping people to achieve their goals

**Book your place today online at Eventbrite:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faithful-friends-interfaith-befriending-service-tickets-37568395081>**

**Email us on [info@eifa.org.uk](mailto:info@eifa.org.uk)**

**Ring or text us on 0781 3038756**

**[www.edinburghinterfaith.com](http://www.edinburghinterfaith.com)**

***You can make a difference in the lives of lonely people  
by becoming a volunteer Befriender***

*In partnership with all faith groups in Edinburgh*



# Passing the Baton

## *Befriending Training*

### *Transforming lives through friendship*

Bethany Christian Trust invites you to two consecutive inspiring training evenings which will equip you towards build meaningful friendships with people who are facing loneliness and Isolation in our communities. These training evenings are open to Church members who want to be good friends and build purposeful relationships in society.

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### Passing the Baton Training Evenings

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Join us at 6.30pm for an Asian buffet followed by an inspirational evening of learning, encouragement and information to develop your important role as a Befriender in the community.

#### **Wednesday 25th October, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)**

- Why is friendship important?
- What is transactional analyses?
- Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?

#### **Tuesday 31st October 2017, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 2)**

- What makes a good conversation?
- Listening for people's hopes and skills
- Helping people to achieve their goals

**Book your place today online at Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-tickets-38383575307>

**Email us on** [ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com)

**Ring or text** us on 07969 771659

**Follow us on twitter** @Befriending\_BCT

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by becoming a volunteer Befriender*

