



Scottish Episcopal Church

**The Diocese of Edinburgh**

Covering the City of Edinburgh, the Borders, Falkirk and the Lothians

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

### VESTRY SECRETARIES

#### Annual Return Forms

The deadline for the Annual Return Forms was **31<sup>st</sup> January**. To date, **only 83% of the forms have been received** – 46 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/>

**HOUSE OF CLERGY  
&  
HOUSE OF LAITY**

**Diocesan Synod**

The agenda has been published online at:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/resources/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-synod/>

Clergy who are **instituted, commissioned or licenced** are voting members of Synod, and papers have been posted out to you. Papers have also been sent to the **Lay Representative** in each charge.



Other clergy and members of congregations are welcome to attend Synod – please let us know if you would like a set of papers sent to you, but they can be downloaded as well, using the link above.

**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.

Quota Direct Debits for January and February will be taken next week.

**PROPERTY  
CONVENORS**

**April 26**

National Fundraising Conference @ The Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh



<http://www.resourcingscotlandsheritage.org/conference2018/>

**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>



**FREE**



### **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

## **NEWS FROM BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION**

### **The BIG DAY Celebrating Together!**

**St Mary's Cathedral  
28<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-14.30**



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. See the poster below for more details!

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.

#### **What will YOUR church stall be?**

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.

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!



# THE Big DAY

## CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Join all the churches of Edinburgh Diocese for a great celebration of our life together.

- Creative worship
- Fischy Music
- Inspiring prayer zone
- Interactive workshops
- All-Age activities
- Stalls showcasing the life and work of our churches
- A marketplace of resources
- Food to share



Learn from each other and celebrate the next stage of *Growing Together* at this joyful occasion for all ages.

**Where:** St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place

**When:** Tea and coffee served from 10:00 for a 10:30 start, finishing at 14:30 after a closing act of worship. Lunch provided.

For more information,  
visit [bit.ly/DoETheBigDay](http://bit.ly/DoETheBigDay)  
or contact the Revd Annie Naish  
[mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org) 0131 346 9089



SATURDAY

28

April

10:00 – 14:30

# CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

None

## DIARY

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Bishop Presiding , St James, Goldenacre at 11am**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Consecration of Revd Canon Anne Dyer as Bishop of Aberdeen**

## 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

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### **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)

0131 315 0404; [rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:rector@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk)

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2017/18							21/02/2018
	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		14 Feb 18	14 Feb 18	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		19 Feb 18	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	13 Feb 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	8 Feb 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	13 Feb 18
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	13 Feb 18	14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James				2 Feb 18	14 Dec 17	31 Jan 17
1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		14 Dec 17	14 Dec 17	5 Jan 18	5 Jan 18	5 Jan 18

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1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		24 Jan 18	24 Jan 18	24 Jan 18	31 Jan 18	13 Feb 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		9 Feb 18	9 Feb 18	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	7 Feb 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		31 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	22 Jan 18	25 Jan 18	22 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	13 Feb 18
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		3 Jan 18			19 Dec 17	
55			44	41	45	54	45
			55	55	55	55	55
	Return Rate		 80%	 75%	 82%	 98%	 82%
	Outstanding		 11	 14	 10	 1	 10

## 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  
Health for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

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

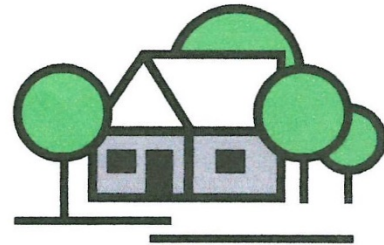


FULLY FURNISHED, ONE BEDROOM,  
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**£450** PER MONTH EXCLUDING  
UTILITY BILLS ETC.

ENTRY MID FEB --- 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH



**CONTACT: REV DAVID DIXON**  
**01875 812985**

# Diocesan Office Communications Training



We want to ensure we deliver the training you want and need. To tell us what, if any, communications training you would like to receive this year, please take 5 minutes now to complete the following survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RH0TVTM>

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Are you active on social media? Can you spare an hour or so a week?



We're looking for some social media support, initially on a voluntary basis.  
Email [communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org) for further information.

# EVENTS



## **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**

AND

**Friday 27 April 2018**

**17:30 to 21:00**

**Holy Trinity Melrose**

## **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.

# 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 training evenings are open to Church members who want to be good friends and build purposeful relationships in society.

*"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." Mother Teresa*

### Passing the Baton Training Evenings

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

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

Wednesday 21st February 2018, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)

- Why is friendship important?
- What is transactional analyses?
- Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?

Wednesday 28th 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

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 [Pallsingh@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:Pallsingh@bethanychristiantrust.com)  
Ring or text us on 07969 771659

Follow us on twitter @Befriending\_BCT

*You can make a difference in the lives of lonely people  
by becoming a volunteer Befriender*



# Grace in Early Christianity

A Lenten Series  
at St Vincent's Chapel



One belief is unique to Christianity: God's unconditional love, known as 'grace'.

Augustine and Pelagius were at fisticuffs over grace in the fifth century. The sixteenth-century western church disintegrated over the meanings of grace with the Reformation. Debates about grace continue today.

We need to recover the meanings of grace in early Christianity to grasp them anew and buttress our appreciation of God's goodness to us in Jesus Christ.

This series looks to early Christianity to ask four questions.

**Grace: What's in a word?**  
Thursday 01 March 2018

**Grace: What does Paul have to say?**  
Thursday 08 March 2018

**Grace: What do other New Testament writers have to say?**  
Thursday 15 March 2018

**Grace: What do the early Christian writers have to say?**  
Thursday 22 March 2018

The questions will be presented by the Revd Dr Michael Hull of the Scottish Episcopal Institute and St Vincent's Chapel ([hull.michael@icloud.com](mailto:hull.michael@icloud.com)).

Each session begins promptly at 6.15pm and ends at 7.15pm. Refreshments are served immediately thereafter. Sessions are free and open to the public.

St Vincent's Chapel – the village church in the heart of the city – is in the northern New Town, on its border with Stockbridge, at 13 St Vincent Street, Edinburgh EH3 6SW.

*St Vincent's Chapel, Scottish Charity SC023274*



# **“Children Will Listen”**

**A concert in aid of  
Action for Children: Gilmerton Road Project**

**Vocalist Morag Brownlie & Pianist Eric P Smith  
with Special Guests**

**Friday 2 March, 7.30 pm**

**Tickets: £8 available on the door**

**City of Edinburgh Methodist Church,  
25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX**





## 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)





**ST PETER'S**  
LUTTON PLACE

Holy  
Monday  
7:30 pm

## 26 Hilary of Poitiers and the Transfiguration: A Different Perspective

Janet Sidaway

Hilary of Poitiers (c. 315-367) is known as a staunch defender of Nicene orthodoxy, based on the Creed of Nicaea of 325, amended in 381 at the Council of Constantinople. His opposition to the Emperor Constantius, who promoted an alternative 'Arian' view, led to his exile from Gaul to the Eastern Roman Empire in 356. He spent a fruitful four years learning and responding to the more advanced theological ideas he found there. The talk will show how these ideas related to Hilary's view of the Transfiguration, and then discuss his contribution to the subsequent interpretations of the Transfiguration in Eastern and Western Christianity.

Janet Sidaway, MBA, PhD, is a Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London in the Department of Theology & Religious Studies. Her book *The Human Factor: 'Deification' as Transformation in the Theology of Hilary of Poitiers* (Studia Patristica Supplement 6), was published in 2016.

Holy  
Tuesday  
7:30 pm

## 27 What If? How Science Fictions Engage the Religious

Jaime Wright

What do heaven and hell have to do with Planet X? Considering films such as *Blade Runner*, *The Matrix*, and *Avatar*, this talk will explore the interaction of science fiction and the religious. Engaging such films, one finds that science fiction lends itself particularly well to asking—and pursuing answers to—questions of religious belief and practice.

Jaime Wright is a doctoral candidate at Edinburgh University's Divinity School. Her research concerns the use of literary works within the Science-and-Religion field. While she currently works with speculative fiction, she has also worked with poetry. Her article 'Emily Dickinson: A poet at the limits' was published in *Theology in Scotland* in 2017.

Holy  
Wednesday  
7:30 pm

## 28 Dali's 'Le Christ'

Natalia S Y Fang Brand

Salvador Dalí's much-loved painting *Le Christ* (1951) has attracted academic suspicion of its intentions and even physical assaults from members of the public. Dalí's conversion to Catholicism in 1941 fitted with his break from conventional Surrealism and his siding with Franco in Spain's civil war. Yet *Le Christ* gives rise to doubts as to its straightforward religiosity. This talk will focus on Dalí's painting as well as images of crucifixion in Western art history—which will be used to compare and explore symbolism, implications and connotations in the art of Jesus crucified. Finally, we may realise the true nature of Dalí's painting. Is *Le Christ* religious or sacrilegious?

Natalia S Y Fang Brand, MSc, PhD, is an art historian, literary and art critic, biographer, translator, essayist and poet. She has written numerous articles for newspapers, journals, and magazines as well as catalogues for many artists across the UK, the USA, Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. She also has published thirteen books on art and four collections of poems.

# Lent 2018

[stpetersedinburgh.org](http://stpetersedinburgh.org)

# Lectures

MAP





## Women and Religion Balloon Debate



Come and vote for the woman who  
most deserves to stay in the  
overburdened hot-air balloon!

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4-5.30pm  
The Martin Hall, New College

Contestants include:

Sara Parvis: **Egeria**

Josef Linhoff: **Khadija**

Thomas Ware: **HM The Queen**

Steven Sutcliffe: **Sheena Govan**

Gemma King: **Mary Levison (née Lusk)**

Whitney Roth: **Saint Catherine of Genoa**

Event in celebration of International Women's Day!

The Holywell Community is a new monastic community based in the thriving market town of Abergavenny. Working with the four diverse Anglican churches in the incumbency, the Community provides an opportunity for young adults exploring their Christian vocation to live, worship and work together for a year at a time. Over a year living together, community members have the chance to explore their own vocations, innovate, and reflect on how God is calling each of us to live our faith.



The principal work of the Holywell Community is to support the outreach and mission work of the Church, and to provide a praying presence in the local community, including keeping four of the monastic Daily Offices. Inspired by the Rule of St Benedict and the monastic heritage of the Priory Church, community members live a modern monastic lifestyle, including cooking, cleaning and studying together. Lay members support a variety of projects across the area, including Bible studies, a toddler group, and a youth drop-in centre, and have the opportunity to run their own projects.

Based in the foothills of the Brecon Beacons, with easy access by train to Newport, Hereford and Shrewsbury, community members can use their day off to explore the beautiful countryside and enjoy the town, which has a castle, independent cinema and plenty of local history. The Community runs from late August to mid-July each year, with an opportunity for a week's holiday after Christmas and Easter. Food and accommodation is provided as well as an allowance for basic expenses.

For more information call our Prior Canon Mark Soady on 07968753978 or email him at [Vicar@stmarys-priory.org](mailto:Vicar@stmarys-priory.org)

# Music for Lent

Tallis *Lamentations*

Peter Togni *Silentio*  
(from 'Lamentations')

Leighton *Organ duet*  
on 'Martyrs'

Motets & anthems  
by Purcell and Tallis

The  
Choir  
of  
Old Saint Paul's

John Kitchen: director

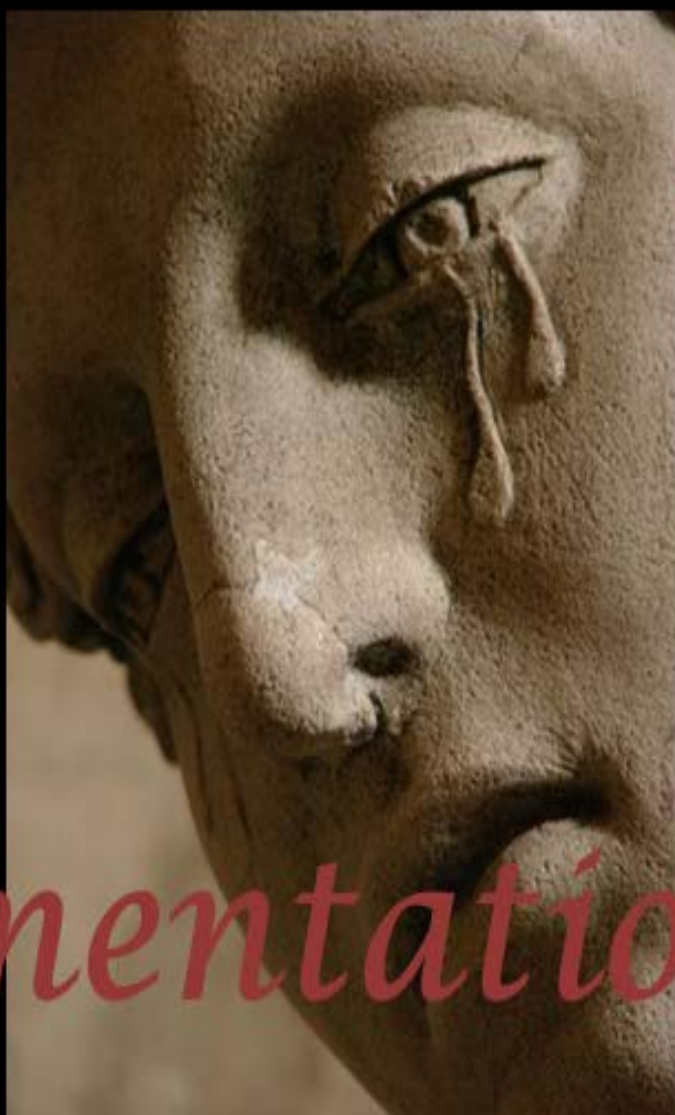
Calum Robertson:  
assistant organist

Friday 16  
March  
2018  
at  
7.30pm

Old Saint Paul's  
Church  
Jeffrey St,  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1DH

# *Lamentations*

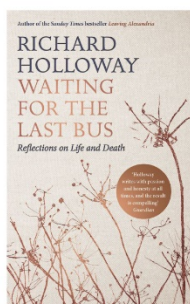
Ticket price:  
£10 (conc. £8),  
available at the door





**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

**The City of  
Edinburgh  
Methodist Church  
25 Nicolson Sq  
Edinburgh  
EH8 9BX**

**"Thoughtful,  
playful,  
courageous and  
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@eifs.org.uk](mailto:carrie@eifs.org.uk)

ECO-CONGREGATION SCOTLAND INVITES YOU TO TAKE PART IN AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT

# FAITH ACTION FOR NATURE

LAUNCHING SPRING 2018

**FREE**

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Limited spaces available  
register before 31.03.18

**University of Edinburgh  
School of Divinity, New College**

**19, 20, 21 March 2018  
Martin Hall, 5pm – 6.15pm**

**GUNNING LECTURE SERIES**

**Ann Taves, Professor of Religious Studies at University of California  
Santa Barbara, will give three lectures under the heading  
“religion as worldviews and as ways of life”**

**Monday 19 March: Studying Religions as Worldviews and Ways of Life**

**Tuesday 20 March: The Evolutionary Foundations of Worldviews**

**Wednesday 21 March: The Emergence of New Worldviews and Ways of Life**

**These are public lectures, to which all are welcome.**

**The first lecture will be followed by a Reception in Rainy Hall**





# Edinburgh Churches Together AGM

## EVERYONE WELCOME

Thursday 22nd March 2018

7:00-8:00pm

Augustine United Church

41-43 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

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## 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

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