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**The Diocese of Edinburgh**

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES



### **Diocesan Office Development Day**

The Diocesan Office will be closed on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**, for a Staff Development Day. We will reopen at 9am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## VESTRY SECRETARIES

### Annual Return Forms

The deadline for the Annual Return Forms was **31<sup>st</sup> January**. To date, **only 78% of the forms have been received** – 61 forms still to come in.



We do realise that all of you have limited time to get such tasks done, but your urgent attention would be hugely appreciated, especially this year, with the backlog of work we are dealing with, in the office here.

They are all available online at:

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

## ALL

### News from the Youth and Children Officer

**REFRESH! Training for Sunday School Leaders** *[pic of poster attached]*

Places are still available for this free training event, which will equip, encourage and inspire new and established Sunday School leaders. Further details and booking [here](#)

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>



## PROPERTY CONVENORS

### HERITAGE SEMINARS & EVENTS

**February 8 @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm** In Conversation: Fundraising for Heritage Trustees (Aberdeen) £10.00  
<http://www.resourcingscotlandsheritage.org/event/in-conversation-fundraising-for-heritage-trustees-aberdeen/>

**February 15 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm** In Focus: Trusts & Foundations (Linlithgow) £25.00 - £50.00 <http://www.resourcingscotlandsheritage.org/event/in-focus-trusts-foundations-linlithgow/>

**February 21 @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm** Trustees' Event: Briefing on Risk Management (Edinburgh) £25.00 - £50.00  
<http://www.resourcingscotlandsheritage.org/event/trustees-event-briefing-on-risk-management/>

**April 26** National Fundraising Conference @ The Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh -  
SAVE THE DATE

## ALL

### Launch of £5million Anniversary Fund

In celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Garfield Weston Foundation has launched a new one-off fund of £5million to support **Capital projects to provide new or improved facilities for local communities across the UK**. The Fund will close for applications on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 but they wish to give charities plenty of notice so they have chance to develop their plans. You can find the guidelines on our anniversary website where there is a specific section on the fund - <https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org>

Garfield Weston are keen to receive applications from across the UK. Here is a short summary of the fund:

- One-off grants scheme in 2018 to support Capital projects to benefit local communities across the UK.
- Open to UK registered charities, places of worship and state schools only.
- Grants range from £30,000-£150,000.
- Simple online application process.
- Applications are now open and close on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- You can still apply to the Fund even if your organisation is currently in receipt of a grant from, or has been rejected by, the Garfield Weston Foundation within the past 12 months.
- One application only accepted to the Weston Anniversary Fund per organisation.
- If relevant, planning permission must be secured prior to our closing date of the 30th June 2018.
- Grants must be spent and projects completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

## ALL

### SEI NEWS

Here is the link to the February Newsletter:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/February-2018-Newsletter-from-SEI.pdf>

## REQUEST

### St. Ninian's

Wanted , 4 Cassocks of the same colour for Children age between 8 and 12 years old .



### Filing Cabinet

Do you need a new / extra filing cabinet in your office, this cabinet is free and for pick up only to any church/office that would make good use of it.

Contact Ann Rae to arrange collection on :

[arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

0131 346 9081

**Diocesan Celebration  
St Mary's Cathedral  
28<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-14.30**

**Growing  
Together**

**The BIG DAY  
Celebrating Together!**

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 families and all churches. Creative worship, food, workshops, all-age activities and a marketplace of resources. It is an opportunity to get together, learn from each other and celebrate the next stage of Growing Together: it is sure to be a joyful occasion for all ages. Look out for more details, but for now **SAVE THE DATE!**

Every church has been asked to showcase its life at the BIG DAY, and is invited by Bishop John to create and run a stall to present something special of their life, work and mission.

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Discuss with your Vestry, talk together and begin planning your contribution. Choose one thing that you particularly want others to know about your church or that they might find helpful. Try to make your stall as creative and interactive as possible, for example you could use a craft, puzzle, game, quiz or simple activity. For more details contact Annie Naish on [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

It's going to be **AWESOME!**

## Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018

Lent Appeal leaflets will be available for download and printing from 13<sup>th</sup> February at [edinburgh.anglican.org](http://edinburgh.anglican.org)

The two chosen charities for 2018 are:



**edinburgh rape crisis centre**  
supporting survivors of sexual violence

Offering free and confidential emotional and practical support, information and advocacy to women, all members of the trans community, non-binary people and young people aged 12-18 in Edinburgh, East and Midlothian, who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives. Working to change attitudes, the Centre also run a series of training courses for workers and provide tailor made courses.

Registered Charity Ref. SC 006208



**EMMS International** is a Christian international healthcare charity founded in 1841. EMMS International works with partners in India, Malawi and Nepal to improve health and healthcare, and facilitates respite for people in Scotland with serious illnesses.

charity no. SC032327

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2017/18							07/02/2018
	Charge	Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
1.01	St Mary's Cathedral		26 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	15 Jan 18	3 Jan 18	31 Jan 18
1.02	BALERNO St Mungo's		30 Jan 18	30 Jan 18	12 Dec 17	5 Dec 17	12 Dec 17
1.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's		30 Jan 18	30 Jan 18	12 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	14 Jan 18
1.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's		7 Feb 18			25 Jan 18	
1.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls		8 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	10 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	10 Dec 17
1.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's				31 Jan 18	31 Jan 18	31 Jan 18
1.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's		15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18		5 Dec 17	
1.08	DUNBAR St Anne's				18 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	17 Dec 17
1.09	DUNS Christ Church		25 Jan 18		17 Jan 18	29 Jan 18	29 Jan 18
1.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		19 Dec 17	19 Dec 17	25 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	5 Dec 17
1.11	EDINBURGH Emmanuel Church, Clermiston		15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18		14 Dec 17	
1.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield		3 Jan 18	3 Jan 18		14 Dec 17	15 Nov 17
1.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		26 Nov 17	31 Jan 18	29 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	29 Jan 18
1.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's		30 Nov 17		1 Feb 18	14 Dec 17	31 Jan 18
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed				2 Feb 18		
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		19 Dec 17	19 Dec 17	22 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	22 Jan 18
1.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle			5 Feb 18	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17
1.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton		30 Jan 18	30 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	15 Jan 18
1.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		3 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	5 Dec 17	25 Jan 18
1.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone		31 Jan 18	31 Jan 18		5 Dec 17	30 Jan 17
1.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith		20 Dec 17	18 Jan 18	6 Feb 18	17 Jan 18	
1.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street		31 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18
1.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road					14 Dec 17	
1.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello			30 Jan 18	1 Feb 18	14 Dec 17	
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		26 Nov 17	26 Nov 17	31 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	31 Jan 18
1.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		3 Jan 18	3 Jan 18	31 Jan 18	19 Jan 18	7 Feb 18
1.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		25 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	12 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	12 Dec 17
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				19 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	22 Jan 18
1.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place		8 Jan 18	8 Jan 18		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James					14 Dec 17	31 Jan 17



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1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	5 Jan 18	5 Jan 18	5 Jan 18
1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		24 Jan 18	24 Jan 18		31 Jan 18	
1.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge		31 Jan 18	31 Jan 18	4 Dec 17	4 Jan 18	14 Dec 17
1.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's		23 Oct 17		1 Feb 18	14 Dec 17	30 Jan 17
1.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	27 Nov 17	14 Dec 17	14 Jan 18
1.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		19 Dec 17	19 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17
1.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's				10 Jan 18	19 Dec 17	10 Jan 18
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		3 Jan 18	3 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity					6 Feb 18	
1.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	25 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	25 Jan 18
1.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's		7 Feb 18			1 Feb 18	
1.42	JEDBURGH, St John's		15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	22 Jan 18	17 Jan 18	13 Dec 17
1.43	KELSO, St Andrew		19 Dec 17	18 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17
1.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,		31 Jan 18	31 Jan 18	10 Jan 18	17 Jan 18	15 Jan 18
1.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's					14 Dec 17	1 Feb 18
1.46	LIVINGSTON	15/01/2018		15 Jan 18	28 Dec 17	3 Jan 18	28 Dec 17
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		3 Jan 18		19 Jan 18	2 Feb 18	3 Jan 18
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,					5 Dec 17	
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		15 Jan 18	15 Jan 18	13 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	2 Feb 18
1.50	PEEBLES St Peter's		3 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	22 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	
1.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,		16 Jan 18	16 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	19 Dec 17	5 Jan 18
1.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	6 Feb 18	6 Feb 18	6 Feb 18
1.54	SELKIRK St John's		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	17 Dec 17	15 Jan 18	17 Dec 17
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel			30 Jan 18	17 Jan 18	14 Dec 17	
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		3 Jan 18			19 Dec 17	
55			41	38	41	54	40
			55	55	55	55	55
	Return Rate		75%	69%	75%	98%	73%
	Outstanding		14	17	14	1	15



# 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

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Mission & Ministry Committee**

**Information & Communications Committee**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Bishop Presiding at St Columba's by - the Castle**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Ash Wednesday, Evensong at St Mary's cathedral**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Standing Committee**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Diocesan Staff Development Day (OFFICE CLOSED)**

## ADVANCE NOTICE

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

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

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

**THE BIG DAY : Celebrating Together at St Mary's Cathedral,  
10:30am – 2:30pm, Look out for further details – All Age Worship,  
Church Stalls, Workshops, Resources Exhibition**

## Vacancies

### Diocesan International Committee

There is a vacancy for a convenor for this committee.  
For further information, please contact Revd Ruth Green  
Email: [liverdiet@hotmail.com](mailto:liverdiet@hotmail.com) or phone 0131 629 2018

### **VACANCY FROM MID-AUGUST 2018**

Director of Music/Organist

Contract: Part time – 10 hours/week

Location: Edinburgh

The Episcopal Church of St Ninian, Comely Bank, Edinburgh, EH4 1AG, is looking for a new Director of Music/Organist

- 2 manuals and pedal Copeman Hart organ
- Small, enthusiastic, loyal choir of mainly female voices seeking to develop
- Key priority is to make joining the church choir more flexible and accessible, including children, in the spirit of a family church with 'informally formal worship'
- Weekly practice and one sung service every Sunday: additional sung services throughout the church year, including Choral Evensong
- A comparable RSCM level salary

Information available from:

The Very Reverend Frances Burberry (Rector)

t: 0131 315 0404

e: [rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk)



## **TO ALL PVG COORDINATORS, CLERGY & THOSE INVOLVED IN SAFEGUARDING**

PLEASE LET DAPHNE AUDSLEY ([DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org)) KNOW  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

**Saturday 24 February 2018**

**09:30 to 13:00**

**Christ Church Morningside, Edinburgh**

<http://edinburgh.anglican.org/find-a-church/christ-church-morningside/>

## **SAFEGUARDING IN THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

- Introduction and Overview
- Safeguarding, Risk Assessment and Risk Management
- Child and Adult Safeguarding Case Studies

This has been organised by the Provincial Protection Officer, Donald Urquhart, and an invitation is extended to all PVG Coordinators, as well as clergy and anyone else involved in Safeguarding. They are trying to set up another session in the Borders, but we do not have a date or venue yet

## Svetoslav Todorov

before his Carnegie Hall debut



Wednesday 21st February 2018, 7.30pm

St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Performing Shchedrin - Basso Ostinato, Pancho Vladigerov - Balkan Dance  
Vesselin Stoyanov - Nocturne, Mason Bates - White Lies for Lomax, Ravel - La Valse  
and composer in residence, Harry Whalley - Leighton Contrasts (premiere).

Tickets on the door: £10 full / £6 concession

## *Inquisition* A New Play by Paul Bentley

Thursday 22 February, 11 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**Martin Hall, School of Divinity, New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh,**

Paul Bentley is a British writer and actor. Among his television credits are the High Septon in *Game of Thrones*, and his theatre appearances include Lloyd Webber's *Cats* and *Aspects of Love*, and Sondheim's *Follies* and *Company*.

Dr David Grumett is Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics in the University of Edinburgh. His books include *Teilhard de Chardin: Theology, Humanity and Cosmos*.

In 1925 the controversial Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was ordered to sign "The Six Propositions". This Vatican document contained rigidly conservative teachings on original sin and human origins. Until now its content has been secret. The document will be made public for the first time and the issues surrounding it will be presented with interpretation and discussion.

The day will include professional actors performing a staged reading of *Inquisition*, a new play by Paul Bentley which dramatizes Teilhard's dilemma when faced with the Six Propositions: forced to believe in either the Bible or science.

Free but ticketed via Eventbrite: <http://edin.ac/2A8R9G0>

Contact: [david.grumett@ed.ac.uk](mailto:david.grumett@ed.ac.uk)

## Bethany's Passing the Baton Befriending Training

### Transforming lives through friendship

Bethany Christian Trust invites you to two consecutive inspiring training evenings which will equip you towards build meaningful friendships with people who are facing loneliness and Isolation in our communities. These free training evenings are open to Church members who want to be volunteer Befrienders and build purposeful relationships in society.



**A poster is attached to print off and display on your noticeboard or for your Church newsletter.**

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)**

Why is friendship important?

What is transactional analyses?

Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 2)**

What makes a good conversation?

Listening for people's hopes and skills

Helping people to achieve their goals

**Join us at 6.30pm for free vegetarian curry meal** followed by an inspirational evening of learning, encouragement and information to develop your important role as a Befriender in the community.

**Venue: Punjabi Junction, 122-124 Leith Walk , Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 5DT**

**Book your place today online at Eventbrite:**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-42038459163](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-42038459163)

Email us on [ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com).

Ring or text us on 07969 771659

Follow us on twitter @Befriending\_BCT

<https://www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk/resource/the-role-of-the-church-in-combatting-loneliness-and-isolation/>



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## A Quiet Day for Lent

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 - 10am to 4pm

Lent is a time to take breath, to slow down, to prepare for the rollercoaster of Holy Week and Easter. The day will be punctuated with reflections and communal prayer but will mainly be a contemplative space giving time for God to speak into the passions, struggles and vulnerability of our lives. There will be an opportunity to walk in the beautiful grounds of Carberry Estate.

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Hosted by Healthlink360 at Elphinstone Wing, Carberry,  
Musselburgh, EH21 8PW

Facilitated by Duncan Hughes of the Epiphany Group.

Donations of between £5 to £30 welcome

For further details and to book: 0131 653 6767 or  
[admin@healthlink360.org](mailto:admin@healthlink360.org)



# ***Christianity & War*** ***Reclaiming the nonviolence of Jesus***

**10:30-4 Saturday 3 March, 2018**  
**Threshold Centre, Perth PH2 8LJ**

St John The Baptist Episcopal Church, Princes Street

**A day of prayer, study & organising**

Tea/coffee provided, please bring a shared lunch



- *Is Jesus' teaching compatible with waging war?*
  - *What do the Gospels tell us?*
- *How do we make opposition to war central to our Christian witness?*
  - *How do we end the Church's support for war?*

*Speakers to include:*

*The Revd Dr Clive Barrett, Adviser to APF & Chair of the Peace Museum in Bradford*  
*The Revd David Mumford, Former Dean of Brechin Diocese.*

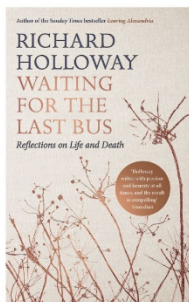
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**7PM, MON 12 MARCH**  
**RICHARD  
HOLLOWAY  
IN CONVERSATION**

Writer, broadcaster and former Bishop of Edinburgh, Richard Holloway, will be here to talk about life and death and his new book, *Waiting for the Last Bus*.



**TICKETS £5**

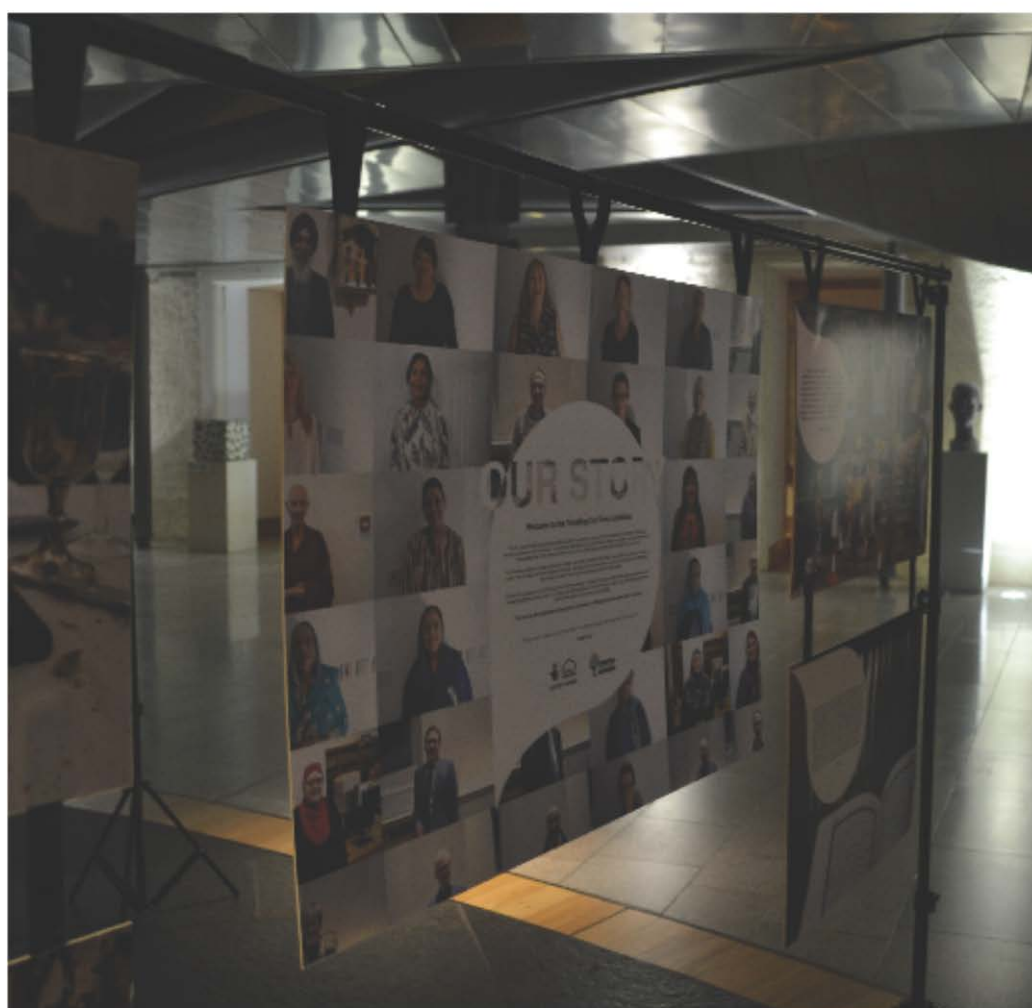
Tickets available from  
**cemc.office@gmail.com /**  
**0131 662 8635** and online  
from Eventbrite

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playful,  
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deeply altruistic."  
AL Kennedy**

**"Holloway writes  
with passion and  
honesty at all  
times, and  
the result is  
compelling."  
The Guardian**

**COPIES OF THE BOOK  
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO  
BUY & BE SIGNED ON  
THE EVENING,  
COURTESY OF  
BLACKWELL'S.**



# HOSTING OUR STORY

## The Travelling Exhibition

Receiving bookings for  
January- July 2018



The Our Story Project has collected together memories and stories from faith communities in the city of Edinburgh through oral histories and interviews. The project aims to celebrate the city's diversity through the stories of people who live here. Some settled here, many were born here, but all of their stories together tell the history of Edinburgh: Our Story.

Alongside a static exhibition, held at the Museum of Edinburgh until April 2018, we have developed a travelling version of the exhibition which centres around the theme of identity. Extracts from our oral histories are displayed which relate to identity, diversity and belonging alongside beautiful images taken by local photographers.

Would you like to host the travelling exhibition at your community, school or organisation for a week? Could you work in partnership to organise an educational event to accompany your hosting of the exhibition? For more information, or to arrange a booking, contact the Our Story Project Coordinator, Carrie Alderton, at [carrie@eife.org.uk](mailto:carrie@eife.org.uk)



## Spiritual Direction – a Question of Accreditation?

Do you offer, or receive, Spiritual Direction/Accompaniment?

In 2017 a new project launched to explore the potential for a national accreditation pathway for spiritual directors across England, Scotland and Wales. This may include the development of a new organisation to support best practice for this growing ministry, as well as being of interest and value to those seeking to find a good spiritual director in their area. Whether you offer or receive Spiritual Direction, or are interested in another way, we would love to hear from you - be part of the discussion!

BACKGROUND to the project can be found [on this webpage](#).

On 1st December we launched an [ONLINE SURVEY](#) and are delighted in the interest thus far, with a greater and more varied engagement than we had ever anticipated. Views expressed via the survey range from those that are clearly positive about the possibility of an accreditation pathway to those who are strongly against it. There are also those who have named their uncertainty or indicate reservations. Many people (whatever their overall feeling) highlight the need for further information about what accreditation may involve practically, and also how this might sit alongside soulful ministry and charism. We are taking time with our next reflection stage in order to respond to the survey data and questions asked. We will then disseminate more substantive information in due course; to be kept up to date with further news in the coming weeks and months do [sign up here](#).

Meanwhile our [ONLINE SURVEY](#) will remain open until 31 MARCH 2018. The survey is for directors, *also for people who are receiving spiritual direction*, or anyone else who is interested in this consultation in some other way. It will take around 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. Do take part!

Elizabeth White and Lynette Harborne

[www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/consultation](http://www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/consultation)

