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The Diocese of Edinburgh

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NOTICES

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DIOCESAN OFFICE

Due to various staffing issues 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 as quick to respond as we usually attempt to be.

Thank you



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News from Bishops Enabler of Mission

Are you or your church interested in Art? A new resource has just been published online by St Martin's in the Fields Church and the National Gallery in London using fine art paintings to explore bible stories and faith. It is a free downloadable course of 22 sessions available here:

<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/life-st-martins/discipleship/inspired-to-follow/>

Christmas is nearly here bringing a fabulous opportunity to proclaim the Good News. I am sure you may have some visitors to your services, or more people using your building who don't know much about the real meaning of Christmas. How about having some specific literature available, either to give them or at the back of church to take away. Here are some great, low cost options:

Scottish Bible Society publish a special edition of the gospel of Luke at 25p per copy: <https://scottishbiblesociety.org/our-work/gods-gift-the-christmas-gospel/>

HOPE have a FREE glossy magazine (donation welcome but order soon):

<https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/281125/Christmas.aspx>

The Good Book Company also have some great resources:

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/christian-living/christmas/>

CPO have a whole range of products including some great things for children:

<https://www.cpo.org.uk/catalogue.aspx?cat=2605>

And also for children have a look at Scripture Union material:

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/christmas>

Meanwhile **Advent** is upon us, so have you thought of pointing people to some online resources to help us all reflect, prepare and pray during this season. Here are links to some different online advent calendars/resources:

CAFOD - <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-Calendar>

Loyola Press - <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/calendars/advent-calendar-for-adults>

Bustedhalo - <https://advent.bustedhalo.com/>

Beyond Church (*Open daily an actual beach hut on Brighton beach*):

http://www.beyondchurch.co.uk/menu_2.php

Pray as you Go Advent Retreat - <https://pray-as-you-go.org/prayer-resources/messengers-of-joy-advent-2017/>

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News from the Youth and Children Office

The latest Youth and Newsletter is out now! You can find it [here](#). This bumper edition features:

- The Sleepover by the Castle – report and pictures
- A teenager speaks at Synod – read her speech in full
- Christmas around the Diocese – a taste of the many wonderful events you've got planned!



- School visits to church – St Ninian’s Comely Bank
- A Glen Family Christmas – an 18+ youth event

A date for the diary: REFRESH! is a training event for Sunday School leaders, to be held on 17 February 2018 at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield, 2-5pm. Contact Claire Benton-Evans for further details at youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org

TREASURERS

QUOTA & PAYROLL

Following the sudden death of Nigel Cook, we are in the process of re-arranging many of the tasks he undertook. One of these was the **Direct Debits** for quota and payroll. We are aiming to have new arrangements in place next week (w/c 4 Dec) so any Direct Debits due will just be a little late this month. Apologies if that causes any problems for you.

HMRC EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE

We were delighted to get the news from the General Synod Office that the lawyers acting on behalf of the Province have communicated HMRC’s acceptance that the Allowance **IS** applicable to all charges individually, and can be legitimately claimed. Any charges not making a claim at present should contact their payroll provider or HMRC direct: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-employment-allowance>



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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.

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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THE REV MARY PAT LENNARD died on the 25th November aged 96. She was a Priest for many years at Bo’ness, Grangemouth and Falkirk

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Canon Anne Dyer

Rector of Haddington – to be Bishop of the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (date tbc)

DIARY

Friday 30th November	Memorial Service for Duncan Forrester at Greyfriars Kirk (3.15pm)
Sunday 3rd December	Bishop celebrates and preaches at Rosslyn Chapel
Sunday 3rd December	Bishop takes part in St Andrews Square Nativity & Carol Concert
Tuesday 5th December	Annual Retired Clergy Lunch (11.30am at Old St Paul's)
Thursday 7th December	Provincial Mission Board meets
Saturday 9th December	Bishop attends NSM Day Conference
Monday 11th December	Buildings Committee meets
Tuesday 12th December	Personnel Committee meets
Thursday 13th December	Mission & Ministry Committee meets

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 17th March 2018	Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
Saturday 28th April 2018	St Mary's Cathedral, Diocesan Celebration of Our Life Together Look out for further details – All Age Worship, Workshop & Evening Ceilidh.

VACANCIES

None at Present

EVENTS

SPRING 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

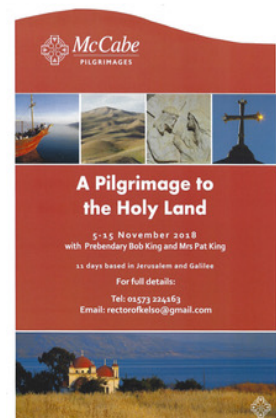
YOU can contact the Hermitage Ensemble direct, by emailing in St Petersburg:
singershermitage(@) gmail.com

With good wishes
Mel Davis

Music in Local Churches

Arts Co-ordinator

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Dear Friends

Pat and I have decided that we would like to lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **5th November to 15th November 2018** and would like to invite you to join us.

***We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load***

The Holy Land is a very special place with incredible history and spirituality. Bob has lead two trips before and Pat and he have jointly taken a party as well which means that we have experience of facilitating this very special type of holiday.

When we are in the Holy Land we will have a full-time guide with us and ours will be a friend we have used before, Nasser, a Christian from Palestine, who has a deep knowledge not only of the history but also the present day situation.

This will be a pilgrimage, with prayer, Eucharist's and a lot of fun, basically it will be conducted in the "Bob and Pat" style of care, attention to detail, prayer, reflection and a lot of fun and laughter.

We will leave from Kelso and travel by coach to Manchester. I have chosen Manchester to try and save the time and expense of travelling through Heathrow and although the return flight time is not ideal I believe that this is the best option for us to use. Nearer the time we will be able to give you an exact price for the cost of bus travel to and from the airport.

The hotels that we use are very good, not luxury but of a high standard and as you will see from the attached brochure all meals, tips etc. are included in the price of the trip.

Obviously, safety is at the very top of our agenda and in conjunction with our Tour Operator, McCabe Travel, we will endeavour to maintain our planned itinerary but should anything arise we will substitute different places to visit.

If you would like to find out more please contact either of us and we will be delighted to chat.

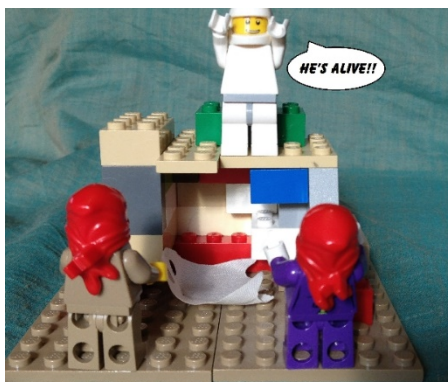
With our love

Pat and Bob King



**Choral Evening for World AIDS Day
sung by the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral**

1st December 2017 at 5:30 pm



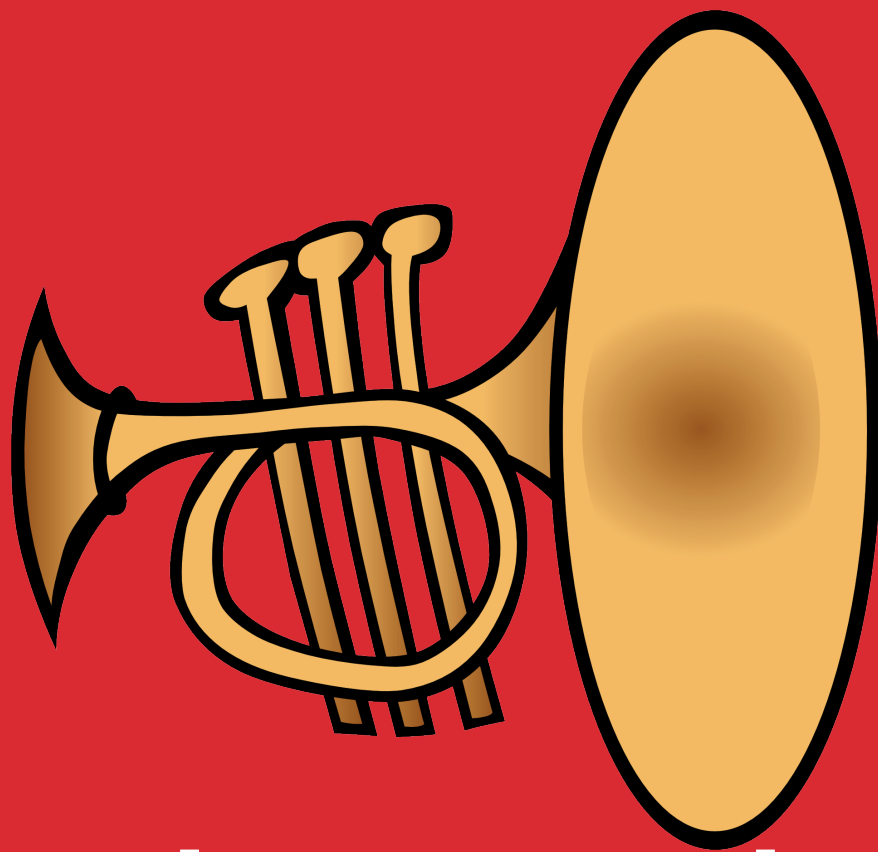
RE-FRESH!

Training for Sunday School Leaders

Feel like you're winging it? Want to be better equipped for Sundays with few children, mixed ages or mixed abilities? Need to know more about resources? Want to be encouraged and inspired? Want to connect with others who feel the same? Book now with Claire Benton-Evans youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Sat 17 February 2018
The Good Shepherd,
Murrayfield 2-5pm





**Sunday 10 December
at 6.30pm**

**DALKEITH AND MONKTONHALL
BRASS BAND
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Tickets £8 | Free entry for under 16's

**St Mark's Episcopal Church, 287 Portobello High St,
Edinburgh EH15 2AR**

www.stmarksportobello.org | 0131 629 1219

stmarkstickets@gmail.com

Scottish Charity No: 017137

Who Has Your Back?

Spirituality and Work Reflection Group

Now entering its third block, this group is for anyone looking for support, resourcing or new inspiration at work. Group continuing with 3 to 6 people – space for new folk to join.



What gets you out of bed in the morning?
What keeps you going at work? What is draining and what's going well? Who or What 'has your back'?

Using a mixture of conversation and creative approaches here is an opportunity to re-energise vision for work, find help with tricky encounters and refresh courage and

compassion towards both yourself and those with whom you work. Open to people from a variety of backgrounds e.g. NHS/social workers, teachers, alternative therapists, charity workers, clergy, volunteers, anyone in 'people roles' or organisations. We will create the space between us using images, objects, action and 'soulful seeing' to go in search of focus, support, and re-equipping.

Friday evenings 7.15 - 9.15pm Next block: 15 December, 12 January, 9 February, 16 March

St Philip's Church, Canonmills, Edinburgh

£30 per session with a commitment across these 4 dates, then choice to leave and stay for next block of four.

Facilitated by Elizabeth White, a spiritual director, trainer and pastoral supervisor who offers individual sessions and group workshops www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/groupwork

Booking and info reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk



Saturday 3 February 2018

Visit to Edinburgh by

Fr Laurence Freeman

Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation



Day Workshop: Spirit and Liberty

Laurence Freeman OSB is a Benedictine monk and the spiritual guide and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation, an ecumenical contemplative community. Before entering monastic life Laurence Freeman had experience with the United Nations, in banking and in journalism. An international speaker and retreat leader he is the author of many articles and books including, *The Selfless Self*, *Jesus: The Teacher Within*, *First Sight: The Experience of Faith and Beauty's Field*. Fr Freeman has conducted dialogues and peace initiatives such as the historic "Way of Peace" with the Dalai Lama, and is active in inter-religious dialogue with leaders of other faiths. He was awarded the Order of Canada in recognition of his work for dialogue and the promotion of world peace. He is the Director of Meditatio, the outreach program of the community, which engages with the secular world on the themes of Education, Mental Health, Business, Addiction and Recovery, Interfaith, and the Environment.

Facilitator: Fr Laurence Freeman

Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

Saturday 3 February 2018

Registration: 9.30am-10am. Day Workshop: 10am-5pm

Cost: £35/£25-£20 (Concessions)/£10 (Students)

For a Registration Form:

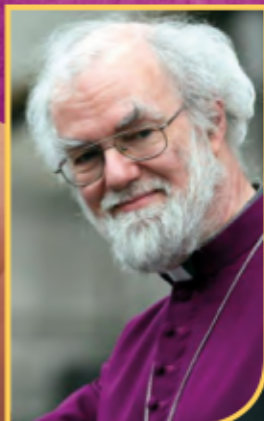
Contact: Neill Walker, mesp2018@hotmail.com, 0131 331 4469

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Visit to Edinburgh by

Dr Rowan Williams

104th Archbishop of Canterbury



An Evening with Dr Rowan Williams

Dr Rowan Williams is acknowledged internationally as an outstanding theological writer, scholar and teacher. He has been involved in many theological, ecumenical and educational commissions. He has written extensively across a very wide range of related fields of professional study - philosophy, theology (especially early and patristic Christianity), spirituality and religious aesthetics. He has

also written throughout his career on moral, ethical and social topics and, since becoming archbishop, he turned his attention increasingly on contemporary cultural and interfaith issues.

In conversation with Professor Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies, Assistant Principal Religion and Society, Dean International, Middle East, the University of Edinburgh.

Chair: Ewan Aitken, Chief Executive Officer of the Edinburgh Cyrenians
St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Registration: 6.30pm-7.15pm. Event: 7.15pm-9pm

Cost: £10/£8 (Concessions) £3 (Students)

For a Registration Form:

Contact: Neill Walker, mesp2018@hotmail.com, 0131 331 4469