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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

### 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.



## NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDRENS OFFICER

Booking is now open for the Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond! If you have teenagers in your church (S1-S6) please let them know about this wonderful opportunity for faith, fun and friendship. Details and application forms available here: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/glen18-form-1.pdf> If you have any questions, please contact Claire Benton-Evans [youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

## PROPERTY CONVENORS

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



## 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.

## ALL

### SEI NEWS

Here is the link to the March Newsletter:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-ministry/sei/sei-newsletter/>



[and-](#)

## The BIG DAY Celebrating Together!

St Mary's Cathedral 28th April

10.00-14.30



### LATEST NEWS!

I hope you have heard about **THE BIG DAY**, if not discover more in a short clip from Bishop John on our website [here](#).

You and all your church are invited to a glorious celebration as all 55 congregations in our Diocese gather to rejoice in our life together and our shared faith in Jesus Christ. With an interactive, all age programme from 10.30-14.30, there will be lots to see and do, as well as exciting opportunities to explore the variety and diversity of our churches. See the poster below for more details and print it off to display in your church and on your notice sheets (also available on the website [here](#)).

Every church should now have a person to act as co-ordinator and a printed off sign-up sheet, so put your name down and bring your friends and family along too. All are welcome but we do need numbers as lunch will be provided. Some of the workshops will be all age, but there will also be child care for under 5s only available during these times. Please register your little ones for this on the sign-up sheet at your church (also downloadable [here](#)).

Would you like to volunteer to help out on the day? Are you a task person like me who likes to be useful - making drinks, being a qualified first aider, welcoming people? If so, Annie would love to hear from you (details below).

It is great to hear that many churches are now planning their stall, showcasing one aspect of their life, work and mission. Incense, knitting, prayer ministry, recipes, singing; it's going to be FUN and fabulous! Your stall needs to be set up by 10am, (or on the day before) and ideally at least one person should be on hand to chat to folk throughout the event. There will not be lots of space and we can't guarantee a power socket, but a small table will be provided.

A programme and list of workshops will be published on our website soon, but in the meantime do get in touch with Annie for further details on 0131 538 7033 or [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

**28<sup>th</sup> April - A BIG DAY for our Glorious Diocese!**



# 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

The Revd Donald Guthrie died in Missoula Montana aged 87. He was Rector of St John's Selkirk from 1963 to 1974, and then Vice-Principal of the Theological College until 1976. Please see below link to his obituary in the local newspaper.

[http://missoulian.com/news/local/obituaries/donald-angus-guthrie/article\\_023df880-a5d8-5748-bfb9-9669dfa02614.html](http://missoulian.com/news/local/obituaries/donald-angus-guthrie/article_023df880-a5d8-5748-bfb9-9669dfa02614.html)

## DIARY

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Brechin Diocesan Synod

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

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

St Cuthbert's , Colinton

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**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

# Tapio Luoma elected new Archbishop

The Bishop of Espoo, Tapio Luoma, received 56 percent of the votes and will replace the current Archbishop Kari Mäkinen upon his retirement in June.



Tapio Luoma Image: Roni Lehti / Lehtikuva

Bishop Tapio Luoma has been elected the next Archbishop of Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Luoma, who is currently the Bishop of the diocese of Espoo, received 56 percent of the votes in the second round of the election, thereby beating his contender Björn Vikström, the Bishop of the diocese of Porvoo.

The first round of election took place in February and at that time Luoma and Vikström collected the most votes.

At present, the most contentious issue within the Lutheran church is the question of same-sex marriage. While Luoma does not support marrying gay couples in the church, he says he will stand behind any decision that the Church makes in the matter.

Luoma, who is 55, will replace the current archbishop Kari Mäkinen in June when Mäkinen retires.

# 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.





Did you know that the Diocese now has an Instagram account, for showcasing all the amazing things that churches across our Diocese are doing? You can find us on Instagram as:

**dioceseofedinburgh**

(Ask a teenager in your congregation if you're not sure what this is!)

If you are an Instagrammer, please follow us and share our posts. And even if you're not, please do send us pictures that you would like us to share, preferably with a sentence explaining what is going on!

Email all pictures and content to: [communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

Thanks,

*Jim*

Rev Jim Benton-Evans

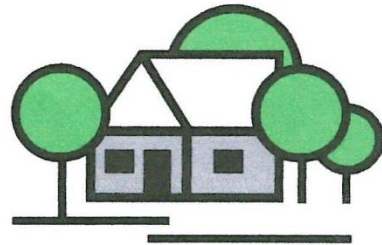


FULLY FURNISHED, ONE BEDROOM,  
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(ATTACHED TO CHURCH BUILDING)

# HOUSE TO RENT

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KITCHEN  
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DOUBLE BEDROOM  
LIVING ROOM  
UTILITY ROOM  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING



**£450** PER MONTH EXCLUDING  
UTILITY BILLS ETC.

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



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

## **St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow**

is seeking an

### **Organist and Coordinator of Music**



We are looking to appoint an experienced and appropriately qualified Organist and Coordinator of Music to play in our morning services, conduct our choir and work with our Ministry Team to develop the role of music in the life, worship and outreach of our congregation. The church is equipped with a Willis organ (1912) with 2 manuals and pedals, and a grand piano.

You would be expected to direct our enthusiastic and loyal mixed voice choir, and to co-ordinate a variety of other musical groups within the church. You would also be expected to play at church funerals and weddings, if available, and for additional services such as at Christmas and Easter.

We are looking for a person with good people skills who, whilst maintaining the longstanding musical traditions of St Michael's, is at home with varied musical styles and can develop the musical talent in the church. In particular, we are seeking a person who has a vision for inclusive worship and outreach to the community, who can lead us forward in new and inspiring ways.

In return, we offer a warm and welcoming congregation, an enthusiastic choir and a large number of accomplished musicians of all ages keen to use their talents in the life of the church. Remuneration will be within band (C) of the recommended salary scales for Organists, as set by the Scottish Federation of Organists.

Applications are invited from individuals or, if suitable, from a job-share partnership which will cover the organist and choral/coordinating roles between them.

For further information, please see the job description and additional information on the St Michael's Church website ([www.stmichaels-parish.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-parish.org.uk)) or contact the Church office at [info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk](mailto:info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk)

Closing date: Friday 13 April 2018



Photo by Gordon Young

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[N.B. This is the Church of Scotland church, who kindly hosted our last Diocesan Synod]

# 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

**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.

Following last week's bad weather, all are most welcome at a rescheduled

**World Day of Prayer Service**

to be held on

**Friday 9 March 2018**

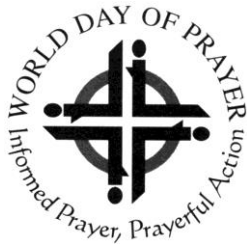
**2.30pm**

**Palmerston Place Church**

(Palmerston Place, Edinburgh)

Written by Christian women of Suriname, the theme is

***All God's Creation is Very Good!***



**Into Silence** Friday 23 March 1.30 - 3pm Christ Church Centre, Holy Corner, Edinburgh. Group continuing, 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.

No Friday group in April, instead:

**Silent Day Retreat** Saturday 28th April 11 for 11.30-4.30 at the Old School House, Morningside. £15, bring your own lunch. Info and booking Mollie Paterson [molliemollie19@gmail.com](mailto:molliemollie19@gmail.com) or 07719 699180. Please do ask if a concession would enable you to come.

New Block starting

**WHO HAS YOUR BACK - Work and Spirituality**

Feeling trapped, stuck or in conflict at work? Seeking a new perspective on a job situation or relating with colleagues? Whether aspects of your employment 'grate' on you, or offer you colour and creativity come along to the next block of 4 reflective practice workshops to explore, find support and be re-energised. For all work professions including those in healthcare, teachers, church settings etc.

Fridays 7.15 for 7.30 - 9.15pm in north Edinburgh

Four spaces only for these 4 dates - bookings close 1st April *or when full*.

20th April, 25th May, 29th June, 3rd August

£30 per session. To aid the group process you are greatly encouraged to come to all dates.

If you know at the time of booking that you need to miss one date you will not be charged for this, thereafter the commitment of £30 is to all dates. Confirmation of booking is on payment of the first £30, or discounted to £110 if made in one payment. More info

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

Enquiries and booking [reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:reflectivespaces@yahoo.co.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)



# 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*



## 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)

**Christ Church, Falkirk, St Catharine's, Bo'ness  
& St Mary's, Grangemouth**



We invite you to services with a difference as we present:

***'I Knew A Man'***  
***The Passion Play***  
by J.O.Sowinski

**The Roman Soldier stands at the foot of the Cross.  
In his hands he holds the robe the Man called Jesus  
wore.  
It is his story and of the people who stood at the foot  
of the Cross.**

The performance is in music, choral and narrative.

7pm, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's, Grangemouth  
2pm, Good Friday at Christ Church, Falkirk

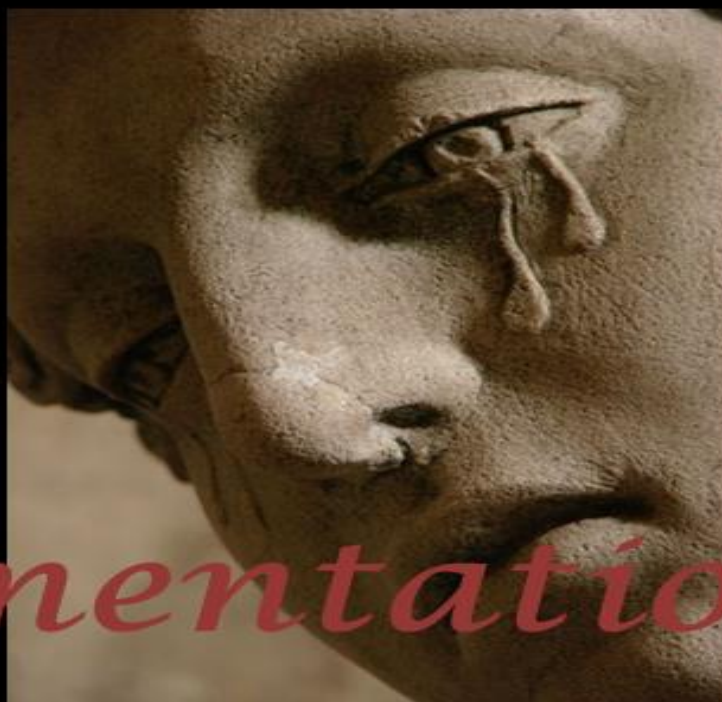
## Music for Lent

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

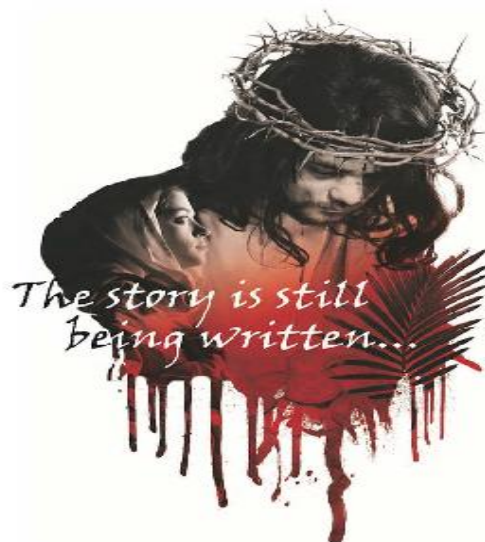
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# Easter

# Play

2018

Princes Street  
Gardens West



For more info see [www.easterplay.org](http://www.easterplay.org)

Princes St Easter Play Trust Scottish Charity SC 035933 Company Limited by Guarantee 390398

**Free**

Saturday  
31 March  
2.00pm

The quintessential  
one-off theatre  
event"

*The Scotsman on  
The Edinburgh Passion*



# **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

For more information, contact:  
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Edinburgh Churches Together



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**Patron:** Her Majesty The Queen  
**President:** Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal



**Caring for seafarers  
around the world**

## **A Date for Your Diary**

**The 2018 Mission to Seafarers Scotland Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday 30 June at 10.00am in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Grangemouth.**

**Our keynote speaker on the day will be the Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, the Revd Canon Andrew Wright.**

**Additionally, this date will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our chaplain, Revd Timothy Tunley. This provides an opportunity for us to gather in Grangemouth to congratulate Tim and celebrate the moment with him.**

**Please enter this important date in your diary. I do hope you can join us on the day.**

*The Revd Canon Dr R P Harley*

**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**





## **A Retreat in Daily Life at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh.**

**A retreat for everyone – of whatever church background, or none.**



### **What is a Retreat in Daily Life?**

An opportunity to take some time out of our often busy lives to pray and to listen to God. It is a time to reflect and find some space, and to connect or reconnect with God.

We meet together as a whole group at the beginning and the end of the retreat. In between each participant meets once a week with a prayer guide, and takes time on their own to pray each day for whatever time they can manage. The prayer guide will provide some suggestions for prayer and help you review the previous week.

**Beginning**     Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April 3-4pm

**Ending**        Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June 3-4.30pm

**Booking**        Book on Eventbrite: [aretreatindailylife.eventbrite.co.uk](http://aretreatindailylife.eventbrite.co.uk)  
(Please book by Thur 19<sup>th</sup> April)

Or contact Di Hollow ([hollowfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:hollowfamily@btinternet.com))

### **Cost**

The suggested contribution is £40. This should be paid to the guide at the first 1:1 meeting. There are some bursaries available for those who may need these.

### **More information**

Please contact Di Hollow if there is anything else you'd like to know about the retreat.

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

# FAITH ACTION FOR NATURE

LAUNCHING SPRING 2018

**FREE**

ARE YOU A KEEN AND ACTIVE  
CONGREGATION LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO  
CARE FOR CREATION?

## FAITH ACTION FOR NATURE

- BRAND NEW RESOURCE PACKS FOR EVERY SEASON
- ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
- OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP PROJECTS WITH EXCLUSIVE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

TO FIND OUT MORE, INCLUDING HOW TO GET INVOLVED

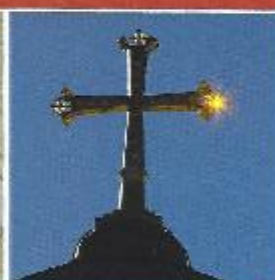
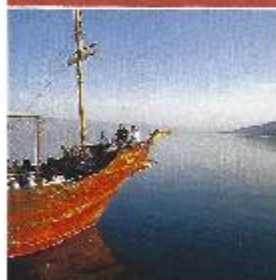
EMAIL: [SCOTLAND@ECOCONGREGATIONSCOTLAND.ORG](mailto:SCOTLAND@ECOCONGREGATIONSCOTLAND.ORG) PHONE: 01312402277

Limited spaces available  
register before 31.03.18





*McCabe*  
PILGRIMAGES



# A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

5-15 November 2018  
with Prebendary Bob King and Mrs Pat King

11 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee

For full details:

Tel: 01573 224163

Email: [rectorofkelso@gmail.com](mailto:rectorofkelso@gmail.com)

