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The Diocese of Edinburgh

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

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NOTICES

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NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have been changing a few things internally, now that we have had a few staff changes, and we have revised one or two addresses, as follows:

Diocesan Administrator – Simon Filsell:

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office@edinburgh.anglican.org



The previous addresses still work at present, but will be phased out over time. All contact details can be found here:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-committees/staff-based-at-the-diocesan-office/>

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Staff Office Development Day , The Office will be closed all day on Thursday 20th September and will reopen on Friday 21st September

NEWS FROM BISHOP JOHN

This year we remember that it is exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War. There are, of course, many resources on line and elsewhere to help us plan for our Armistice Sunday services. The Anglican Pacifist Fellowship has sent me these resources and I offer them for you to dip into as you see fit.

<https://www.anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk/armistice-centenary-resources/>

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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2019

**Bishop of Edinburgh
Lent Appeal**

The Bishop of Edinburgh is inviting bids and nominations from people across the Diocese for what could be the focus of the Bishop's Lent Appeal in 2019.

Bishop John Armes sponsors a Lent Appeal each year with the funds raised shared equally between two charitable organisations. One at home in Edinburgh and the UK and one elsewhere in the world.

Over the past few years we have contributed to a wide variety of projects such as sewing machines in Papua New Guinea, the work of IJM and of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel.

In our home diocese we have supported Waverley Care and Faith in Older People and St John and the City Defibrillator campaign which has seen defib units hosted and installed across the city for anyone in need to use.

Although it may seem early, we would hope that you can help by submitting your suggestion by **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. This allows us time to contact the successful nominee to discuss their goals and expectations and allow for planning.

Nominations should be around a single A4 side of information about what they do although web links can be included. Where appropriate, please do let us know of any personal involvement with your nominee or a note about how you know of them and if available, the contact details of the charitable organisation itself.

Please send your suggestions for the attention of Bishop John at BishopsPA@dioceseofedinburgh.org

NEWS FROM BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Interested in Pilgrimage and its place in mission today?

The SEC are holding a **day conference to explore the traditions of pilgrimage** in Scotland and its place in helping people explore faith today. Friday 21st September, 10am-4.30pm in central Aberdeen, this will be well worth the journey and at only £5 is a bargain! To book a ticket and for more details [click here](#).

Faith Formation in a Secular Age, 4th October

The Church of Scotland are holding an ecumenical day conference in Glasgow on Thursday 4th October, 10am-4pm. exploring the **theology behind faith formation and discipleship in today's culture**, especially thinking about the impact on

children and young people. All are welcome to come and hear Prof Andy Root from Luther Seminary, tickets are £20 to include lunch. For more details and to book [see here](#).

Grave Talk – Resource to borrow

One subject which creates huge opportunities for mission are the issues surrounding death and dying. Recognising this fact, the Church of England have an excellent resource called Grave Talk, 50 postcards and a leaders guide to help you invite people to **a café style discussion**. It has proved very successful in lots of different contexts and is now available to borrow from the Diocesan Office. Find out more details on their own website (<https://churchofenglandfunerals.org/gravetalk/>) or contact Annie at the office to borrow it. [Email here](#).

Exploring Faith – Resources to borrow

A series of three courses published by Christianity Explored are available to borrow from the Diocesan Office. Life Explored, Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored are short courses with DVD clips, leaders and participants' guides to **help people discover faith**. Designed for people at different stages along the journey why not borrow one to see if this could be helpful for your mission and ministry? For more details [click here](#) or contact Annie at the office to borrow it. [Email here](#).

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

Wee Sleep Out in the Cathedral [poster attached]

Would you sleep all night in the nave of St Mary's Cathedral? We are inviting children and young people from the diocese to do just that on 9-10 November from 7pm-8am, to raise money for Social Bite's movement to end homelessness in Scotland. [The Wee Sleep Out](#) is a fundraising initiative for 8 – 16s: as part of the Year of Young People, churches, schools and youth organisations across the country are being encouraged to host Wee Sleep Out events on the same night. Edinburgh Diocese and St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral are teaming up to bring you the Wee Sleep Out in the Cathedral: participants and leaders will enjoy fun sleepover activities and candlelit night prayer; then we will camp out all night in the main Cathedral and hope to get some sleep before the 7.30am service of Holy Communion!

If you would like to know more about joining in the Wee Sleep Out, please contact Claire Benton-Evans at youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org

If you would like to support the brave participants and the work of Social Bite, you can donate [here](#).

If you would like to organise your own Wee Sleep Out, visit the Social Bite website [here](#).

NEW GUIDE TO THE DIOCESE OFFICE

Do you know who we are, where we are and what we do – and CAN do for you? Well, we have produced a wee guide to help you with those questions. This will be especially useful if you are noew to the diocese, or even new to your Vestry, and it will tell you where to get help, and from whom. We will be giving it out to people, where we have the opportunity to do that, individually, but it can be viewed/downloiaded from:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-committees/staff-based-at-the-diocesan-office/>

The Diocesan Office –
what can we do for you?

*A guide for those new to the diocese, new
to the vestry or simply curious!*



CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Saturday 1st December Ordination of Margaret Pederson

CALENDAR

Thursday 20th September Ordination to the Priesthood of Jacqui du Rocher, St Mary's, Dalkeith

Thursday 20th September Diocesan Office Development Day (office CLOSED)

Tuesday 25th September Licensing of Caroline Longley as Lay Reader, The Good Shepherd, Murrayfield

Sunday 30th September Ordination to the Diaconate of Andrew Philip and the Revd Ollie Clegg, St Mary's Cathedral

ADVANCE NOTICES

Thursday 25th October Diocesan Synod @ **St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh** (evening)

Tuesday 27th –Thursday 29th November Diocesan Clergy Conference

Saturday 9th March 2019 Diocesan Synod @St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh

Edinburgh City Council Archive Consultation

Edinburgh City Council are running a consultation on its archives. If you wish to response to the consultation to put on record that we value it as a place to store historical records and want that to continue. Please click the link below to find out more information. The consultation closes and 26th October 2018.

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/bi/archives/>

DIOCESAN SYNOD – 25 October 2018

The agenda has now been published online. It is on the “Synod” page of the Diocesan Office Resources section. Paper copies are being posted out to voting members. Please note:



1. There are 2 additional papers not yet published
2. Those papers will **only be available online** so please print off copies to bring along with you (there will not be many pages to print out)

Here is the link:

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

VACANCIES



The Diocese of Edinburgh

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Lead Evangelist and Priest in Charge

Are you passionate about helping people come to a living faith in Jesus? Can you inspire and equip others to do the same? Are you an ordained Church Army Evangelist, or an Anglican Priest willing to join the Church Army Community?

If so then we have just the job for YOU in a new Centre of Mission being established by the Diocese of Edinburgh and the Church Army in the Scottish Borders.

You will need to be a gifted leader both to guide and empower the Collaborative Ministry Teams in continuing to grow the three inherited churches in this partnership, whilst concentrating your own efforts on those who do not attend church to develop fresh expressions of church across the area. You will be assisted in this exciting ministry by a full-time pioneer evangelist whom you will help recruit.

As the Priest in Charge and Lead Evangelist of the new A7 group of charges, St Peter's in Galashiels, St John's in Selkirk and St Cuthbert's in Hawick, you will be appointed initially for 5 years (with the opportunity to renew) and will be accountable directly to the Diocesan Bishop.

To be successful in this application you will have experience in strategic planning for mission and enabling church growth, through sharing your personal faith and nurturing new disciples.

Inspired by the amazing potential of this role?

For more details or an informal conversation please contact:

Rev Canon Kerry Dixon, Church Army Projects Officer for Scotland,
07711 410 017, kerry.dixon@churcharmy.org

Closing Date: Monday 15th October

Interview Dates: 24th and 25th October

EVENTS

We have a wonderful workshop upcoming, and hope that you will join us! There is a choice of two venues this year, Dundee on September 26th or Glasgow on October 3rd. We hope to see you there.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DYING: A WORKSHOP FOR CLERGY AND PEOPLE IN AUTHORISED MINISTRIES



This day workshop will offer support and tools to enhance confidence in having pastoral conversations about death and dying.

Using a model from the field of bereavement to explore emotional, psychological and spiritual responses and building on the experiences of the participants, the day will resource those who attend to go deeper in their pastoral encounters with people who are actively addressing their own mortality. The day will be facilitated by Rev Canon Dr Marion Chatterley. Marion has extensive experience of working with younger people who are facing their own mortality and has a particular interest in bereavement theory.

The programme assumes a degree of personal sharing and therefore participation is restricted to clergy and others in authorised ministries within the churches.

Date: Wednesday 26 September 2018

Venue: The Steeple, Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DG

Time: Registration from 9.30am; start at 10.00am – Finish approximately 4.00pm

Cost: £40.00

Date: Wednesday 3 October 2018

Venue: The Ignatian Centre, 35 Scott Street, Glasgow G3 6PE

Time: Registration from 9.30am; start at 10.00am – Finish approximately 4.00pm

Cost: £40.00

PLACES ARE LIMITED; PLEASE APPLY BY EMAIL TO INFO@FIOP.ORG.UK

PLEASE PROVIDE NAME, ADDRESS, CHURCH, PHONE AND EMAIL CONTACT DETAILS.

A FULL PROGRAMME WILL BE CIRCULATED ON APPLICATION.

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE Tel: 0131 346 7981



NEWS RELEASE

Press release below about a photo exhibition going to an Episcopal church in Falkirk next month. It'll be visiting many other churches as it tours the country but **we're keen to hear from people who might want to host it**. Photo and caption attached.

For more information, go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/uprooted-overlooked/church-exhibition-tour>

Thanks

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30th August

For immediate release

****Free to use images available****

International photo exhibition comes to Falkirk

A powerful new international photo exhibition, telling the story of people forced from their homes in Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq, is coming to Falkirk in September.

The exhibition, [Uprooted](#), is part of a UK nationwide tour by charity Christian Aid to highlight the plight of the more than 40 million internally displaced people around the world.

Christian Aid Scotland Campaigns Organiser, Diane Green said; "We're thrilled to bring the Uprooted! Voices to Falkirk. Not many people know about the struggles of the millions of people forced from their homes, but who remain in their own countries. We need to raise awareness of their struggle, and this is a great way to share their stories."

The exhibition consists of images telling the story of displaced people from Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq. Their lives are all different, but the stories are linked because all of them have been forced from their homes but remain within their national borders - and consequently are less likely to receive international support or assistance.

This year, global negotiations are taking place to tackle the response to refugees and migrants. This exhibition aims to encourage people to join Christian Aid's new campaign to ensure the rights of internally displaced people are recognised by, not only the international community, but also the UK government.

Diane added; "Christian Aid has a history of opening our eyes to the realities of the world we live in. Churches and community groups across Scotland have helped refugees who've sought refuge here, but this exhibition can help us understand the reality for many people who have been forced from their homes but can't seek safety in another country."

Uprooted! Voices will be at Christ Church, Kerse Lane, Falkirk from the 9th-23rd September and Larbert East Church, Kirk Ave, Stenhousemuir, Larbert also from the 9th-23rd September.

For more information or to enquire about hosting the exhibition call 0141 2217475 or go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/uprooted-overlooked/church-exhibition-tour>



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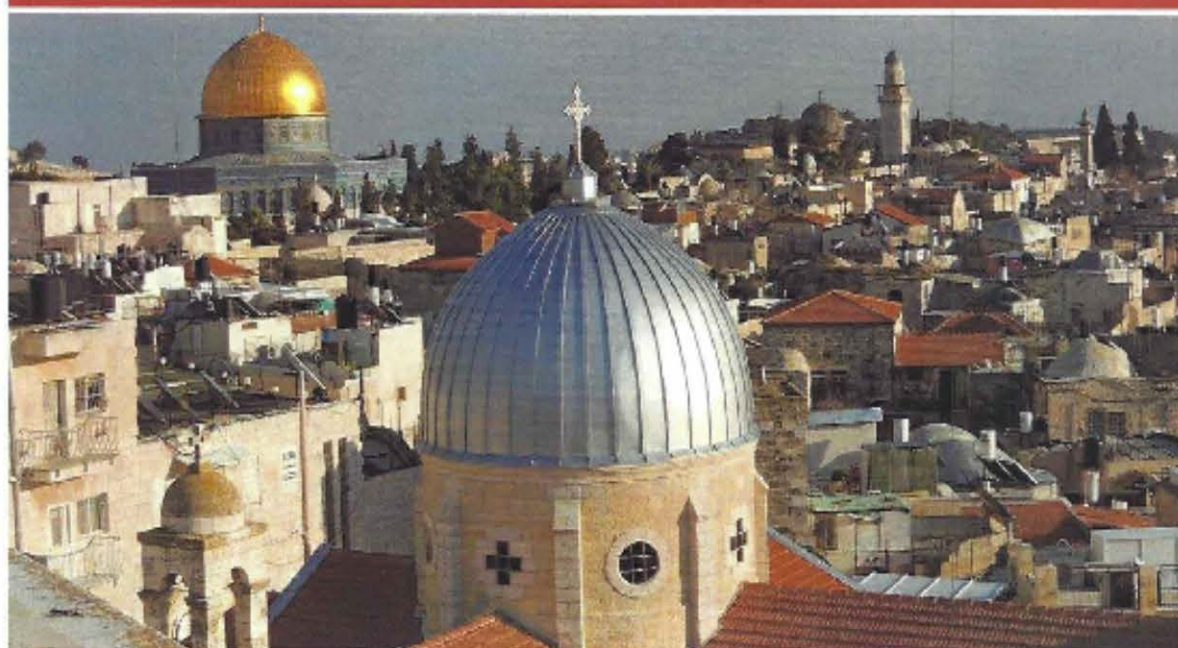
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A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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

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A little rule for beginners

A monthly group for anyone interesting in exploring the insights of
Benedictine spirituality
for our daily living and discipleship today

Saturdays: 29 Sep; 3 Nov; 1 Dec

10:00 – 12:00

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Sat. 29th September, 11:00-16:00

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Accessibility: Lothian Bus (8, 14, 16 & 23), Car Park, Bicycle Rack

Refreshments available / stcolumbashospice.org.uk / 0131 551 1381



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8pm, St Cuthbert's Parish Church
5 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh

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Faith Discussion Group

The Faith Discussion Group considers different topics to do with faith to try better to understand what faith is and how it affects us both as individuals and as a community. All are welcome to our meetings, including doubters and sceptics.

This coming term meetings will be on Tuesday evenings, from 9th October to 27th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Upper Room at Saughtonhall United Reformed Church 85/87 Saughtonhall Drive, Edinburgh EH12 5TR.

"God is a delusion and science has removed the need for faith." But there are many practising scientists who have a sincere Christian faith, even at the highest levels of academia. In their working lives, they are required to think and test their ideas to the limit.

In the six-week course called *Test of Faith*, produced by the Faraday Institute, several practising scientists explain why science, for them, actually strengthens their Christian faith. They help us explore testing issues of faith and science that affect our own lives.

Study guides will be available. More information can be found at <http://www.testoffaith.com>

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice, which ended the First World War, we will consider the role of Christianity in that conflict, led by John Webster.

Before Advent, Dean Fostekew will reflect with us on *The Adoration of the Kings* using the picture by Jacopo Bassano.

In the New Year, we will participate in *Community Bible Experience*, in which we read the bible as if in a book club. We will also consider the role of women in early Christianity, guided by Professor Helen Bond of New College.

The weekly programme before Advent is:

9 th October, 7.30pm	Test of Faith: Beyond Reason?
16 th October, 7.30pm	Test of Faith: Facts and Faith
23 rd October, 7.30pm	Test of Faith: An Accident in the Making?
30 th October, 7.30pm	Test of Faith: The Environment
6 th November, 7.30pm	Test of Faith: Freedom to choose
13 th November, 7.30pm	WW1 and Christianity <i>John Webster</i>
20 th November, 7.30pm	The Adoration of the Kings by Bassano <i>Dean Fostekew</i>
27 th November, 7.30pm	Test of Faith: Thinking about Human Identity

For more details contact Jim Paterson jim@thepatersons.org



Weathering Well: Growing Older Gracefully into Spiritual Elderhood

We have a challenge in the second half of our lives:

we can choose to continue to lead a fruitful life through
'conscious eldering'

or choose to settle into
ageing and becoming elderly

"Weathering. Patina, gloss, and whorl.
The trunk of the almond tree,
gnarled but still fruitful.
Weathering is what
I would like to do well."

from "Weathering" by Alastair Reid

"...I choose to risk my
significance, to live so that
which came to me as seed
goes to the next as blossom,
and that which came to me as blossom
goes on as fruit."

from "I will not Die an Unlived Life"
by Dawna Markova

The Invitation: Please consider joining this small group for an initial session that will explore the concept of Spiritual Elderhood and its implications for us as individuals as well as for our wider extended communities.

The Intention: We will then consider meeting monthly (for around 9 months) to explore more deeply the challenges and gifts that come from choosing to lead a more fruitful life of spiritual elderhood. These include: reconnecting to what gives us life; rediscovering the essence of who we are; embracing self-care and accepting our body changes; remembering the freedom of forgiveness; re-visiting curiosity and creativity as catalysts of generativity; reclaiming our authentic selves; coming home to our natural rhythm and internal sanctuary; befriending death through acceptance, non-attachment and letting go.

Our Teachers: We will draw on the shared wisdom of the participants within the group as well the perennial wisdom of sages and elders across the world (including poetry, religious philosophy, cultural anthropology and some gentle body movement practices).

Venue: St John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh

Date: 11th October 2018

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Cost: £40 (including lunch)

The session(s) will be led by Nancy Adams

To register, or for more information : info@fiop.org.uk



SOCIAL **BiTE**'S

#Wee Sleep Out

PUT AN END TO
HOMELESSNESS

WHEN

Friday 9 - Saturday 10 November | 7pm—8am

WHERE

St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh

**MORE
INFO**

youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Save The Date!



Saturday 1st December 2018
St John's Episcopal Church,
Princes Street, Perth



**Seeing
Injustice,
Imagining
Change**



Rt Revd Anne Dyer,
Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney
Picturing issues of gender justice
Further information to follow

Organised by the Gender Justice Group of the Diocese of St Andrews,
Dunkeld & Dunblane.