



Scottish Episcopal Church

The Diocese of Edinburgh

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

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NOTICES

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TO ALL INCUMBENTS, PRIESTS IN CHARGE, & VESTRY SECRETARIES



You should all have now received an email with an attached copy of the annual letter about the three forms which need to be completed for the end of the year. Most of you will have held your Annual Meeting, so and Lay Rep and other changes will have happened. Your Treasurer has been contacted separately about the Annual Accounts and the Finance Schedule, but if you could give your prompt attention to the three forms listed in the letter, that would be hugely appreciated.

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

SLEEP IN THE PARK

Diocesan Challenge 8th December 7pm-6am

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO SLEEP OUTSIDE FOR A WHOLE DECEMBER NIGHT?

Do ever walk past a homeless person and want to help? Come and join Bishop John, others from the diocese and about 8,000 people sleeping out in Princes Street Gardens on 8th December to support the charity *Social Bite* and their campaign to end homelessness.



ORGANISE A GROUP from your church or come as an individual, sign up on their website [here](#) and raise at least £100 sponsor money (of which £50 for registration). Please [email Annie](#) to let us know you are planning to join in. The Diocesan Group will gather at 7pm for a Eucharist at St John's Princes Street and then go together into the gardens about 7.45pm. If you want to come along later look out for our huge Diocesan flag and join us for Night Prayer 11pm led by Bishop John. For more details go to the [Social Bite Website](#) or [email Annie](#), and for a poster for your church or newsletter is available on [our website here](#) (and follows in this Communicant).

DONATE to our 'Team' by clicking on [this link](#). This will take you to the Virgin Money Giving page for our team, so that your donation counts against their efforts!

A brilliant, creative, all-age Advent idea from St Anne's Dunbar to engage ALL your community:

MAKE BABY JESUS ROCK this Christmas!



Get together church members, folk on the margins, volunteers etc at various events to paint stones to look like the Baby Jesus and hide them around your town/area/community with instructions on the back. Then create a massive treasure hunt for these Baby Jesus Rocks with "Wanted" posters all over the place, encouraging people to post pictures on a special Facebook page (eg [@BabyJesusRocksDunbar](#)) using hashtag #BabyJesusRocks of where they find their Baby Jesus, and give away prizes that remind people of the real Christmas story. In Dunbar we're advertising a treasure hunt across the town and giving away Meaningful Chocolate Company Advent Calendars and Christmas story books to winners. It's a great way to make new connections and invite people to other seasonal activities in your church.

[Download further instructions and a sample wanted poster here](#), including how to make the rocks, ideas about social media engagement and here.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCE LISTS

Thanks to Nathalie Mares our brilliant new team member, we have created two lists of **Advent and Christmas Resources** to help you plan and prepare. The lists are on our [Diocesan Website here](#) ; where possible we would encourage you to order them via Cornerstone Bookshop in Edinburgh. Do let us know if you have any recommendations for further ideas and material and we hope to add to these lists in the coming weeks, so do check in again. [Email Annie](#) with suggestions and comments.

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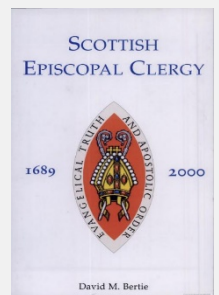
Link to Scottish Episcopal Institute Newsletter

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/NOVEMBER-2018-SEI-NEWSLETTER.pdf>

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A Plea for Return!

A little while ago someone borrowed the Diocesan Office's copy of "Scottish Episcopal Clergy 1689-2000". We would now like it back, please, as we have recently had some more queries, which we can't answer without it! Thank you.



CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Simon Cake to be Leader of the Centre of Mission for Galashiels, Hawick & Selkirk (date tbc)

CALENDAR

Saturday 17th November	Institution of Andrew Bain as Rector of St Salvador's, Edinburgh
Sunday 25th November	Bishop preaching and presiding St Ebba's, Eyemouth
Saturday 1st December	Ordination of Revd Margaret Pedersen, Holy Trinity, Melrose
Sunday 2 nd December	Bishop Preaching and Presiding at Rosslyn Chapel
Sunday 2 nd December	Bishop attends the Nativity Blessing and Carol Concert, St Andrew's Square Gardens, Edinburgh

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tuesday 27 th –Thursday 29 th November	Diocesan Clergy Conference
Wednesday 28 th (afternoon) –Thursday 29 th November	Staff Development - Office Closed
Saturday 9 th March 2019	Diocesan Synod @St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh

Sharing Social Media

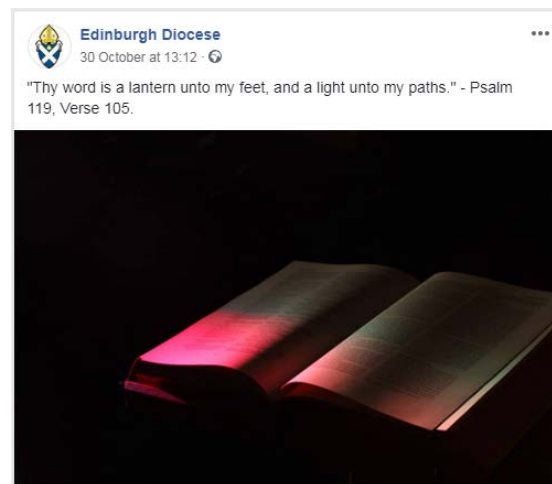


Have you visited the Diocese of Edinburgh Facebook and Twitter pages recently? Or, know that they exist! The Diocesan social media feeds are more active than ever, sharing engaging content, news and information from around the Diocese. The rise in activity has had a positive reaction, with information and events in your church being shared to a wider audience. We are producing more videos and exciting content (such as in the images below!) for everyone to get their teeth stuck into and share with each other. We are also keen to share anything you post, such as your good news, vacancies, or just pictures of your church and its people, giving your stories a much wider audience than they would have normally. If you're not subscribed to our social media accounts, you simply have to "like" or "follow" our pages. For those of you who don't use social media, the Diocesan Twitter feed has been embedded into the Diocesan Website homepage, so you won't need to sign up to social media to see content.

If you would like to organise a meeting to discuss your churches Social Media, please contact jparsons@dioceseofedinburgh.org to book a time.

Click here for the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseEdinburgh/>

Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/EdinDiocese>



The Diocesan Office –
what can we do for you?

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



Don't forget – there's a new **guide to the Diocesan Office** available online, which tells you about who works here, what we do, how to contact us, and what resources are available for you. [Click here](#) to locate the guide, but let us know if you would like a set printed for your Vestry. You can also find all our full contact details on the website:

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

NOTE: The email address office@edinburgh.anglican.org is now a **general** email address for the Diocesan Office, and is not checked regularly through out the day (but does get checked at least once, daily). Therefore, to contact the correct person to answer your query, please use the link above, or check the guide mentioned above, and your enquiry should be answered sooner. The guide also contains all our Direct Dial telephone numbers. If you're not sure, you can still use the 'office@' email address though.....

VACANCIES

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT
5 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP

P.A. TO THE MINISTER/LETTINGS MANAGER

PREAMBLE

Excellent permanent part time opportunity in the city centre. This is a new key position helping to strengthen the future of the life and worship of the Mother Kirk of Edinburgh. Working for the Minister and drawing on your experience and skills you will help establish and define this new role at an exciting time in the life of St Cuthbert's. However, initially and ongoing key priorities are to address the bullet points below

THE JOB

- Based at the Church premises at 5 Lothian Road, our office staff are an important part of our small friendly team dedicated to the running of our church building.
- You will be required to confirm and implement all bookings and letting agreements
- You will be responsible for all the financial aspects of the letting of the church premises including issuing and following up invoices and keeping a detailed record of all financial transactions
- You will require both excellent financial and computing skills
- Full training will be given with continuing support and guidance, with plenty of scope to use your own initiative
- You will provide clerical support to the Minister and Office Bearers where appropriate as well as answering telephone calls and directing as necessary.
- You will report to the Staff Manager

HOURS

- You will be required to work 2 days per week from 10am till 4pm with potential to increase

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- A friendly, loyal and reliable attitude to help us deliver an excellent service
- The ability and wish to fit into a small close knit team that works harmoniously in a co-operative and mutually supportive manner.
- At ease dealing with people and helping to solve any problems in a courteous and professional manner as well as a pleasant and helpful telephone manner
- An interest in how the church works in the West End of the City and with it's neighbouring churches in the city centre

REMUNERATION

Salary terms and conditions will be discussed with the successful candidate

- Remuneration rates are reviewed annually

Please email your C V with a covering letter to show how you would fit into our team, to: Staff Manager at administrator@st-cuthberts.net or call 0771 8311 319

Early applications would be appreciated

EVENTS

Scottish Episcopal Church

DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH

**The Institution of
The Revd Andrew Bain
as Priest-in-charge of**

**St Salvador's, Stenhouse
Edinburgh**



**And Thanksgiving for the 80th Anniversary of
St Salvador's**

**The Rt Revd Dr John A Armes,
Bishop of Edinburgh
17th November 2018**

Adventfest

St James Leith 30th Nov - 2nd Dec 2018

www.adventfest.org

Sunday 2nd December

A day of story, poetry and prayer
for Advent Sunday with

Pádraig Ó Tuama

We're delighted to welcome Pádraig Ó Tuama, who will join us for all three events on Sunday. He is leader of the **Corrymeela Community**, which is Northern Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation organisation, and the author of multiple books of both poetry and prose, chapters, articles and presented papers. He addresses topics spanning theology, peace and justice studies, narrative, identity and his context of Northern Ireland. He also leads retreats, and has worked with groups in Ireland, Britain, the United States and Australia on storytelling, theology, identity and healing from conflict.

His collection *Sorry for Your Troubles* shares poems that tell stories of individuals who have lived through conflict in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and elsewhere. His book *In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World* relates ideas of shelter and welcome using poetry, story, biblical reflection and prose.

10.45am - 12.30pm

Festival Communion

Uplifting music and spiritual food for the soul - an open, shared Communion, in company with people of all ages and stages on the journey of life and faith.

FREE EVENT



3.00pm - 4.30pm

This Advent Darkened Room

For this afternoon session we will explore the theme of darkness as a gift for religion. So much of religious language seems to present itself as certainty, and yet so much of religious experience is in the half-light, twilight or night-time of intuition. Taking Patrick Kavanagh's poem 'Advent' as a discussion point, we will talk together about art, faith, doubt, certainty and uncertainty. Sitting together in the short days of the year, we will share stories from our lives as well as explore poetries that dignify our doubts and deepen our dialogue.

Tickets **£5.00** from **Eventbrite**. See link at www.adventfest.org

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Evensong

Contemplative prayers and poems from Pádraig for the first night of Advent.

FREE EVENT

Where to find us

All events take place at
St James Scottish Episcopal Church,
John's Place, Leith Links, Edinburgh, EH6 7EL.
www.adventfest.org
www.stjamesleith.org.uk



Choral Evensong to honour World Aids Day
Friday 30th November 2018
5:30 pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place

SAVE THE DATE:

Diocese of Edinburgh CMD Event

"MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD"

A reflective day for our clergy and lay readers to explore gender identity

Wednesday 16th January 2019 10-4 at the Walpole Hall @St Mary's Cathedral

The day will be facilitated by Jo Clifford (playwright and actor) and Maxwell Reay (Chaplain, NHS Lothian)

Questions: marion@cathedral.net

Bookings: nmares@dioceseofedinburgh.org *(include dietary requirements)*



Underground Story Schools' project January- May 2019

You may already know about the Underground Schools project from other colleagues and have already taken action. Thank you that. We are delighted by the initial enquiries and responses we are receiving from all over the country but we still have a long way to go to reach our target of **600 schools and 12,000 students** to take part in this exciting exercise.

Can you help us further?

We would like to reach as many schools as possible nationally and wondered if you could help us achieve that ambition. I attach a personal invitation to heads and teachers of RE and would be pleased if you could kindly make this known to any teachers or governors in your diocese whom you think would be interested in taking part.

We are recruiting this term and will send out all the relevant information before the end of the autumn term 2018. This will enable teachers to plan for spring term 2019 when the project will begin. The project will be conducted through the spring term 2019 and responses will be analysed in the summer term 2019. A report and recommendations will be compiled and issued at the end of the summer term.

Schools will be sent **20 free specially published gospels** extracted from *Underground Story*, a new translation of the New Testament for reading ages 9-13 years and asked to test it with groups in their school.

We are targeting top Primary and Lower Secondary in particular but if teachers wish to test *Underground Story* with other groups that would be equally good.

What is not in the initial announcement is that we are inviting teachers to tell us how they used the books in their lesson plans, what support resources they have used or created and how it fits with their curriculum. They will be invited to send us any sample materials. We also hope to receive videos of class discussions arising from the research. We will invite teachers to present these at a symposium on Young People and the Bible to be held at St John's College Durham University from January 3-5th 2020.

There will be a web site inviting schools to make contact but as you know a personal invitation or recommendation is always more effective. If we had ten schools from each diocese we would be well on our way.

If you felt able to suggest any names or schools you think might be interested we could send the attached personal invitation to them.

Thank you.

Brian D Brown (Rev)
Visiting Fellow in Media and Communication
St John's College
Durham University

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brian.d.brown@durham.ac.uk



The Anglican Society of The University of Edinburgh

Are you an Anglican who would like to meet like minded people? Are you looking for a tight knit Christian community? Are you someone who would like to take part in theological discussion with people of a different faith background, Or are you someone who is simply interested by Anglicanism? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then we could be the society for you!

Find us on:



@EdinburghUniversityAngSoc



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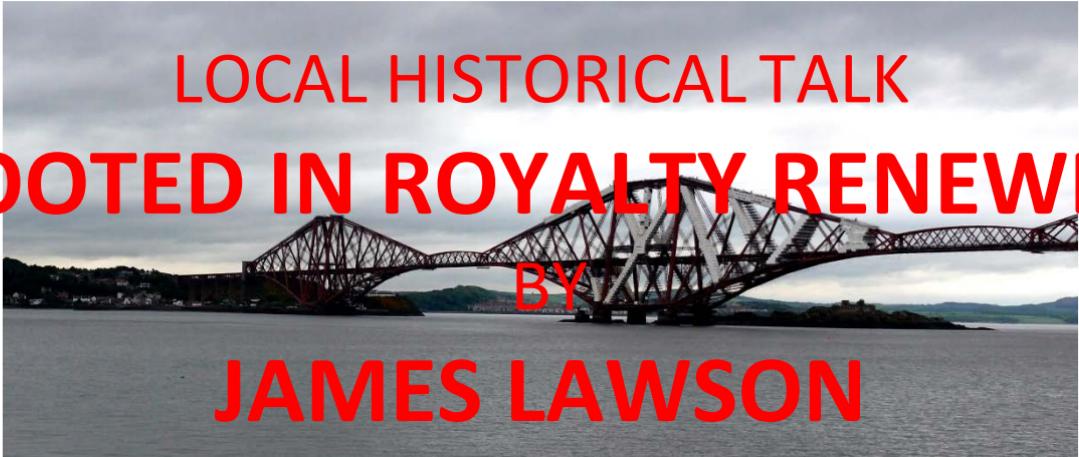


UoE Anglican society,
@SocietyUoe



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The Church of the Good Shepherd
Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 6AU
(Scottish Charity No SCO 00357)



LOCAL HISTORICAL TALK
‘ROOTED IN ROYALTY RENEWED’
BY
JAMES LAWSON

Murrayfield resident and Chairman of N. Queensferry Heritage Trust

Saturday 17th November 2018 at 11am
in the Church

followed by wine and canapes included in ticket

This tells the story of how N Queensferry, strategically located between the royal seats of Dunfermline and Edinburgh, was at the hub of royal comings and goings over the centuries. Key also is the Surrender of the German High Seas Fleet in the Forth on 21st November 1918 as the last act of WW1

Tickets at suggested donation of £5

From Kate Doyle (337 6921) Elizabeth East (313 2593) or at the door
ALL WELCOME

Proceeds to the Church of the Good Shepherd Organ Fund

Passing the Baton

Befriending Training



Transforming lives through friendship

Bethany Christian Trust invites you to an inspiring training evening which will equip you towards build meaningful friendships with people who are facing loneliness and isolation in our communities. The training evening is open to Church members who want to be good friends and build purposeful relationships in their neighbourhood.

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

Passing the Baton Training Evenings

Venue: Bethany Christian Trust, 32 Jane Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 5HD

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

Thursday 29th November 2018, 6.30 – 9.15pm

- Why is friendship important?
- What is transactional analyses?
- Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?
- What makes a good conversation?
- Helping people to achieve their goals

Book your place today online at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-friendship-training-tickets-50899251030>

Email us on 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*



Resurrection

THE GLORIOUS SOUND OF RUSSIAN SINGING

The Resurrection Ensemble are professional singers
from the St Petersburg conservatoire



A programme of songs from the Russian classical and folk repertoire

St Mary's in the Park, Dalkeith. Nov.16th at 7.30 pm.



Buy tickets at the door or on line £11
www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

Charity no
SC001677



FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE HOSTS

A workshop on end of life care

15 November 2018 • 10am - 3:30pm
Franciscan Hall, Glasgow • £30

It can be a difficult topic and yet, it is
the one thing that we all have in
common, we will all die.

www.faithinolderpeople.com info@fiop.org.uk
A Registered Charity in Scotland SC038225



FRIDAY 23rd November 7pm

Dalkeith Rugby Club

Eskbank Rd, Dalkeith EH22 3BQ

Entry £8 per person
(includes buffet).

Teams of 4 quizzers Max

Prizes 1st £30. 2nd £20. 3rd £10.

Additional Games

Bar provided by Rugby Club

In aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund

Reg Charity No SC006677



Eco-congregation Scotland
in cooperation with
Zero Waste Scotland
and
Energy Saving Trust



Zero Waste Workshops



**Love Food, Hate Waste
and
Love your clothes**



These 2 workshops will be offered free in

- **Edinburgh (Monday 26th November)**
- **Glasgow (Tuesday 27th November)**

Read on for more detailed information

Booking essential: see over for details

Eco-Congregation Scotland is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Scottish Charity number: SC041287

Love Food, Hate Waste

Take advantage of **Love Food Hate Waste** training to help you:

- save up to £460 a year by reducing food waste at home
- adopt new habits and be more efficient
- play a part in creating a healthier, greener Scotland
- share what you learn with your friends and church

Did you know that Scotland bins more than 2 million slices of bread every day?!



Funded by Zero Waste Scotland and delivered by Energy Saving Trust.

The training is practical and fun, providing ideas and information to put into practice at home.

You'll get a free food waste saving pack to take away to help you put in practice the tips you learn at the session

Feedback from Edinburgh Leisure staff who undertook the training:

"Very good, I'm going home to grate my cheese for the freezer... thanks" "I have learned some new tricks"
"...All of it, it was really informative. To freeze or not too freeze was fun too..."

Feedback from Webhelp staff who undertook the training:

"Interactive and interesting"
"I have learned a bit more on how to save waste, I throw out things through fear of getting sick, but now realise it can be frozen." "Interactive, fun facts" "Very informative and clear"

Love Your Clothes Workshop

Take advantage of **Love your Clothes** training workshop to help you:

- learn how to make the most of your clothes
- save money and space
- keep your clothes for longer, and
- share what you learn with your friends and church



Funded and delivered by Zero Waste Scotland.

The training is practical and fun, providing ideas and information to put into practice at home.

You'll leave with the tools (presentations, handouts etc) and knowledge to promote the campaign in your community and make changes within your own household.



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Where and when – Edinburgh?

- Augustine Church, 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL
- Monday 26th November
- 10.30 -12.30: Love Food, Hate Waste
- 1.30 - 3.30: Love your clothes
- You can register for either or both workshops.

Tea/coffee will be provided. Either bring your own lunch or go out for lunch between workshops if staying for the whole day.

Where and when – Glasgow?

- Renfield Centre, 260 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4JP
- Tuesday 27th November
- 10.30 -12.30: Love Food, Hate Waste
- 1.30 - 3.30: Love your clothes
- You can register for either or both workshops.

Tea/coffee will be provided. Either bring your own lunch or buy at the Oasis Cafe between workshops if staying for the whole day.

To book:

Send booking form, or name, address, church, contact details, and which workshop(s) you wish to attend, to:
coordinator@ecocongregationscotland.org
or phone 07950 244329



A Quiet Day for Advent

Saturday 1st December 2018 - 10am to 4pm

Step aside from the busyness of the Advent season. The day will be punctuated with reflections and communal prayer but will also give quiet space for your own thoughts and response.

There will be an opportunity to walk in the beautiful grounds of Carberry Estate.

This year we have a massage therapist who will be available in the afternoon to provide foot or chair massage for those who want it (further details and charges to follow).

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

Facilitated by Duncan Hughes and Di Hollow of the Epiphany Group.

Donations of between £5 to £30 welcome.

For further details and to book please email
dghughessc@gmail.com

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS 2018

NATIVITY CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 2 December 2018

3pm

Free

St Andrew Square Gardens

Everyone is welcome to join the Origin Scotland Choir, Edinburgh Singing Choir and Wester Hailes Education Centre Choir in singing traditional carols. The collection this year is for Cape Town Gospel Choir.



Archbishop Cushley will give the Christmas message and the Rt Reverend Dr John Armes will bless the nativity scene.

Nativity Scene donated by Sir Tom and Lady Farmer

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THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

EDINBURGH City
Centre CHURCHES
TOGETHER

an Underbelly
event



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

1st Saturday of every month

10:00 – 12:00

Emmaus House

14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh EH3 9NQ | info: andrewbain99@hotmail.com



Edinburgh Diocese is joining thousands of people across Scotland to raise money for Social Bite's movement to end homelessness. We will be sleeping out in Princes Street Gardens on the night of Saturday 8 December.



Come and join us! Sign up as an individual or a church at www.sleepinthepark.co.uk

Let us know you're coming!
Email mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Meet at St John's Princes Street for 7pm Eucharist or look for the Diocese of Edinburgh flag in Princes Street Gardens.

Join us for Night Prayer with Bishop John at 11pm





THE BIG SING

IN CONCERT

WEST OF SCOTLAND MILITARY WIVES CHOIR
FALKIRK JUNIOR GAELIC CHOIR (UNDER 19's)

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018

7.00 PM UNTIL 9.30 PM

THE SANCTUARY, ORCHARDHILL PARISH CHURCH, GIFFNOCK G46 6JR

All proceeds raised will go towards supporting families impacted by Huntington's disease

militarywives
choirs
West of Scotland



Entry £10 - To pay online, please contact Linda on 0141 848 0308
or by visiting www.hdscotland.org

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