

# YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



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## Science and God

### St Peter's, Edinburgh Scientists and Congregations Project

A short service for teenagers and adults to celebrate the work of scientists  
including a talk by **Professor Simon Conway Morris**  
followed by a buffet and question and answer session

#### Come and meet a famous scientist that believes in God

 Simon Conway Morris is a Professor of Palaeobiology at the University of Cambridge and is famous for his work on fossils discovered in an area of the Canadian Rockies known as the Burgess Shale.

 As well as being an accomplished scientist he is also a committed Christian and is regularly involved in discussions about science and Christianity.

 Professor Conway Morris will be speaking on his experience as a scientist that believes in God and will also participate in the question and answer session after the service.

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Lutton Place, Edinburgh  
Saturday 27th February  
5.30 - 7.30pm

Enquiries – [childrenandyouthwork@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:childrenandyouthwork@stpetersedinburgh.org)



This is an exciting opportunity for teenagers and adults to think about the relationship between science and faith, and to ask experts some difficult questions!

St Peter's Lutton Place is hosting this event on 27 February. Glen delegates and friends are invited to meet together for worship, followed by Q & A, pizza and a catch-up. If you have teenagers in your church, please encourage them to come along. For further details, contact Derek Harley: [childrenandyouthwork@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:childrenandyouthwork@stpetersedinburgh.org)



*What mission can look like: babies at  
St Margaret's Easter Road*

## THIS EDITION

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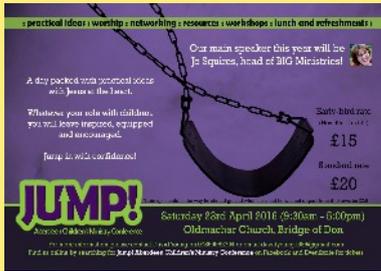
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# JUMP!

# SEEN AND HEARD

ENCOURAGING AND EQUIPPING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



# Seen and Heard

Encouraging and equipping  
children's ministry

Here's a children's ministry conference further north. The organisers say:

“This year we are thrilled to be welcoming Jo Squires, head of BIG Ministries, to be our main session speaker. In addition we will be joined by Mark Cameron and his team from St Paul's and St George's Church in Edinburgh, who will be leading our worship. Both Jo and Mark, along with several other great speakers, will also be running seminars throughout the day covering a wide range of topics related to children's ministry & parenting. Once again we hope to provide a wide range of resources and book stalls for you to look through as well as much much more!”

**WHEN:** Saturday 23 April from 9:30 am to 5 pm

**WHERE:** Oldmachar Church in Aberdeen.  
**BOOKING** [here](#).

Come to the Seen and Heard conference on Saturday 24 September 2016 to be encouraged and equipped in the valuable work that you do.



Search **Seen and Heard** on Facebook

Come to the Seen and Heard conference on Saturday 24 September 2016 to be encouraged and equipped in the valuable work that you do. Here's what you can expect:

- Get tips and ideas from experts in workshops
- Discover great ministry resources in the exhibition
- Be inspired during the main sessions
- Connect with other people doing similar work

The Seen and Heard conference is for anyone who does Christian work with children, including Sunday school, school groups, assemblies and holiday clubs.

Take advantage of the Early Bird rate until Easter 2016 of only £20 per ticket (full ticket

price £30), which includes lunch, refreshments and all sessions, including two workshops. Group discount available: please email [seenandheard@psandgs.org.uk](mailto:seenandheard@psandgs.org.uk)

Find out more and stay up-to-date with the latest speakers, sessions and workshops on the Facebook page.

*Seen and Heard is supported by the following partners: Ps & Gs, Care for the Family, Fischy Music, Scripture Union Scotland, Scottish Bible Society and Urban Saints Scotland.*

**WHEN:** Saturday, 24 September 2016 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** St Paul's & St George's Church - York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3JW  
**BOOKING** [here](#).

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# ONE TODDLER'S STORY

## FROM ST MARGARET'S EASTER ROAD

“This is Antoni with his mum Sabina. Antoni was a few months old when he first came to the group, sitting shyly on his mum’s knee. Gradually we have watched him grow into a confident toddler who happily explores the room and plays on his own and with other children. He started speaking in English, much to his Polish mum's delight, and he has learnt to share toys with others. He loves when someone blows bubbles and shrieks with delight when his special friend Zoshia arrives, another Polish girl who has been in the group as long as himself. The mums too have made friends and grown in confidence to share their concerns and family news.

This is what the group is all about - offering support and a listening ear, reassuring mums when they share their concerns. It's about connecting in a real way, being the eyes and ears of Christ with a compassionate heart, as well as providing a safe, happy



### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

place for children to play and develop social and language skills to help them move into the next stage of their lives.

We will soon say goodbye to Antoni, as he goes to nursery and his mum goes back to work. We have been a significant part of the family's journey in life.

We have seen the difference in the lives of many babies growing into toddlers and we

want to offer more, through employing a church children's worker. We hope the experienced worker can help enable our church to offer more, as our mission and outreach into the local community.

We hope our church family will grow too, as we draw families into church life. May we all open our hearts and spread our arms wide to embrace this next stage.”

*Lynda Anderson*

## NEW CHILDREN'S LEADER



I am delighted to introduce Rilza Rodrigues Montgomery, who has been appointed by St Margaret's Easter Road to be their Church Children's Leader. This new role has been created in response to the exciting growth of the church's mission to children and families. This post has been funded by the St Hilda's Fund for the following purposes:

- To set up a new Sunday School at St Margaret's in response to growing interest from Toddler Group parents; to co-ordinate and lead a Sunday School volunteer team.
- To work with the Baby & Toddler group team, developing relationships between the church and families in the local community. Please pray for Rilza and all at St Margaret's.

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# MISSION AND OUTREACH



Sand play and bubbles,  
Smiles and sharing troubles,  
Painting after tasty snacks,  
Playing with cars and trains,  
Singing your favourite songs.

We are a multi-cultural  
community  
Reaching out into families,  
Offering real support  
and friendship.

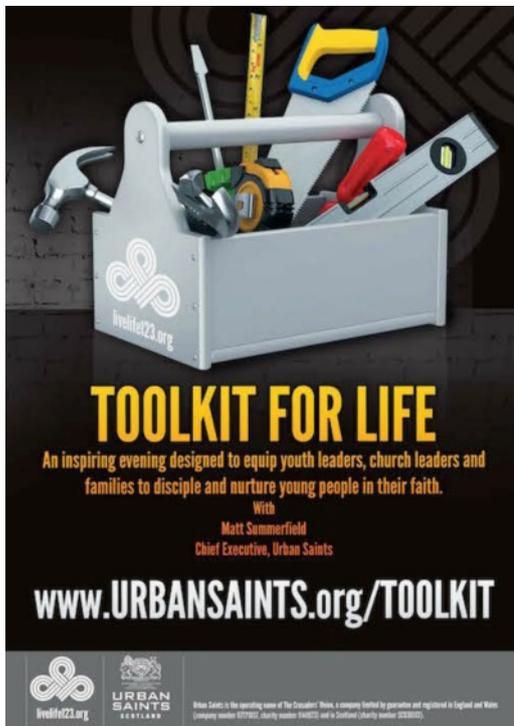
*Lynda Anderson, St Margaret's  
Parent and Toddler Group*



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# TRAINING EVENTS

## TOOLKIT FOR LIFE - URBAN SAINTS

What does it mean for you to invest in intentional, accountable disciple-making relationships in your youth group, in your church or in your family? This training evening will explore the concept of 'Spiritual Parenting' and unpack what you might need to know and do to really make a difference in those young lives with whom you interact.

9 March from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
 Liberton Kirk, Kirkgate, Edinburgh, EH16 6RY

[INFORMATION & BOOKING](http://www.urbansaints.org/toolkit)

## LAUNCHPAD - SCRIPTURE UNION

LaunchPad aims to equip new and experienced mission and holiday club teams with lots of ideas, resources, thinking and enthusiasm as they prepare to reach out to their communities. Come, be inspired, discover new and practical ideas for your mission/ holiday club. Network with others involved in mission with children and young people throughout Scotland.

12 March from 10 am to 4.30 pm  
 Davidson's Mains Church, Edinburgh  
 EH4 5BB

[INFORMATION & BOOKING](http://www.suscotland.org.uk/launchpad)



## THE SEXUALISATION OF CULTURE: A BIBLICAL RESPONSE - Scottish Churches Children's Group

What impact is increased sexualisation having on our children? How do we model and teach positive values which will counter the negative trends? The conference is aimed at those working with families with children who want to present a positive view of sexuality from a Christian framework but also to deal with the negative implications of living in an increasingly sexualised society.

10 March from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm  
 The new Salvation Army Building, 1 Houldsworth St,  
 Glasgow, G3 8ED

[INFORMATION & BOOKING](http://www.scchildrens.org)



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## DIARY DATES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROVINCIAL YOUTH WEEK

# GLEN '16

at Glenalmond College, Perthshire



27 February - Scientists and Congregations project plus "Glenbombing" at St Peter's Lutton Place, 5.30-7.30 pm

9 March - *Toolkit for life* training at Liberton Kirk, Kirkgate Edinburgh, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

10 March - *The Sexualisation of Culture: a Biblical response* at the new Salvation Army Building, 1 Houldsworth St, Glasgow, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

12 March - *LaunchPad* at Davidson's Mains Church, Edinburgh, 10 am to 4.30 pm

23 April - *JUMP Children's Ministry Conference* at Oldmachar Church in Aberdeen, 9:30 am to 5 pm

24-30 July - Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond

24 September - *Seen and Heard Children's Ministry Conference* at Ps and Gs, Edinburgh, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th July 2016

## "OUT OF THIS WORLD" - LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

[www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/provincial-youth-committee/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/provincial-youth-committee/)

<https://www.facebook.com/secpyc>

General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Scottish Charity Number SC015962

## NOW BOOKING! EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

It's that time again! Please tell teenagers in your church. The total cost of the Week is subsidised by the Scottish Episcopal Church. A suggested contribution is £135 from each person and £110 from their Vestry. Full payment should be made by Wednesday 1st June. If payment is received before Easter

(March 27), the payments would be £130 and £105 respectively. If there is a group of delegates coming from your church, and you would like to pay the Vestry contribution all together, please get in touch with Rev Tembu Rongong: [rector@stpj.org.uk](mailto:rector@stpj.org.uk)

Application forms available [here](#).

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