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The Diocese of Edinburgh

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NOTICES

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DIOCESAN OFFICE

Due to current staff illness, and a vacancy in another post here, there may be times when phone calls may not get answered, or get a swift reply to your email. It is part of the nature of a small office, with only one full-time admin staff member, so please bear with us if we are not a quick to respond as we usually attempt to be.

Thank you



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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 21st 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 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

Elizabeth White is standing down as Adventures in Faith coordinator from 1st November to move on to a new role with a Spiritual Direction project. We are sad to see her leave her diocesan role but wish her well as she takes on this new challenge.



At the same time, fresh and exciting developments are in the air; the diocesan 'Growing Together' roadshows over the summer have generated lots of interesting ideas and possibilities for building on the rich offerings in learning and discipleship which have been channelled through Adventures in Faith over the past 15 years. So, we are standing back and taking time to reflect on what the next stage of Adventures in Faith might look like, especially in the context of the diocesan mission strategy. Watch this space!

In the meanwhile, if you have learning events to advertise please send them for inclusion in The Communicant. If you wish to join the Adventures in Faith email list for future updates please sign up via <http://eepurl.com/cZlulT>

The last edition (for now) of the AIF newsletter is available via Facebook www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh and Website www.edinburgh.anglican.org/adventures-in-faith If you particularly need a printed copy of the programme do let the diocesan office know and we can run off a few copies in-house"

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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 24th 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.

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 become 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

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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 Coss 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



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

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

DIARY

Sunday 5th – 8th November	Bishop Seabury (USA) Celebrations - Symposium , Aberdeen incl visit by Presiding TEC Bishop – Rt Revd Michael Curry
Tuesday 7th- 9th November	Clergy Conference , Pitlochry
Sunday 12th November	Scriptural Reasoning Event
Monday 13th November	Diocesan Buildings Committee
Tuesday 14th November	College of Bishops
	Diocesan Finance & Management Committee

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 17th March 2018 Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh

EVENTS



A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 2nd 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

Numbers are limited so please book as early as possible



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

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

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

Prisoners Week

19-26 November 2017

The Prisoners Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those who are held in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.
Amen.

www.prisonersweek.org.uk

On the website you'll find Prisoners Week information, a calendar of events, details of organisations that offer help and advice, discussion ideas, reflections, and worship resources which include prayers from the Christian and Islamic Faiths. In every prison Chaplains and those working with them offer spiritual care and the means by which people can explore and practise faith.

You are invited to:

The National Launch Service for Prisoners Week at 6.30pm on Monday 20th November in St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, FK9 4UA, followed by refreshments.

Prisoners Week is an initiative of the Churches that aims to stimulate discussion, highlight concerns and share hope.
Prisoners Week Trust is a charity, registered in Scotland, No: SC043431



Earlier this year, as part of our fund-raising project at Christ Church, Falkirk for the roof repair, we held a fashion show which was a great success. So much so we decided to hold another one later in the year as requested by many who attended.

This has been organised and will be held in

The Falkirk Golf Club

Stirling Road

Camelon, Falkirk

Thursday 9th November 7pm with at start at 7.30pm

Tickets are

£12.50

which include a welcome drink of your choice, table nibbles, buffet and entry to a raffle.

It should be a fun night with a lot of banter and laughter thanks to our hosts from Taylor Fashions who supply the clothes which are for sale on the evening.

We would be pleased if you could join us.

My email address is mbriqgs485@aol.com. Drop me a message if you would like to come or need any further information.

Margaret Briggs

Christ Church, Falkirk

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 3rd November 2017
6.30pm

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

Free, ticketed event
Booking: www.gohealth.org.uk

in collaboration with



The Church of Scotland

The Church of Scotland
& Action of Churches Together in Scotland

AUTUMN CONFERENCE

Capturing the Vision: A Vision for the
Church in 21st Century Scotland

4 November 2017



Date: Saturday, 4 November 2017, 10.30am - 3.15pm
(registration from 10 am). A light lunch will be provided

Venue: City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX

Speakers:



Rev Dr George Whyte
Principal Clerk, Church of Scotland



Ms Miriam Weibye
Church Relations Officer, Scottish Episcopal Church



The Rt Rev Mgr Philip Kerr
Vice President, Office of Ecumenism, Bishops' Conference of Scotland
Convener, Action of Churches Together in Scotland



Dr Anette Hagan
Senior Curator of Rare Book Collections, National Library of Scotland
and Church of Scotland Elder

The Conference will focus on the theme "Capturing the Vision" taking into consideration the changing church landscape in Scotland and the challenges and opportunities this presents for churches together. In addition, Dr Hagan, who is organising a display of original Lutheran tracts held by the National Library which tell the story of the early Reformation in Germany, will bring a focus on the significance of the Reformation.

To register:

Email: Ros Milne - rmilne@churchofscotland.org.uk
Tel: 0131 225 5722 Ext 2370

Please include your full name and address and any special dietary or other requirements you may have.

Conference Partners:



The Church of Scotland
Ecumenical Relations Committee

www.churchofscotland.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number: SC011363



Action of Churches Together in Scotland

www.acts-scotland.org

Scottish Charity Number: SC000295

Comunn Gàidhlig na h-Eaglaise Easbaigiche Albannaiche

Gaelic Society of the Scottish Episcopal Church

True Religion; Faith and the Jacobite Movement

An Historical Talk

by

Adrienne Hynes

Assistant Curator, Scottish Late

Modern Collections

National Museums Scotland

in connection with

‘Bonnie Prince Charlie and the

Jacobites’ Exhibition

at the National Museum of

Scotland

[until 12th November 2017]



FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2017

at 6.30pm

St Vincent's Chapel,
13 St Vincent Street,
Edinburgh EH3 6SW

Free Entry

Who is Normal?

disability and the image of God



St John's Theology Symposium on Christian Anthropology
A joint event with New College and the Centre for Theology and Public Issues

led by

Professor John Swinton, Aberdeen University

Dr Medi Ann Volpe, Durham University

St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road, Edinburgh

Saturday 25th November 2017, 10am - 4pm

including lectures, lunch, and discussion.

All Welcome – there is no charge but donations can be given

To register contact Dr Stephen Holmes: stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

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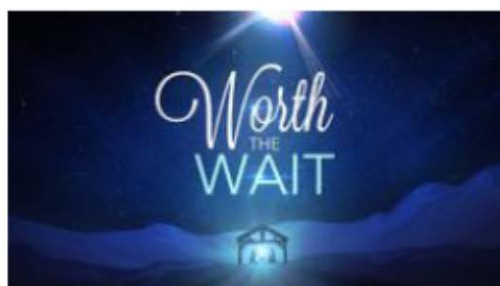


St John's



www.thelanterngroup.org

Advent Stillness



Pausing to Reflect

Waiting with God

Open to Receive

Quiet morning for reflection

Saturday 25 November 2017

10.15 am to 1.30 pm

(Registration from 10.00am: ending with sharing lunch at 1.00pm)

Ormiston Parish Church

The programme will be led by members of the Lantern Group, who share a common interest in the Ignatian way of prayer and spiritual development.

Donations welcomed to defray expenses.

It's helpful if you let us know you plan to come.

Please phone **01620 824896** or email: jstein@handselpress.org.uk

THE ABERDEEN CENTRE
FOR
PROTESTANT THEOLOGY

INAUGURAL LECTURE



The Future of Protestant Theology

Dr Simeon Zahl

Assistant Professor of
Systematic Theology
University of Nottingham

Monday, 27th November
17:15 – 18:30

KCF7, King's College Quadrangle

*An informal reception with drinks and snacks
will follow in the Divinity Library of King's College*