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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

### TREASURERS

#### **BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL** - How to pay in your donations

We are now receiving donations from various charges, so any monies not yet sent in, would be gratefully received. If you are paying by cheque, just a note for you – we have received a few already, made payable to “Bishop’s Lent Appeal” “Scottish Episcopal Church” and “SEC Diocese of Edinburgh”. We can usually get away with the last one, but the others are rejected by the bank. Could you therefore kindly make any cheques payable to **“Edinburgh Diocesan Synod”**. For those wishing to pay by BACS, please use A/c no. 00215170 and Sort code 60-01-73. The account name is the same as the cheque payee, above. Any reference that helps us identify it as the Lent Appeal will be fine. Please also include any Gift Aid that you are able to claim, as we cannot do that, once the payments reach here.

**Bishop of Edinburgh**  
**Lent Appeal 2018**

## ALL

### DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

After the retirement of the Revd Dr Ken Webb as CMD Officer, alongside other changes in mission & ministry, an amount was put into the 2018 Budget for additional administrative support. We are very pleased to announce that **Nathalie Mares** has been appointed to the part-time role of **Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry)/P.A. to the Dean**. Whilst the main task is to support the work of the Mission & Ministry Committee and its officers, this will be the first time that our Dean has been provided with dedicated admin support, which became a key issue in recent years.



Nathalie will complement the work of Ann Rae, our other Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management). This now enables us to cover the work of the 2 main diocesan committees. We look forward to Nathalie joining us in mid-June.

## PVG Coordinators

### SAFEGUARDING NEWS

There is a useful video which has just been uploaded onto the OSCR website. Click this link to see the video:

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/video-an-update-on-safeguarding>



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Video: An update on safeguarding

17 Apr 2018



In our latest video, Jude Turbott (OSCR's Head of Engagement) provides an update on safeguarding. Jude discusses:

- why safeguarding should be a priority for Scottish charities
- what steps charity trustees can take
- the upcoming summit on safeguarding and beyond
- when further guidance will be available.

## ALL

### GDPR

A consent form is being sent out from the Diocesan Office in relation to the officials in charges, for personal data held on our central database – see *the notice elsewhere in this edition*.



## News from Youth & Childrens Officer

The latest Youth and Childrens Newsletter is out now! You can read all about it [here](#). In particular, this edition considers how we can have conversations with children about death and dying: if you are interested in learning more, please contact [youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org) as training can be arranged.

A small amount of funding is available for youth and children's projects: the closing date for summer applications is 8 June and applications forms are available on the diocesan website [here](#).



## WANTED

by Old St Paul's Church, Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh

Does any congregation have extra/unwanted copies of the New English Hymnal for congregational use – with melody line? We are also in need of the regular hymn book as some of ours are walking out the door. We would like to replenish our stock if there are churches that no longer use theirs.

Please contact Jean Keltie at [admin@osp.org.uk](mailto:admin@osp.org.uk)

## ORGANIST AVAILABLE

My name is Jonathan Buchan. I am an organist with over 20 years experience. I write to offer my services as an organist available to play for Funerals, Weddings and evening and midweek worship services in Churches within the Diocese. I can be contacted on email or on 0773 277 3270.

I hope I can help you in the future. Every blessing,

Jonathan Buchan

## CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

## DIARY

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Bishop attending General Assembly
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED (Public Holiday) <i>General Synod Office also closed</i>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation of Candidates, St Peter's, Lutton Place
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Diocesan Standing Committee meets

## ADVANCE NOTICE

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Bishop Presiding, St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	General Synod, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Diocesan Clergy Conference

# FEEDBACK AND IDEAS

As we said in the last communicant, a huge **THANK YOU** to all who came along to the BIG DAY and especially to everyone involved with creating, setting up and attending to the glorious variety of church stalls. It was really fantastic to see just how much effort had gone into these and we'd love to capture something of the energy and ideas.



We plan to create a section of the website full of **ideas for mission and ministry** from around the diocese, with contributions from as many different churches as possible. So if you, or anyone involved from your church, are able and willing to, we would really appreciate receiving some more details of the theme/event/activities your stall focused on. A simple fill-in form is available [on the website here](#) OR [email Annie](#) about 300 words (or more) which could be based on the following:

- Describe the focus/theme/activities of your church stall for the Big Day
- How does this arise from your particular context?
- Any significant factors/resources/support which have informed/helped you in this
- Any challenges you've had and how you overcame them
- The impact it's had on your congregation and/or local community



We did have a photographer there on the day, but if you have any photos of either your stall, or your activity when it's happening at your church, it would be great if you could also share some of those with us. They will only be used for our website or publicity.

We have received some great **feedback** from attendees, and even from some who weren't there but have heard about it from their friends, so it really has set the diocese buzzing with inspiration. We would love to hear any feedback you have to offer and also will be sending out a brief survey by email, so do get in touch if you would be happy to help us in this way.

**Thank you**, once again, for the church stalls and for the effort and energy each church brought which set the Cathedral and the Diocese alive. The day simply could not have happened without us all being involved. A wonderful example of how we can work together to encourage and support each other!

**Praise God for our shared life and faith in Christ Jesus!**

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## Is your church engaging in "THY KINGDOM COME", the global prayer initiative happening at the moment?

Right across the world churches and individuals are encouraged to join in with a special season of prayer for these 11 days between Ascension Day (last Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May) and this coming Pentecost Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> May). If your church is involved, then we love to hear from you with stories and ideas to encourage us all. [Get in touch with Annie here](#)

On the SEC website there are daily prayer videos here:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/thy-kingdom-come-2018/>

We apologise for the lack of Diocesan resources due to the proximity to BIG DAY....

**Join with our sisters and brothers across the globe in praying for God's work in God's world.**



## DIOCESAN OFFICE CONSENT PROCESS

If you hold an official position in the diocese (e.g. Vestry Secretary, Lay Representative, Treasurer etc.) or are a member of the Clergy, you will be receiving a consent form through the post, so that we have your permission to keep your contact details on our office database.

You can return the form in the post, if you wish, but we have also **setup an online form**, which makes the process nice and easy:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/gdpr-consent-form/>

You do NOT need to do both forms, though.

Thank you for your time and patience with all this.

*Edinburgh Diocesan Office*



## EVENTS

# Dementia: the Carer's Experience

*A Day for Carers in East Lothian*



### **By carers, for carers.**

This is an event designed and organised by local people with experience of caring for someone with dementia. In their words: *'it offers time out and a chance to think about how we care for ourselves, as well as our loved ones'*.

It is for carers in East Lothian who care for someone with dementia or have experience of doing so in the past on an unpaid basis. It could be a partner, family member or a friend.

### **The programme has a twin focus and will include:**

- **Key practical information.** To assist and support people caring for someone with dementia, enabling them to feel better equipped in their caring role and in looking after themselves too.
- **Managing Expectations - What About Me.** Carers, with experience of caring will talk about what it's been like for them to care for a loved one with dementia, sharing their insights and learning about what has helped them.

There will also be time for discussion and questions.

**Tuesday 22 May 2018**

**9.30am to 4pm, North Berwick, East Lothian**

**FREE for carers to attend**

Lunch will be provided

**The Mission to Seafarers Scotland**

109 Avalon Gardens, Linlithgow, EH49 7PL

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**Patron:** Her Majesty The Queen

**President:** Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal



**Caring for seafarers  
around the world**

St Mary's Rectory  
128 Glengate  
Kirriemuir  
Angus  
DD8 4JG

23 April 2018

Dear Friend

**MISSION TO SEAFARERS SCOTLAND ANNUAL MEETING 30 JUNE 2018**

I am writing to invite you to this year's Annual Meeting, which will be held in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Ronaldshay Crescent, Grangemouth, FK3 9JH on Saturday 30 June.

This year's keynote speech will be delivered by the Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, the Rev'd Canon Andrew Wright.

There will be tea / coffee from 10.00am with the meeting getting underway at 10.30am. This will be followed by our service in church and then a light lunch.

It would be good to welcome you as we reflect on the past year during which we have been very busy with the provision of support to seafarers. Please join us as we review the activities of The Mission to Seafarers Scotland over the last year and share with you our plans for the future.

Please reply by email ([office.mtss@virginmedia.com](mailto:office.mtss@virginmedia.com)) if you can come so that we have an idea of the numbers for our caterer.

Yours aye,



The Revd Canon Dr RP Harley





Holy Trinity, High Cross Avenue Presents:

# Melrose Music Festival

## 19th - 21st May 2018

### Music for a Royal Wedding

Robert Dick conducts a choir and orchestra in favourites from Royal Weddings of the past

**19th May 7.30pm £10**

### “Restoring the Pattern”

The Squair Mile Consort of Viols perform music to soothe the soul by Byrd, Gibbons, Tallis

**20th May 7.30pm £10**

### Artists from a New Generation

Max Fane presents singers for a concert of much loved classics, and from the world of musicals

**21st May 7.30pm £12**

**ALL THREE CONCERTS FOR £20**

Tickets available on the door





# Big Green



## Coffee Morning

10 'til 12

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May

Queensferry Parish Church



Stalls and information about reducing single use plastic

Children's games and activities

**Tea**

**Coffee**

**Home Baking**

Entry £2 OR **£1** if you bring your own reusable cup!

Children free.

**Event: An Evening with Prof Alison Phipps.**

Title: Hospitality - Lessons from Refugees.

Chair: Peter Macdonald, Former Leader, the Iona Community.

Venue: Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

Date: Wednesday 23 May 2018.

Time: Registration: 6.30pm-7pm. Event: 7pm-8.45pm.

<http://eicsp.org/events/event-details/556-an-evening-with-prof-alison-hipps-23-may-2018/>

**Scottish Trans Alliance**

Over the years many churches have found it hard to find out more about how they should welcome those who struggling with their Gender Identity. As an organisation the Scottish Trans Alliance project within the Equality Network will be offering consultations on a 1-1 or group basis to try and help you move forward and welcome those of us who are different into God's family.

Volunteers are available to offer support and advice at all levels within your communion and at all levels especially if you need to produce guidance booklets, run training courses or conferences.

This service is free of charge although assistance with travel costs are appreciated however funding should not be a barrier to access. It is more important to be involved.

Having recently joined the project within the Equality Network, Judith E Dene is a volunteer with a remit of raising the profile of Transgender people and religion.

Judith's own religious background is from an Anglican base which was high church for many years but on moving to Scotland a few years ago she is now involved with the Scottish Episcopal Church and is a member of Vestry and act as Server/Crucifer on a rota basis at her own church. If you would like more information please contact Judith on 07786717051 or email her at [judith@equality-network.org](mailto:judith@equality-network.org)



# 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 13th June 2018, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)**

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

#### **Wednesday 20th June 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-45678646060](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-45678646060)**

**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***





# KNIT2018

## RAISE FUNDS AS YOU KNIT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES!

Could you join fellow knitters across the country in a sponsored knitting drive to help refugees living in camps in Lebanon?

Since 2013 EDA has been sending regular shipments of warm clothes to help 60,000 Syrian refugees live through harsh snowy winters in tented camps in Aarsal, Lebanon, in the mountains 5,000ft above sea level.



Our ever generous donors have included many knitters of warm woolly hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, blankets, & toys.

All our donations are packed into huge 40' long shipping containers, then sent by sea to Lebanon. Our local team of refugees in Aarsal makes sure they are distributed to those in most need. It costs a lot to ship each container - some £3,500 in all. The value of donated goods aboard works out at over £20,000 in local prices, so it's money well spent.



**BUT** we have to raise that £3,500 for every container sent. And we need funds also to make local purchases of fuel, medicine etc, and support schools, training and workshops in Aarsal.

**SO** we are asking our knitters to make a realistic but challenging commitment to any knitting target they choose, and seek sponsorship for achieving it, from 14th May to 30th June.



## **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**

**22 April 2018**

**Rt Rev Bishop Brian Smith**  
*An Introduction to The Psalms*

**27 May 2018**

**Matt & Margaret Driver**  
*An Introduction to The Focolare Movement*

**17 June 2018**

**Andrew Gregg, Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain**  
*An Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy*

For further information,  
please email [ecumenical@cathedral.net](mailto:ecumenical@cathedral.net)



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Friday, Saturday &  
Sunday Nights

AARON SHUST

Saturday Night

THE AFTERS

Sunday Night

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CENTRAL SCOTLAND  
WILL GRAHAM  
CELEBRATION  
OF HOPE

Friday 7.00pm  
Kidzfest Saturday 10.00am  
Saturday 7.00pm  
Sunday 5.00pm

**Free Admission**

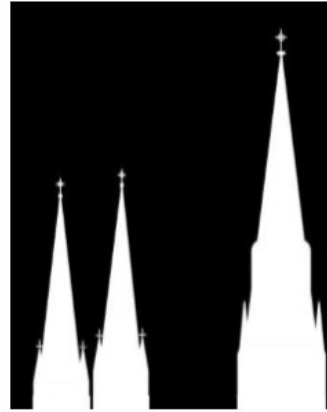


June 15-17 2018  
Falkirk Stadium

  
[WWW.CELEBRATIONOFOHOPE.UK](http://WWW.CELEBRATIONOFOHOPE.UK)  
Charity number SC046588



WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY  
SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018  
11am – 3pm  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL – NORTH LAWN  
(WALPOLE HALL IF WET)



This is an international event which began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company. When it started in 2005, there were about 25 local events around the world. In 2017, there were 1,125 Knit-in-Public events in 54 different countries!

St Mary's Cathedral Knit and Natter Group will be hosting an event on 9<sup>th</sup> June and we would be delighted if all you yarn enthusiasts out there could join us. Come along and bring your knitting (or stitching or crochet!) and share inspiration and ideas with some new friends.

Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own lunch/snacks and a blanket, cushion or chair to sit on.

From the main entrance to the Cathedral on Palmerston Place, follow the balloons and you will find us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Suzy Morrison via the Cathedral office ([office@cathedral.net](mailto:office@cathedral.net)) if you would like more information.



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## The Gifford Lectures

# Science and Religion in Global Public Life

by

**Elaine Howard Ecklund**

*The Herbert S Autrey Chair in Social Sciences  
and Professor of Sociology at Rice University*

**Tuesday 29 May 2018 at 5.30pm**

Meadows Lecture Theatre,  
William Robertson Wing (Doorway 4),  
Old Medical School, Teviot Place,  
Edinburgh EH8 9AG

Gifford lectures are free to attend but ticketed. To book tickets visit  
**[www.ed.ac.uk/gifford-lectures](http://www.ed.ac.uk/gifford-lectures)**

Enquiries: [GiffordLectures@ed.ac.uk](mailto:GiffordLectures@ed.ac.uk)



# St Mary's Cathedral Lecture

## ***Praying the Name of Jesus***

An Introduction to the History of the Jesus Prayer

By

The Very Rev'd Prof John McGuckin

In the Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral  
Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW

On Monday 28 May 2018 at 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

It would be helpful, but not essential, if you could confirm your intention to come by emailing [cathedralspirituality@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralspirituality@gmail.com). You may also use this email to ask for information about this event.



Fr John McGuckin is an eminent early church historian, patristics scholar and author of many books, including *The Path of Christianity: The First Thousand Years*, *St Gregory of Nazianzus*, *An Intellectual Biography*, *The Book of Mystical Chapters* and *The Orthodox Church*. He is Visiting Research Professor, Oxford University, Faculty of Theology, Emeritus Professor of Byzantine Christian Studies, Columbia University & UTS, New York and ArchPriest of the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate.

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

**10:30-4 Saturday 30 June, 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 challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace & reconciliation? \**

*Speakers to include:*

*The Revd Dr Clive Barrett, Chair of the Peace Museum, Bradford*

*The Revd David Mumford, Former Dean of Brechin Diocese.*

**To register or simply to find out more email: [dmumford@phonecoop.coop](mailto:dmumford@phonecoop.coop)**



\* Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion