

The Communicant

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NOTICES





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The Dean of Edinburgh

The Very Rev Susan Macdonald has announced that she is stepping down as Dean of Edinburgh. In speaking to the Diocesan Synod last week Susan said "Over the past 18 months I have been experiencing increasingly persistent balance problems with a number of associated issues, significantly among those being much reduced energy levels. I have undergone, and continue to undergo various medical investigations, but it has become clear that it is now time to take heed of strong medical advice to reduce my working hours. My time as Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh has been a hugely rewarding and inspiring time. Of course not without its frustrations and challenges, but they were only a small part of it, for throughout it has been a great privilege to have been appointed by Bishop John to be his first Dean, and to serve alongside him throughout this time."



The Rt Rev Dr John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh says "Susan Macdonald has been a brilliant Dean. She has been a vast source of wisdom and encouragement to me over nearly five years and I know many clergy and congregations will echo this tribute. I have been enormously fortunate to have as a close colleague someone who knows the diocese so well and who offers such a wealth of experience. I know that this has not been an easy decision for Susan to make but I am sure she is right to follow the advice of her doctors. We hold her very much in our prayers at the moment and wish her well for her continuing and flourishing ministry at Christ Church, Morningside.'

ALL	<p>Diocesan Secretary</p> <p>Canon David Palmer will be stepping down as Diocesan Secretary after the Diocesan Synod in March 2017. Having finished his term of duty as Convenor of the Provincial Standing Committee and a member of General Synod, he and his wife are moving to England to be nearer to their family. Please pray for Bishop John as he considers a successor to David, in this key role.</p> 
INCUMBENTS, TREASURERS & VESTRY SECRETARIES	<p>Annual Forms</p> <p>You should now have received these by email <i>and</i> by post (via Vestry Secretaries). They are available online at http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/</p> <p>The first approaching deadline is for the <i>Congregational Statistics</i> return. This is determined by Canon 50 – “not later than 10 days after the Eve of Advent Sunday”</p> <p>Contact the Diocesan Office if you have any queries. Thank you.</p>
TREASURERS	<p>Quota</p> <p>Details of quota payments due by charges for 2017 were emailed to Treasurers on 14 November. A covering letter sets out the context for quota, and invites Charge Treasurers to complete their finance schedule (which will be used to calculate quota for 2018. There is also useful guidance concerning the operation of quota and completion of the finance schedule. You can find the papers online at http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/</p> <p>Please direct any comments or questions to the Diocesan Treasurer</p>
YOUTH & CHILDREN	<p>News from the Youth and Children Officer</p> <p>The play church has been blessed by Bishop John and has now begun its travels around the diocese. During Advent and Christmas it can be found at St Ninian’s Comely Bank, where it has already been enjoyed by children as part of their Godly Play sessions. If your church is interested in hosting the play church, please contact Claire Benton-Evans</p> <p>Claire Benton-Evans, Diocesan Youth and Children Officer e-mail: youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org Office line: 0131 346 9081 Work mobile: 0747 372 8148</p>
ALL	<p>Publications</p> <div data-bbox="341 1447 699 1547">  </div> <p>The Winter editions of the Adventures in Faith newsletter and the Edge Magazine will be distributed the week of 28 November. Hub contacts will receive an email once they have been parceled up – please be on alert to collect your allocation within the week!</p> <div data-bbox="1086 1514 1474 1626">  </div>
ALL	<p>Adventures in Faith news</p> <p>Silence - Way of the Heart</p> <p>Exploring how we listen for God in stillness, and the use of silence in worship settings. Friday 2 December 1.30 - 3.30pm Christ Church Centre, Morningside, Edinburgh</p> <p>The afternoon will include a presentation on ways to enter silence and an experience of guided meditation, followed by discussion and sharing. Suitable for anyone with an interest in silence,</p> 

whether church-goers, boundary-dwellers or clergy who wish to lead others into contemplative prayer.
Led by Mollie Paterson, counsellor, supervisor and spiritual director; Mollie has been involved in leading reflective prayer groups for many years. Booking via Adventures in Faith: £15(£12), send cheque payable to 'Edinburgh Diocesan Synod'. Bursary and CMD help is available, please enquire Elizabeth White adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org 07398 954 011

TREASURERS

New Financial Reporting Standards and Charities SORP

A number of treasurers have enquired about new financial reporting standards and the new charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) which are now applicable. Specific issues may best be taken up with a Charge's auditor or independent examiner. However, we can summarise the position as follows:

Financial Reporting Standards and Charities SORPs only apply to accruals-based accounts (i.e. accounts where income and expenditure are recognised when entitlement or liability arises, not at the point of receipt or payment). Only charities whose total income is £250,000 or more are required to prepare accruals-based accounts. The Charities SORPs determine the content and presentation of the Trustee Report and Accounts of a recognised charity.

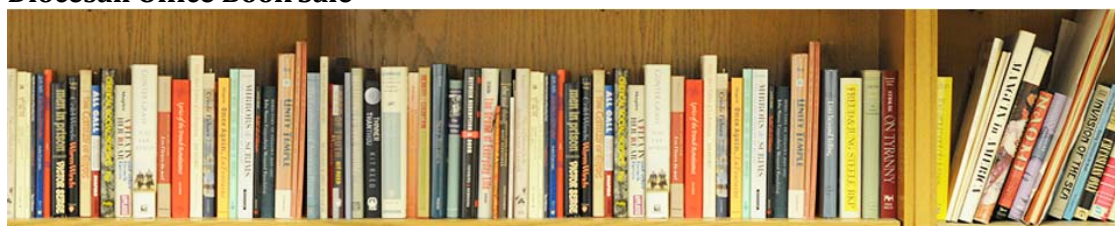
In respect of annual accounts ending before 31 December 2016, two alternative mandatory reporting standards and SORPs are provided: Financial Reporting Standard 102 and related SORP may be adopted by any charity, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) and related SORP may be adopted by any charity with gross income not exceeding £6.5 million. However, for subsequent periods the FRSSE and related SORP have been withdrawn, and all charities must follow FRS 102. An explanation and details can be found at: <http://www.charitycorp.org>

OSCR provides more generalised guidance on charity accounting at: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2064/2015-10-28-amended-scottish-charity-accounts-guide.pdf> and there is a useful model set of accounts on the Church of Scotland website at: http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/finance_resources#accounts (scroll down to Standard style of accounts). The Diocesan Treasurer (treasurer@dioceseofedinburgh.org) is happy to provide general advice on these issues.

Nigel Cook *Diocesan Treasurer*

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Diocesan Office Book Sale



Many of you may not be aware, but the Diocesan Office has a large collection of theological, spiritual and biblical study books. Now that the S.E.I. is delivering all the ordinands training, there is very little need for such an extensive collection to be held. We are extremely keen to make sure that the books end up in the hands of people who will make use of them. We are therefore holding a 'sale' of books from **Wednesday 30th November – Friday 2nd December** in the Diocesan Office. Drop in on any day between 10am-4pm. There are no 'prices' but if you would like to make a donation, we will add the money received to the 2017 Bishop's Lent Appeal.

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Bookcases & Folding Tables available

Available free of charge from the Diocesan Office, to any of our congregations. We have 2x tables and 4/5 bookcases. Contact office@edinburgh.anglican.org if you are interested in any of these items



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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

Hark the Herald Angels Sing: As announced at Diocesan Synod, we are preparing a diocesan rendition of Hark the Herald Angels Sing and would like all churches in the diocese to contribute a recording of their congregation, or choir, or music group, or general group – in any combination. These will then be edited together. Recording can be done on any tablet or phone, you do not need any special equipment. All the details, including the arrangement and speed, so that we're all singing from the same hymn sheet is at <http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/hark-the-herald-submissions/>
Contributions should be submitted by 8th December.

Day for networking and support of magazine, website and noticeboard workers!

We are holding a day on Saturday 21st January at St Marks Church in Portobello, 10.30-3pm. It will be a day to share ideas and tips, pick up new thoughts and support each other. This will be run by Siân Harris, the Diocesan Communications Coordinator. Please register by emailing her: communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Photos of our worship: As also mentioned at Synod, many people visit the diocesan website to work out where they would like to worship if they are visiting the area or have just moved in. We are therefore preparing a gallery of images of worship. Please do send in three photos which give a flavour of your normal Sunday worship. Send to Siân: communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Resources Section on the Website: Back by popular demand, a place on our diocesan website for resources which are useful to congregations. Please do check out <http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/2016/01/29/resources-for-clergy-staff-and-lay-people/>. This is in the process of being updated and worked on, so will be constantly changing!

DIARY

27 November	The Bishop presides on Advent Sunday, St Cuthbert's, Colinton 10.30am
27 November	Bishops John attends the Nativity Carol Concert, St Andrew Square Gardens, Edinburgh 3pm
29 November	Bishop John attends the Newbattle Clergy Conference Day
4 December	The Bishop presides at Rosslyn Chapel and attends the AGM 10.30am
	Advance notice: Spring 2017 Synod - Saturday 11 March 2017 at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh
DECEMBER	 During December Play Church will be at: <i>St Ninian's, Comely Bank, Edinburgh</i>

CHANGES

- Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, as Assistant Priest, St Salvador's, Edinburgh



ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (Temporary)

6 hours per week - Voluntary or paid

We have a temporary need for some administrative support in the Diocesan Office for 3 months from December to February 2017. General duties include:

- *Telephone answering*
- *Dealing with visitors*
- *Logging information in spreadsheets*
- *Copying/printing*
- *Scanning and archiving*



We can offer a very friendly and comfortable working environment, a flexible working pattern and extremely good tea/coffee supplies! Email or telephone Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator, to have an informal chat, in the first instance. office@edinburgh.anglican.org 0131 538 7033

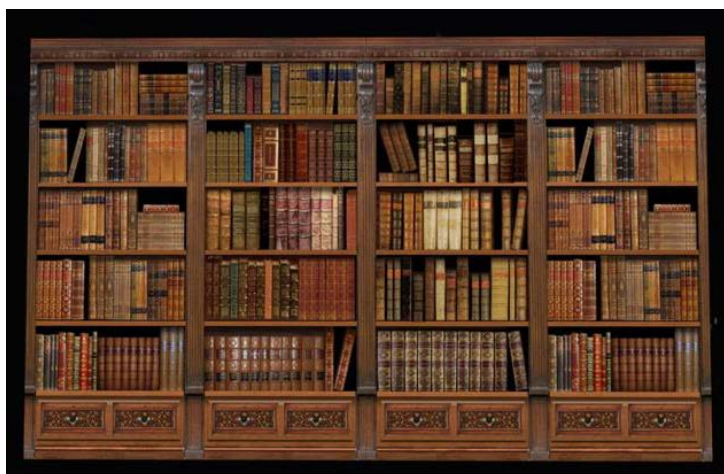
Braeburn Care Home - Seeking Company Directors

Braeburn Care Home is a small independent home for 18 residents situated by the Botanics in Edinburgh. It was originally set up under the auspices of the Scottish Episcopal Church but is now run as a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. We have received very good reviews from the Care Inspectorate and our financial position is in good order.

We are seeking two new directors. The Board meets on a quarterly basis and with the relatives at least twice a year. It is important that directors feel part of the functioning of the home and from time to time will be called upon to contribute to operational issues as they arise and to represent the home in a wider arena. The appointments are not remunerated. We would benefit from health and social care experience, financial expertise and an interest in the well-being of older people.

It is a rewarding opportunity. Please contact Maureen O'Neill, Chairperson to discuss the role in more detail.

Telephone: 0131 346 8609



DIOCESAN OFFICE BOOK 'SALE'

A collection of theological, spiritual, social and biblical study books. No prices, just an optional donation to the 2017 Bishop's Lent Appeal

Drop in to the Diocesan Office Meeting Room between 10am-4pm on:

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

I, Daniel Blake

Ken Loach's Palme d'Or win at Cannes was a triumphant moment for a firebrand filmmaker whose career has spanned over 50 years, and also for this dignified and stirring film, *I, Daniel Blake*.

It is the all-too-timely story of a widowed joiner (Dave Johns) in Newcastle, recovering from a near-fatal heart attack, who meets single mother Katie (Hayley Squires) as they both try to negotiate a complex, impersonal benefits system that doubts them and confounds them at every turn. A deeply moving and essential cry for humanity from a master filmmaker and his frequent script collaborator, Paul Laverty.

This film has been made available for community viewing at a reduced rate and you can contact troyfilmagency@btinternet.com to make arrangements.



SPAB Scotland are holding an event this Friday, 25th in Edinburgh with Edinburgh World Heritage to highlight the threat to heritage from complacency regarding building maintenance. There will be various leaflets to collect (inc the new Damp Busters one), and demonstrations from leadworkers, stone masons and hopefully other contractors too. Here is a link to the event and booking (it's free!)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-art-of-historic-building-maintenance-tickets-29372147885>

As part of St St James' Leith community outreach we present this concert.
Any profits will be donated by St James' to a local charity



adventFest! 2016
a new arts festival for a big tune of year

presents



Pärt
Taverner
Kodaly
Beethoven

THE EDINBURGH QUARTET

at St James Church, John's Place, Leith
Sat 26th November 2016

6.45 - 7.15pm Introductory conversation with members of the Edinburgh Quartet
7.30pm Concert (Doors 7.15pm)

Arvo Pärt – Summa
John Taverner – Ikon of Joy/Sorrow
Kodaly – String Quartet No 2
Beethoven – String Quartet Op 59 No 2 "Rasumovsky"

TICKETS: £15.00 full price; £10.00 Concessions and under 16s; £5.00 children 8 years and under. Please book online at www.adventfest.org
This performance is supported by The Inches Carr Trust and The Hope Soot Trust

Information & Box Office - www.adventfest.org

ST JOHN'S THEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

10TH DECEMBER

10:00 - 16:00

GOD, MUSIC, DISCORD & SIN



PROFESSOR JEREMY BEGBIE

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL, USA

Jeremy Begbie is a concert pianist and theologian with an international reputation for exploring the frontier between God-talk and the arts. From the piano he will use music to investigate the mystery of sin in God's plan for the world.

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, PRINCES STREET

The Symposium is open to all and will include musical lectures by Professor Begbie, discussion, and lunch with refreshments. There is no charge but donations towards the cost may be given. To book a place or for more information, please contact the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes at stephen.holmes@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk



Lauriston Jesuit Centre

7.30-9.00pm Monday 28th November

The Gaze and the Glory

An Evening of Prayer for Advent

with

Magdalen Lawler SND and Tom McGuinness SJ



This Evening in the first week of Advent will be an opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a prayerful setting. There will be reflective images of Advent Icons for prayer, with scripture and poetry. The evening will include some time to share and times of quiet.

<http://www.lauriston.org.uk/>

Sunday Introductions at St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

**All most welcome at any of these introductory talks,
held on Sundays in front of the High Altar,
12 noon to 12.45pm**

4 December 2016

Right Rev Brian Smith

***An Introduction to the NoI Theological School, Botswana:
a consideration of the creation and work of St Augustine's
Theological School in Gaborone***

29 January 2017

Rev David Robinson

An Introduction to Bonhoeffer

12 February 2017

Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ

An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

5 March 2017

Sharon Laidlaw, Epiphany Group

An Introduction to Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living

For further information,
please email faithandgrowth@gmail.com



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TV OPPORTUNITY

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**DO YOU WANT TO BE THE VOICE OF
YOUR GENERATION?**

**HAVE YOUR GENERATION BEEN LEFT TO
PICK UP THE PIECES OF A BROKEN
BRITAIN?**

OR IS NOW THE TIME TO BE YOUNG?

Channel 5 are making a groundbreaking new series that will explore the generation gap in today's society, as never before. It will be a unique, exciting social experiment that will ask the question 'Is it possible to bridge the gap between the generations or is the age divide growing bigger?'

We are now casting and looking for great, opinionated characters across Great Britain to take part in the programme. If you feel this exciting opportunity is for you we'd love to hear from you!



Please email:

casting@knickerbockerglory.tv
with your name and number

Or call: 07808 527 405

For an informal chat with a member of
the friendly casting team.

Day Conference: The Theology of Evolution - Convergent, Contingent or Directed?

The Conference will present and discuss current fundamental issues in the theology of evolution, in the company of leading figures in the field.

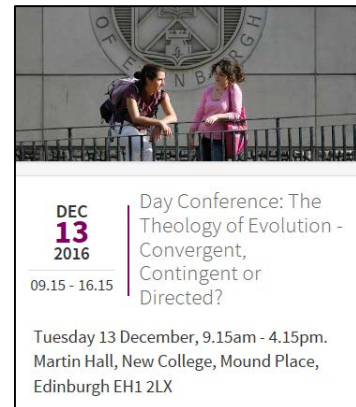
Speakers: Prof Simon Conway Morris (Cambridge)

Dr Michael Burdett (Oxford)

Dr Conor Cunningham (Nottingham)

Dr Fern Elsdon-Baker (Newman)

Dr Bethany Sollereder (Oxford)



This Conference is free but ticketed. To Register, please click on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/TheologyEvolution> Please book by 2 December

This Conference is sponsored by the British Teilhard Association

2017 Edinburgh Enriching Ministry through Pastoral Supervision

Pastoral Supervision offers professional regeneration and renewal for carers and improved delivery for those with whom they work.

The Institute of Pastoral Supervision & Reflective Practice www.ipsrp.org.uk offers a soulful incremental approach to learning from introductory workshops to professional diplomas in pastoral supervision. All courses can be taken for credit (with assessed assignments) or simply for ministerial development (no assignments).


Supervision & Mission 13 Jan & 10 Feb
Two day introductory workshop exploring pastoral supervision and its place within ministry and mission; differences between supervision, line management, spiritual accompaniment and personal therapy; frameworks for supervising others; opportunities for soulful supervision within the course group

Toolkits & Frameworks 10 Mar & 28 Apr
Two day course exploring contracting, power and vulnerability in supervision; core skills & competencies; eliciting, tracking and exploring the supervisory focus; getting beneath the stories practitioners tell to the heart of the matter; building a bridge from reflection back to practice

Practicalities
Venue: St Philips's Church, Logie Green Road, Canonmills, Edinburgh EH7 4EZ
Times: 1000-1600
Costs: £70 per day

Course Tutor – Michael Paterson
Michael is Co-Director of the Institute and has a background in parish ministry, healthcare chaplaincy, psychotherapy, spiritual direction and theological education. He is the lead trainer for the NHS Scotland initiative in Values-based Reflective Practice. His published works include *Pastoral Supervision: A Handbook* (SCM 2015) and *Enriching Ministry through Pastoral Supervision* (SCM 2014).

Further information from michael@ipsrp.org.uk



The Institute of Pastoral Supervision & Reflective Practice

Taken together Supervision & Mission and Toolkits & Frameworks meet the training requirements for accreditation as a General Accredited Supervisor with APSE (The Association for Pastoral Supervision and Education).

Certificate in Pastoral Supervision
26 May, 23 Jun, 22 Sep & 20 Oct
This professional training course uses Hawkins and Shohet's seven process model of supervision to pay attention not only to the 'then and there' of the pastoral scenario (ie the material supervisees bring to supervision) but also to the 'here and now' of the supervision session (in the dynamics between supervisor and supervisee). The course attends to context and culture in supervision; stakeholders and organisational dynamics; unspoken and unconscious factors in supervision; collusion, avoidance and sabotage; reporting and assessing processes.
Upon completion of this course participants will have met the training requirements for accreditation as a Senior Accredited Supervisor with APSE.

Diploma in Pastoral Supervision
10 Nov, 15 Dec, 12 Jan & 9 Feb
This professional course is for those with oversight of others and focuses on four key areas: theological reflection; integrative practice; team and group supervision; professional practice.