



Scottish Episcopal Church

## The Diocese of Edinburgh

Covering the City of Edinburgh, the Borders, Falkirk and the Lothians

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# The Communicant

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

**ALL**



### Diocesan Office Development Day

The Diocesan Office will be closed on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, for a staff development day. We will reopen at 9am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## VESTRY SECRETARIES

### Annual Return Forms



A reminder that Annual Return Forms should be completed by **31<sup>st</sup> January** and sent or emailed to the office. They are all available online at:

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

## ALL

### News from Bishops Enabler of Mission

#### Brothers in Arms

You are invited to a **cream tea at the Diocesan Office at 3pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** to hear about a play called “Brothers in Arms” coming to the Fringe Festival this August.

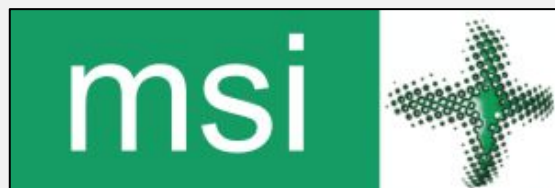
At the Fringe in 2017, Revd Canon David Banbury (who is the Missioner for the Church of England Diocese of Blackburn) staged his play “Home Front-Front Line”, which is a love story set in WW2 focusing on themes of separation, conflict and faith. The play was sold out and received great reviews. Inspired by this, David and his team will be returning to the Fringe in 2018 with his second play “Brothers in Arms” which is set during WW1 and is the true story of twin brothers, Noel and Christopher Chavasse; two highly decorated soldiers who served with great courage. Featuring film, music, drama, images and readings, the play celebrates their service, bravery and their deep rooted Christian faith. Whilst not overtly evangelist, it explores big questions such as where is God in suffering, and what difference does Christian faith make to living, and therefore aims to be a thought-provoking opportunity to encourage people to explore matters of faith for themselves. There is a short promotional clip about the play here - [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1C7T9VkaJSaywrbB003GnZ1JYJA\\_RiW3v](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1C7T9VkaJSaywrbB003GnZ1JYJA_RiW3v)

On 18<sup>th</sup> January David Banbury will be at the Diocesan Office to tell us more about the play and how it can be used for mission. My experience has been that drama and story-telling are great ways to inspire people to think about and discuss Christianity, and I hope that we might use this Fringe event as something congregations might consider inviting their friends to; potentially a low-key and appropriate opportunity for mission.

If you would like to know more, please come and join us for a cream tea at 3pm on 18<sup>th</sup> January, booking in advance by email to Annie Naish [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org) (by 16<sup>th</sup> January) for catering purposes.

#### Mission Shaped Intro in the Borders

**DATE:** Two Saturdays, 27th Jan and 24th Feb  
**TIME:** 10.15am - 2.30pm with a simple lunch  
**VENUE:** St John's Community Centre,  
The Pleasance, Jedburgh, TD8 6DJ



**Ideally come with others from your church or individuals welcome too.**

Our world and our lives are changing at an ever faster pace, but how can our churches 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? Using some of the material from the Mission Shaped Intro course we will explore together mission and church life in our current context.

For catering purposes please book in with Rev. Andrew Cooper: 07864 047 824 OR [stjohnsjedburgh@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnsjedburgh@outlook.com) or for more details contact Rev. Annie Naish 0131 346 9089 OR [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

## Mission Entrepreneurship

Come and join those training for ministry on this mission course  
Five Wednesday evenings 28 February, 7, 14, 21 March and 11 April  
7 - 9pm with the Scottish Episcopal Institute, at the General Synod Office, Edinburgh

This Common Awards validated module is aimed at those with a basic knowledge of the study of mission who desire to learn more about pioneering and entrepreneurship. It will include theological reflection on mission entrepreneurship, especially in relation to engaging in non-church contexts, as well as the stages involved in starting and sustaining a pioneering mission project. Coordinated by Rev Annie Naish, this module is taught by a variety of pioneers and practitioners from across Scotland. Those wishing to take the module simply for pleasure are welcome at no cost, or to credit this module for formal study the fee is £100 with a further 90 hours of personal study and a written assignment expected. Participants will be taking part alongside those studying for recognised ministries. Further information is available from the Revd Dr Michael Hull, Director of Studies, [dos@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:dos@scotland.anglican.org) or 0131 225 6357

**Diocesan Celebration**  
**St Mary's Cathedral**  
**28<sup>th</sup> April**

The logo consists of the words "Growing" and "Together" stacked vertically in a green, rounded, sans-serif font. The text is set against a white rectangular background.

## Save the Date!

Come along and be part of the next step of the Growing Together journey as we rejoice in our shared life and faith in an interactive, fun and engaging celebration for all ages and all churches. Workshops, displays, good news stories, resources and ideas. Look out for more details, but for now **SAVE THE DATE!**

## ALL

### News from the Youth and Children Officer

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](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org)



## TREASURERS QUOTA & PAYROLL



As we currently have no Diocesan Treasurer, we have been re-arranging many of the tasks in that role. One of these is the oversight of **Direct Debits** for quota and payroll. We now have new arrangements in place and Direct Debits are now just about back on track. Apologies if that caused 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>



## ALL

### COMMUNICATIONS

As we start planning what we're doing in 2018, we'd like to make sure that we deliver the training you want and need. Please take 5 minutes now to complete the following survey about what communications training you would like to receive this year.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RHQTVM>

The survey will be open for one week, but early responses are appreciated, so I have time to compile them before the first I&C meeting of the year, when we will be looking at the plan.

Siân Harris  
Communications Coordinator

# CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

**The Revd Canon Anne Dyer**

**Rector of Haddington – to be Bishop of the Diocese of  
Aberdeen & Orkney (from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018)**

## DIARY

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Bishop attends Celtic Bishops Conference in Rome

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Bishop attends Scottish Churches Trust meeting

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Personnel Committee meets

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

St Mary's Cathedral, Diocesan Celebration of Our Life Together  
Look out for further details – All Age Worship, Workshop & Evening  
Ceilidh.

## REQUESTS

### **PRIEST SEEKS ROOM IN EDINBURGH**

**I am a single priest currently serving in Newcastle Diocese, coming to Edinburgh in September 2018 for two years' postgraduate study at New College. I am seeking a room to rent in or within travelling distance of the city centre from September 2018 for a term or longer. If you could help, please contact me: [sarahmiller1413@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmiller1413@gmail.com) I shall be in South India from January 18th-May 25th 2018 doing voluntary teaching work through USPG.**  
[Note – Sarah has met with Bishop John and we hope that she will be able to join our diocese as a non-stipendiary Member of Clergy, when she returns to the UK]

## **The Alastair Haggart Bursary Fund**

The Bursary is awarded annually in memory of Bishop Haggart, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church (1977-85). It aims to help finance sabbaticals or other similar leave of absence on the part of full-time ministers at a stage in the person's life when such an experience will significantly enhance his or her development. The outcomes of the project should also be of benefit to the wider Church.

A committee will convene in February 2018 to make the next award. An award totalling up to £1,500 will be made.

Individual circumstances, financial resources, the nature of the sabbatical and its usefulness to the wider church are taken into consideration when making the award.

To apply for the bursary, please complete the application form over and send it to:

Alastair Haggart Bursary Fund  
c/o Scottish Episcopal Institute  
Forbes House  
21 Grosvenor Crescent  
Edinburgh  
EH12 5EE

Applications must be in by **31 January 2018**

If you would like any further information about the fund, please contact the SEI office at the address above on 0131 243 1347 or email Mrs Denise Brunton, SEI Administrator, [DeniseB@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:DeniseB@scotland.anglican.org)

Please expand the boxes overleaf as needed



## EVENTS



Heriot-Watt University Chaplaincy  
**ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE**

# PHYSICS AND FAITH

**Are God and Science  
engaged in a  
phony war?**

**Professor Tom McLeish**  
University of Durham



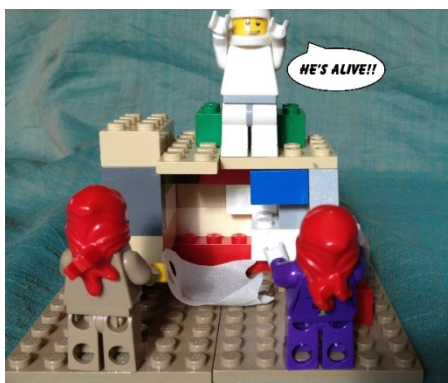
Registration required via eventbrite by 1 Feb 2018  
<https://goo.gl/B4mtdB>  
Or contact [Ruth.Duncan@hw.ac.uk](mailto:Ruth.Duncan@hw.ac.uk)  
t: 0131 451 4508

Regular buses to/from Riccarton,  
Lothian buses Nos. 25 & 34

**Monday,  
5 February 2018  
at 7.00pm**

**Refreshments  
from 6.00pm**

James Watt Centre I  
– Edinburgh Campus



# RE-FRESH!

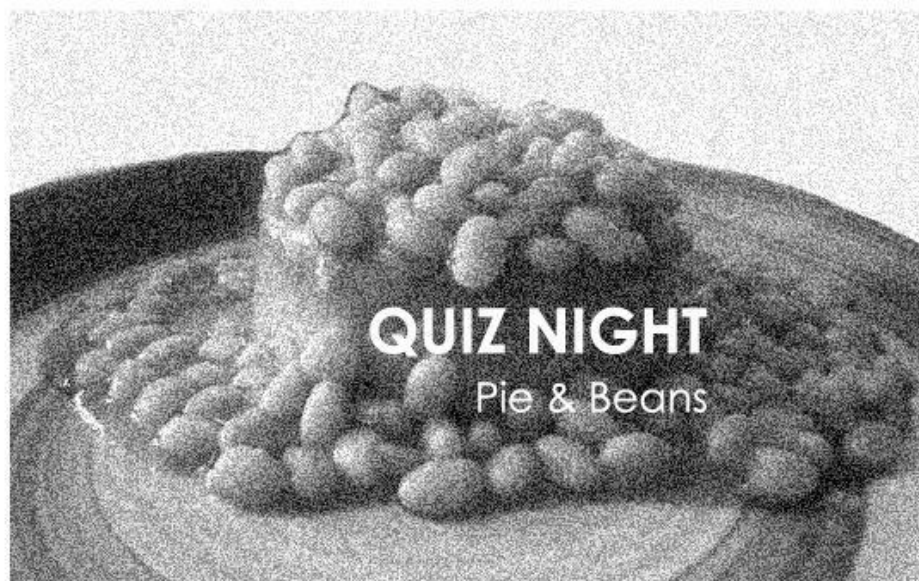
## Training for Sunday School Leaders

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](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

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







# QUIZ NIGHT!

*Fundraiser for The Listening Service*

**6.30**PM

**FRIDAY 19 JANUARY**

**City of Edinburgh Methodist Church  
25 Nicolson Square  
Edinburgh, EH8 9BX**

**Come along and  
show off your  
General  
Knowledge!**

**Tickets £7 per  
person**

**Pie & Beans  
included in the  
price**

**Teams of up to  
five people**

*The Listening Service is a  
volunteer service based  
at Edinburgh Sheriff  
Court, currently staffed  
by around 30 volunteers  
made up of different  
faiths, or none. It  
provides a confidential  
and independent listening  
support service to all  
court users.*



Press release – 8 January 2018

## **FREE TOP TIPS FOR PEOPLE ON LOW INCOME**

### **Positive life skills course will boost well-being**

If money is a source of stress, new free sessions run by the local church might be an answer to your prayers.

It's a new, eight-week course starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, to give people the confidence and decision-making skills to live well, look after themselves and feel positive, even on a low income.

It will be run by Mustard Seed Edinburgh, a recently established missional church operating from St Margaret's Episcopal Church on Easter Road in the heart of Edinburgh. We are the only church in the city trained with charity Christians Against Poverty to offer CAP Life Skills and is working in partnership with other churches across the city that offer other CAP services.

Mark Harris from Mustard Seed Edinburgh said: "It's a series of lovely, relaxed sessions. We'll be looking at lifting the pressure to spend and sharing some great practical tips to help us take control of our money and make it go further. We'll also be doing a big section on making good food so we can help our families stay healthy on a budget. Later on in the course, we'll spend some time looking at healthy relationships – as these have a big impact on how we treat our finances."

Rich Cornfield, the Pioneer Priest at Mustard Seed Edinburgh, added "Most of all, it will be time to share what works and what doesn't, both as a group and one-to-one, and give each other encouragement to do the things that work best in our own situations. It will be some of those key things you wished they had taught you at school, but didn't."

During the pilot course, one attendee said the best thing about CAP Life Skills was: "Making new friends, learning about money and making good plans."

Christians Against Poverty is a charity that gives free help to everyone regardless of age, gender, faith or background. Started 20 years ago, it first offered debt counselling and now offers a range of help to tens of thousands of people in hardship across the UK every year.

To find out more:

Call Mark on 07519 268800 or email [markharris@caplifeskills.org](mailto:markharris@caplifeskills.org); or

Call Rich on 07966165043 or email [richard@mustardseededinburgh.org](mailto:richard@mustardseededinburgh.org)

#### **Notes for journalists**

Christians Against Poverty is a national charity with over 600 centres across the UK delivering debt counselling, money management, job clubs and support for people breaking addictions.

Please use our stock pix <https://capuk.org/capmoneycoursephotos>

CAP's National PR Manager Marianne Clough on 01274 761924 or email [marianneclough@capuk.org](mailto:marianneclough@capuk.org)

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**Mustard Seed Edinburgh**  
**13 Munro Drive, Edinburgh, EH13 0EG**  
**Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation - SC047549**

**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](mailto:mesp2018@hotmail.com), 0131 331 4469

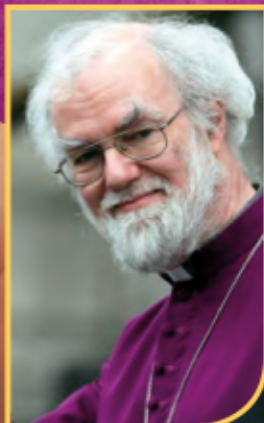


**Wednesday 21 March 2018**

*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**