



ADVENTURES IN FAITH

NEWSLETTER December 2015

Learning and Development in the Diocese of Edinburgh for January to March 2016

Recently re-launched, Adventures in Faith exists to:



Diocese of
Edinburgh

- Discover and encourage priorities for learning across the Diocese of Edinburgh
- Support congregations in their own learning programmes, networking to share resources and good practice
- Initiate and organise a programme of Diocesan-wide events
- Publicise learning opportunities via this newsletter and social media
- Develop the network of Spiritual Direction and Supervision

Where Our Stories Meet

Adventures in Faith presents a 'Retreat in Daily Life' through Lent

What does it mean to follow in Jesus' footsteps? How might we come to know more of Jesus' story connecting with our own story, in ways that bring healing and love to our lives? As we walk these Lenten days come and encounter Jesus afresh through stories of passion, friendship, betrayal, sorrow, risk, surrender and mystery.

Opening gathering of retreatants and guides **Monday 15th February 7.30pm**

Closing gathering **Saturday 19th March 7pm**

Both at St Vincent's Chapel, St Vincent Street, Stockbridge, Edinburgh EH3 6SW



In between we offer suggestions for a daily prayer rhythm, and five weekly meetings with a retreat guide, at times to suit you. All guides are trained and supervised for this work and we will endeavour to match you geographically across the Diocese. You may wish to consider 'letting go' of something else during this Lenten retreat in order to give yourself to this opportunity.

Cost £50 (£40 conc). Bursary support is available, please enquire.

For full booking information: adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

0131 346 9081

If you would like to receive Adventures in Faith email updates, please contact us using the details on the back page

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The Theology of the Cross

Wednesday 3rd February 2016

The Continuing Professional Development team at New College, University of Edinburgh, is organising a one-day event, prior to the beginning of Lent, exploring 'The Theology of the Cross'. The main speaker is Rev. Prof David Fergusson, and other members of New College staff will lead specialist sessions connected to the main theme. The event is aimed particularly as a refresher course for clergy, worship or lent group leaders from all denominations.

Starting 12 noon with a sandwich lunch and ending at 5pm with a glass of wine.

The event costs £10 (to cover costs)

For further information, please contact Jean Reynolds J.Reynolds@ed.ac.uk





Adventures in Faith presents: The Global Shift of Christianity

Saturday 16th January at 2pm

With Dr Alexander Chow MA ThM PhD

Chancellor's Fellow, World Christianity, School of Divinity, New College, Edinburgh

With the rapid decline of Christianity in Europe comes a surprising growth of the Christian faith in Africa, Asia and Latin America – what can we learn here in Scotland and the UK from this global shift?

St Mark's Church, 287 Portobello High Street, Portobello EH15 2AR

Bus numbers 15, 26 and 45 stop outside; 21, 42 and 49 stop a short walk away. Ample parking in the streets around; the venue is close to the Innocent Railway cycle paths. There is disabled access.

£5 on the door

Hot drinks and a warm welcome on a January afternoon to this Adventures in Faith theology presentation

Parenting Course

A four week course for busy parents, helping to improve our relationships with our children to help them flourish, think about our parenting style in a relaxed, friendly environment, hear about other parents' experiences and learn together, picking up ideas and top tips to build confidence as parents to help us cope in difficult situations.

Dates: 25 January, 8 February, 22 February, 7 March, 21 March 2016, 7.45pm

Cost: £15 per person. Free places are also available if cost is an issue

At: St Paul's and St George's Church, York Place, Edinburgh

More information on www.pandgchurch.org.uk
0131 556 1335

Reserve your place by emailing
office@pandgchurch.org.uk

Marriage Preparation Course

Are you planning to get married, or thinking about it? Then the Marriage Preparation Course is for you. The course aims to help engaged couples or those considering marriage develop strong foundations for a lifetime together and runs over 5 evenings. Couples enjoy a candle-lit dinner, lots of chances to chat together, talks on the skills of marriage, and interesting insights into the married lives of a different couple each week!

Dates: 24 February and 2, 9, 16, 23 March 2016, 7.15pm

Cost: £56 per couple

At: St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

More information www.pandgchurch.org.uk



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Would you like to hear the sounds of the words Jesus spoke, in the language he used, and explore them yourselves in some way? I work with the Lord's Prayer, Beatitudes and I AM statements of Jesus and can offer congregations the experience of hearing and/or learning these words as a means to enrich prayer; expand the understanding of our English translations; and contribute to worship. This can be offered through Sunday services; as one-off event or as a Study course.

Contact Jenny Williams jennywilliams@gmx.co.uk

Jenny is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland working freelance in the areas of pastoral care, health and healing, and emerging forms of church. For 15 years, she has been using the Aramaic language as prayer and meditation offering a new form of worship and healing.

The Coracle Trust in association
with the Epiphany Group

Retreat in Daily Life

In the deep of winter the idea of 'hunkering down', with its imagery of sitting before a roaring fire, of hibernating even can lead us subtly into a more interior place. Whilst the earth appears silent, dark and unchanging we look inwards for (signs of) life. Life has become a blur. Now we stop. We enquire and we search, asking ourselves 'life-exposing questions'. Am I content or stressed? Is my life in balance or am I living from one dramatic episode to another?

This retreat with its theme of Self-inventory is offered on a daily life basis with opening group session on **Sunday 17th January 4-5pm** and closing session on **Sunday 14th February 4-5pm**, with four 1-1 sessions with a spiritual director in between. The core activity is daily personal prayer upon which we reflect.

The cost is £30 (£20 for concessions). No-one need feel excluded because of cost. Contact us if funds are an issue.

For more information contact
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Faith in Older People is a small independent charity which aims to enhance the quality of life and well-being of older people by working with those providing practical, pastoral or spiritual care.

19 January 2016: 10am-3pm

HOW LISTENING CAN BRING LIFE - a day event for anyone involved with Pastoral Care of older people
Led by Jenny Williams, former Chaplain to the Christian Fellowship of Healing.

Venue: The Golden Lion Flagship Hotel, 8-10 King Street, Stirling

Cost: £50.00 (includes tea/coffee on arrival and lunch)

28 January 2016: 2pm-4.30pm

MUSIC - an event based on music with a focus on how to enable the development of singing groups in community and residential settings

Led by Diana Kerr who will introduce her guide to setting up singing groups and engage us in a practical way.

Venue: Scottish Storytelling Centre, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Cost: £15.00 (includes tea/coffee)

All our events can be booked via our website

www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk

Tel: 0131 346 7981 / Email: info@fiop.org.uk



Six Days

reflective and interactive themed saturdays

at Christ Church, Morningside Road, Edinburgh 10am - 4pm
organised by the Epiphany Group

9 January The Generosity of Elders In the Autumn years of our lives, how do we live more intentionally out of a place of generosity and grace; of clarity and wholeness? How do we then use these gifts to nourish the lives of others? Using poetry, image and gentle conversation, this day is aimed at 'second-half' or retired people and those who accompany them in life. With Nancy Adams, member of the Coracle Trust, Emmaus House & Place for Hope communities.

6 February Living Compassion Through simple and profound practices, this day will explore how to nurture a compassionate relationship with ourselves and bring compassion to others around us. This work is spiritual; it helps us to connect with our inner life, increase self-awareness and choice, and live from a place of integrity. Facilitated by Véréne Nicolas, a certified trainer in Nonviolent Communication, mediator and Quaker.

£25 per day including soup lunch; bursary help available

Full programme and booking: 07952 198379 sixdaysedinburgh@yahoo.co.uk

www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/south_east

Journeys in Faith

This programme at Christ Church Edinburgh, consists of a mix of information sessions about different causes which Christ Church supports, either internationally or in the UK; discussion of different aspects of Christian faith and practice (e.g. biblical, historical or theological themes); and practical sessions on different aspects of the church's life (e.g. training for Area Visitors).

Each session starts at 11.30am in the Church Centre. All welcome - pick up your coffee from the church hall after the service and bring it along.

January 17th Music in the Anglican Tradition:
Michael Green

January 31st Funeral Planning: Joan Adam and a representative from Wm Purves Funeral Directors

February 7th The Bible in Literature: Kate Durie

March 6th The Bible in the Eucharist:
Susan Macdonald

www.christchurchmorningside.org

Tel: 0131 229 0090

Play and Pray

No space or time to pray? How do I help my child discover prayer, whilst also finding nurture myself?

This ever-popular 6-week interactive series returns on Monday mornings 10.30am - 12 noon for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers

15th, 22nd, 29th February, and 7th, 14th, 21st March

St Ninian's Episcopal Church, 40 Comely Bank,
Edinburgh, EH4 1AG

The series cost is £30 per family, to include a tea/juice break. Alternatively a family can pay £5 each week. Maximum 10 families. For a booking form please email Frances Burberry rector@stnilians-edinburgh.org.uk



Material and tips are also available to download on the website, if you would like to offer the series in your own setting.

www.playandpray.net

Advance Notices - Dates for your Diary

More information in the next newsletter, published March 2016

Network Course

Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style, and God-given passion for serving in the body of Christ

Dates: TBC but will run over 3 evenings in May/June 2016

At St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh

Confronting Mortality - Death in Art with Canon Anne Dyer

Lectures at the Royal Overseas League, Princes Street, Edinburgh

2pm on Thursday afternoons: 26 May, 2 June, 16 June, 23 June 2016

Mindfulness and Mysticism Saturday 30 April

Thomas Merton: Many Paths to Wholeness Saturday 4 June

At Christ Church, Edinburgh; part of the Six Days series, organised by the Epiphany Group.

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