



ADVENTURES IN FAITH

Adult Learning and Development in the Diocese of Edinburgh

November/December 2017

Adventures in Faith is a hub of information, enabling and support for adult learning around the Diocese of Edinburgh; encouraging churches in their discipleship programmes, sharing resources and good practice, and networking events across Edinburgh, the Borders, Falkirk and the Lothians.



A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 2 December 10am - 4pm
Healthlink360, Elphinstone Wing, Carberry,
Musselburgh, EH21 8PW



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.

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

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Donations of between £5 to £30 are welcome. For further details and to book 0131 653 6767 or admin@healthlink360.org Numbers are limited so please book as early as possible.

A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 25 November, 10am - 4pm
Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh

Could but thy soul, O man, Become a silent night! God would be born in thee And set all things aright. (Trad)
Another year is racing along. Soon we will be stumbling towards Christmas, wondering how we got there. This Quiet Day is an invitation to take time out as we head into the busy festive period, to listen to the soft voices of the angels who still announce the coming of Emmanuel, God with us, and all that brings. There will be a mixture of guided reflection and individual quiet time, with a chance to rest, reflect and be creative. Cost £30 (£20 concession or pay what you can) includes lunch and coffee & cake. To book a place, email wordsmansfield@gmail.com, or call 07803 620038. Please consider booking by Friday 3rd November if possible. There is a £10 non-refundable deposit for this event.

Mission Shaped Intro

Six Mondays 6, 13, 20, 27 November and 4, 11 December 7.30 - 9.30pm
Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

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. With space for small group discussion, it is a great opportunity to come with others from your church for the most benefit, but individuals are welcome too. Facilitated by the Rev Annie Naish, Bishop's Enabler of Mission. There is no charge but please book, or for more details contact Annie mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 0131 346 9089. Further courses are being planned for the east and west of the diocese in 2018.



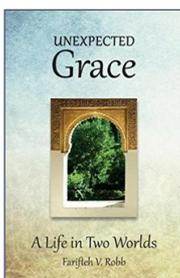
Change is in the Air

We are sad to announce that Elizabeth White is standing down as Adventures in Faith coordinator from 1st November to move on to a new role. 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 events to advertise please send them to the office for inclusion in The Communicant. If you wish to join the Adventures in Faith email list for future news please sign up at <http://eepurl.com/cTwhDD>
This edition of the newsletter is available in digital format via email, at www.edinburgh.anglican.org/adventures-in-faith and on Facebook www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh; if you particularly need a printed copy do let the diocesan office know and we can run off a few copies in-house.

Who is Normal? Disability and the Image of God

St John's Theology Symposium on Christian Anthropology
 Saturday 25 November 10 - 5pm, St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road, Edinburgh

The 2017 St John's Theology Symposium will look at the Christian understanding of the human person as created in the image of God and will be led by Professor John Swinton of Aberdeen University and Dr Medi Ann Volpe of Durham University. Both are theologians well known for their work on how people with disabilities or mental illness can teach us what it means to be human. The Symposium will consist of lectures and discussion around a good lunch with drinks. It is an initiative of St John's Episcopal Church and Edinburgh University School of Divinity, in collaboration with City Centre Churches Together and the Centre for Theology and Public Issues. Donations can be given towards the cost of lunch and drinks. To register stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk 0131 229 7565



At **Christ Church, Morningside** this autumn there is a series of Interfaith discussions between a formal representative of another faith and members the congregation. A recently published memoir by a member of Christ Church who is herself a Christian convert from Islam would be a fitting companion

to this series. Farifteh Robb's autobiographical book *Unexpected Grace* describes the experience of living between two faiths and two cultures while attempting to remain loyal to both. The author was baptized in Iran, survived the Islamic Revolution, and later came to Britain to begin a new life. It highlights the many highs and lows of an interfaith experience which ultimately led her to Christ.

Christ Church, Morningside

Sunday 19 November 11.30am Journeys in Faith Session led by Rev Andrew Bain from Emmaus House

Sunday 26 November 6.45 - 8.15pm Interfaith Conversations - *Meet Rabbi Mark Solomon*, Interfaith Consultant; Liberal Judaism Senior Lecturer, Leo Baeck College; Edinburgh & Leicester Liberal Synagogue.

Sunday 21 January 11.30am More than a long walk: experiences in the Pyrenees mountains between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean led by Timothy Horne, member of Christ Church

Wednesday mornings 11.45 - 12.45pm Growing with the Gospel: we hear and reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Tea/coffee provided.

Mission Entrepreneurship

Five Wednesday evenings 28 February, 7, 14, 21 March and 11 April, 7 - 9pm with the Scottish Episcopal Institute, 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. Along with the Tutor, Revd Annie Naish, this module is taught by a variety of pioneers and practitioners from across Scotland.

For those looking to credit this module a further ninety hours of personal study and a formal assignment are expected, and the fee to credit is £100. Those wishing to take the module simply for pleasure are also warmly invited, in which case there is no cost (except the cost of a possible text book). Participants will be taking part alongside those studying for recognised ministries. Further information is available from the Revd Dr Michael Hull, Director of Studies on 0131 225 6357 dos@scotland.anglican.org

A New Testament course will also begin 18 April 2018, please enquire for details.

At the Heart. On the Edge

Tuesday 21 November 10 - 4pm
 Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh



HeartEdge is a growing ecumenical network of churches and other organisations working across the UK and overseas, initiated by St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. HeartEdge aims to catalyse Kingdom Communities for those working at the heart of commerce, culture and community; with those at the margins and on the edge; building association, learning, and resource. This day includes theology, ideas, solutions and support with a programme developed jointly by Greyfriars Kirk and St Martin's in the Fields. We will explore mission and ministry in relation to:

- Congregation* - Liturgy and worship for day-to-day communal life
- Commerce* - Starting and sustaining distinctive enterprise to generate finance for your church
- Compassion* - Growing participation and volunteering to address social need locally
- Culture* - Using art, music and performance to re-imagine the Christian narrative in your context

Bookings: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/at-the-heart-i-on-the-edge-edinburgh-tickets-36649868744?aff=es2

Learn more about HeartEdge www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/church/worship/partnerships

Facing the Reality of a Changing Climate - as people of hope, how can we respond?

Sunday 19 November 7pm at The King's Hall, 41A South Clerk Street, Edinburgh

A unique opportunity to hear Katharine Hayhoe from North America, an evangelical Christian and climate scientist named in TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World 2014 and Fortune's 50 World's Greatest Leaders. She will be in conversation with Alastair McIntosh, Scotland's celebrated author and human ecologist, in a discussion chaired by leading mediator John Sturrock QC. Climate change is one of the most hotly debated issues today. And between Trump, political posturing and increasing climate disasters, it can be really hard to know how to respond... and all too easy to look away. Is the evidence solid? Are proposed solutions viable? What does it ask of us as people of hope and faith? Is belief sometimes part of the problem? This important conversation between two of the world's highest profile climate leaders will untangle the issues behind global warming and our awareness, highlighting the key role our faith and values play in shaping our attitudes and actions at this crucial time. Free entry, sponsored by Tearfund, Eco-Congregation Scotland and Core Solutions. Co-ordinated by copywriter and author Liz MacWhirter.

Preparing for Advent and Christmas

7 - 9pm Wednesdays
November 8, 15 and 22
Trinity Centre, Melrose



Supper at 7pm and a talk at 8pm. You are welcome to come to both or just to the talk. Soup will be provided; Please bring something to share (bread, cheese, cheese biscuits, fruit, yogurt - enough for two people).

Also Wednesday 29 November 7pm

Taize Service

Taize chants interspersed with readings and silence providing a time for reflection and meditation. Contact Jane Barley 01896 822732

10th Anniversary Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture

10am Wednesday 8 November
Methodist Halls, 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh

Angela Constance MSP Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities will give this year's lecture 'The role of the faith communities in supporting the well-being of older people and those with dementia'. Angela has been an MSP for Livingston since 2007 and has held several senior posts in the Scottish Government. £10 including refreshments, please contact info@fiop.org.uk 0131 346 7981



Making Peace with Conflict

7.15 - 9.45pm Friday 3 November and Saturday 4 November 9.30 - 5pm
The King's Hall, 41a South Clerk Street, Edinburgh

Conflict is normal and inevitable, but sometimes it can be destructive when we don't handle conflict well. This training workshop is designed to equip ministers, leaders and pastors, and their wider leadership teams, to engage with conflict and difference in healthy and constructive ways. The workshop is designed to give an introduction to the ways we can begin to build healthy cultures around conflict in our churches. Participants will explore what conflict is, raise self-awareness of their preferences of 'conflict style', explore the culture of how conflict is handled in a group or church; and learn practical tools for engaging with conflict in more healthy ways. £55 per person. Booking can be made via BACS by emailing rupert.ward@cce.community or online with booking fee www.tinyurl.com/makingpeacewithconflict

Into Silence

Fridays 27 October, 24 November, 19 January 1.30 - 3pm
Christ Church Centre, Holy Corner, Edinburgh



Group continuing monthly, new people always welcome; come occasionally or regularly. Guided introduction, stillness and 30 minutes of silent prayer. Led by spiritual director and counsellor Mollie Paterson. Just come along, donations around £5 on day. To receive emails about future dates contact reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk

Exhibition

10 November - 8 March 2018

New College Library and the Edinburgh University Main Library, George Square will open an exhibition in observance of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. The exhibition will draw upon the rich Special Collections of the two libraries, focusing on the role of books of various kinds in the rapid geographical spread of the Reformation.

Soul Space

First Wednesday of month (not Jan) 12.30 - 2pm, and 5 - 7pm, with optional, short reflections at 1pm and 6pm St Cuthbert's Church, corner of Lothian Road and Kings Stable's Rd, Edinburgh



Come and go as you can in this beautiful, themed space. Pause to reflect, relax, or pray. Light a candle, engage with what's on offer - we provide the space, but you are free to use it as you want. More the themes and dates www.st-cuthberts.net/soulpace.php

Advent Stillness - Quiet Morning for Reflection

Saturday 25 November 10.15 - 1.30pm
Ormiston Parish Church

Pausing to Reflect : Waiting with God : Open to Receive



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. Please let us know you plan to come. 01620 824896 or jstein@handselpress.org.uk www.thelanterngroup.org

Bible Journalling Workshop

Saturday 11 November 2 - 5pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield, Edinburgh

What does it really mean when we talk about the fruit of the Spirit? Come and creatively explore Paul's metaphor in Galatians 5, complementing the theme of Harvest.

Journalling Christmas Workshop

Friday 1 December 10 - 1pm in Blackhall, Edinburgh

Come and enjoy some space to relax and get creative in the run-up to Christmas. Focus on what matters to you. Start a journal that will take you through the month, helping you pause for gratitude and reflection. No Bibles involved!



Cost of above workshops £45 per person which includes creative materials on the day, extras to take home, tea, coffee and cake.

Advent Bible Journalling and Retreat Day

Saturday 2 December 10 - 4pm in Blackhall, Edinburgh
In the morning, set up a journal with simple Bible prompts for each day of Advent. Spend the afternoon in silent retreat with your Bible and new journal and savour the time to stop, reflect, get creative and pray. Cost £65 which includes, lunch, tea, coffee, cake, Advent journal kit and lots of art and craft supplies to try.

Workshops led by Revd Jane MacLaren. Please book in advance: jane@creativejournalling.co.uk 07709 90528

ACTS Autumn Conference - Capturing the Vision: A Vision for the Church in 21st Century Scotland

Saturday 4 November 10.30 - 3.15pm, City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, Nicolson Square, Edinburgh



The Conference will consider the changing church landscape in Scotland and the challenges and opportunities this presents for churches together. Speakers: Rev Dr George Whyte (Principal Clerk, Church of Scotland), Ms Miriam Weibye (Church Relations Officer, Scottish Episcopal Church), The Rt Rev Monsignor Philip Kerr (Office of Ecumenism, Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland, and Convener of ACTS), Dr Anette Hagan (Senior Curator of Rare Book Collections, National Library of Scotland and Church of Scotland Elder). In addition, a display of original Lutheran tracts held by the National Library which tell the story of the early Reformation in Germany. To register contact rmilne@churchofscotland.org.uk 0131 225 5722 Ext 2370 Please include your name, address and any dietary requirements; a light lunch will be provided.

Who Has Your Back

Four Fridays 15 December, 12 January, 9 February, 16 March
7.15 - 9.15pm St Philips Church, Canonmills, Edinburgh

A soulful, reflective practice group for people in a variety of work roles. 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'? For NHS/social workers, teachers, alternative therapists, charity workers, clergy, volunteers, anyone in 'people roles' or organisations looking to re-energise vision for work, find help with tricky encounters and refresh courage and compassion towards yourself and those with whom you work. Group of 3 to 6 people. Early bird rate £110 for 4 sessions if paid in full by 13 Nov, or £30 per session across four dates.

Facilitated by Elizabeth White www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/groupwork
Booking and information reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk

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