



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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Sleep in the Park

A diocesan team including Bishop John, the Bishop's Enabler of Mission and the Youth and Children Officer will be sleeping in Princes Street Gardens on 8 December to raise money for Social Bite's campaign to end homelessness in Scotland. Why not join them? (see poster for details) You can also support them by donating [here](#).



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Link to Scottish Episcopal Institute Newsletter

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

News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission

SLEEP IN THE PARK Diocesan Challenge : 8th December 7pm-6am

COME AND JOIN Bishop John, Claire Benton Evans and myself as we sleep outside in Princes Street Gardens all night on 8th December to raise money and campaign for the homeless. Can you not give up your comfortable bed and warm home for just one night to support those without?



TO REGISTER sign up on the *Social Bite* website [here](#) and raise at least £100 sponsor money (of which £50 for registration), and tell us you are coming to join our team by [emailing Sam](#). We will gather at 7pm for a simple 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 big Diocesan flag and join us for Night Prayer 11pm led by Bishop John. For more details go to the [Social Bite Website](#) or [email Sam](#), and for a poster for your church or newsletter is available on [our website here](#) (and follows in this Communicant).

PLEASE DONATE to our Diocesan Team as an individual or as a congregation, by clicking on [this link](#). We need your encouragement! This will take you to the Virgin Money Giving page for our team, so that your donation counts against our crazy efforts! Thank you.

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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CANDLE STAND NEEDED

Could you help St Mungo's West Linton obtain a votive candle stand. We have had several requests from people wishing to light a candle during private prayer. Unfortunately this is not possible at present as we do not have a suitable stand that could be left unattended.



If anyone that knows of such an item that is surplus to requirements, please email Ian Kerry:- ianmichaelkerry@btinternet.com

The item could be collected

RECTORS & PRIESTS
IN CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

The date for collecting the statistics is "not later than 10 days after the Eve of Advent Sunday" – which is approaching! The online form is, I hope, easier to use in getting these figures submitted, can be found on the "Forms" page at:

Scottish Episcopal Church

This Return should be forwarded to the Diocesan Office **not later than 10 days after the Eve of Advent Sunday (Tuesday 12 December 2017)**, in accordance with Canon 50. The Return is sent in duplicate, and the Rector or Priest-in-Charge is requested to preserve a copy for reference.

Note: Before completing this form read the notes overleaf

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during the Year ending on the Eve of Advent Sunday 2017

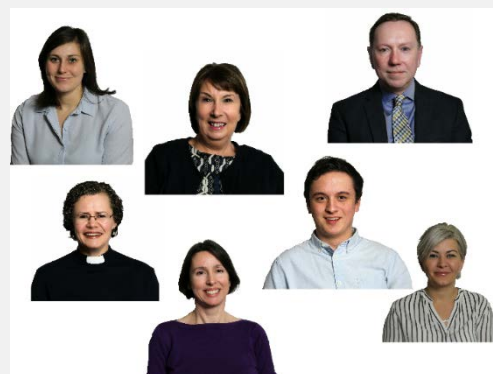
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	Male	Female	Total	
1. Estimated number of Persons of all ages belonging to the Congregation (Note 1)				
2. Number of Persons on the Communicants' Roll as defined by Canon 41.2 (Note 2)				
3. Number of Persons Baptised – under 6 (Note 3)				
4. Number of Persons Baptised – over 6 (Note 4)				

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

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DIOCESAN OFFICE CONTACTS

Now that we have office@edinburgh.anglican.org as a 'general' email, being checked usually once a day, you can now contact us all at the office here direct on our individual emails and Direct Dial telephone numbers. We hope that this will get you to the right person each time and avoid too many messages being passed around the office! All our contact details, areas of work and office hours can be found at:



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

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Revd Simon Cake **Centre of Mission, Scottish Borders**

The Revd Richard Percival died on 19th November

CALENDAR

Saturday 1st December	Ordination of Revd Margaret Pedersen , Holy Trinity, Melrose
Sunday 2nd December	Bishop Preaching and Presiding at Rosslyn Chapel
Sunday 2nd December	Bishop attends the Nativity Blessing and Carol Concert, St Andrew's Square Gardens, Edinburgh
Saturday 8th December	Eucharist at St John's, Princes Street and Sleep in the Park
Monday 10th December	Diocesan Buildings Committee meets
Sunday 16th December	Bishop to Preach and Preside, Old St Paul's, Edinburgh

ADVANCE NOTICES

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

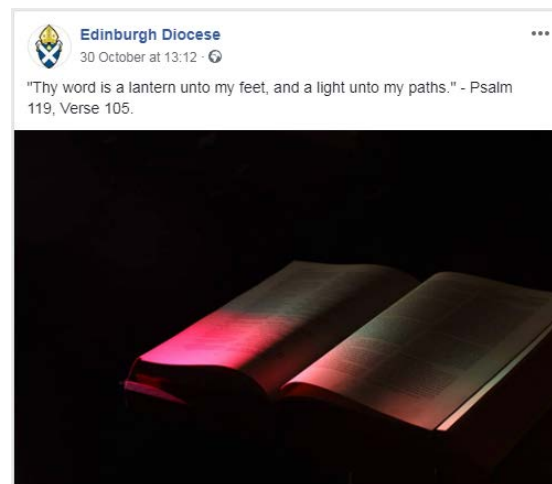


Have you visited the Diocese of Edinburgh Facebook and Twitter pages recently? Or, know that they exist! The Diocesan social media feeds are more active than ever, sharing engaging content, news and information from around the Diocese. The rise in activity has had a positive reaction, with information 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.

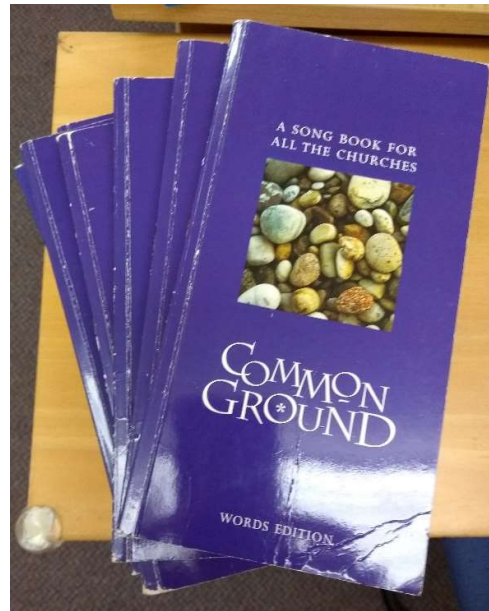
If you would like to organise a meeting to discuss your churches Social Media, please contact jparsons@dioceseofedinburgh.org to book a time.

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

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



Free to a new home!



18 copies of **Common Ground** (word edition)

1 glass display cabinet (IKEA) with possibility to light from top

Please contact Christ Church Morningside, 6a Morningside Road, EH10 4DD by email or phone if you are interested/to arrange uplift: manager@6a.org.uk 0131 2290090

VACANCIES

Part Time Administrative Assistant

The vestry of St Mark's Church in Portobello is seeking to recruit a part time administrative assistant. This new role will be key in streamlining the work of the congregation and enabling us to move forward in a strategic way on a large building project.

Duties will include: secretarial work, aiding the communication of the congregation (including the creation of posters and booklets), help with online communication channels, some book-keeping and liaison with external contractors.

Hours: 6 hours a week, preferably to be worked in two mornings of 3 hours.

Pay: £10 ph

For further details please contact:

Rector; Sophia Marriage – rector@stmarksportobello.org

Or on 07787 553537



Closing Date: Sunday 9th December at 12 noon.

EVENTS

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)

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](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk). 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

A Day Retreat in the City?

Opportunities for a few hours 'time out' for busy clergy, parents, carers or if you just prefer to 'retreat' locally in Edinburgh. Time to reflect at the start of the year, a reading morning, ponder, pray, replenish; use the time as you wish. Garden hut available for a few hours or a day. Heat, light, kettle/snacks, easy chairs and table, separate entrance, 3min walk to Botanics. Donation basis for hut. Optional accompaniment in various forms to suit. Usual availability Thursday, Friday or Saturday but please enquire.

More information from Elizabeth White

elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk

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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EDINBURGH City
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TOGETHER

an underbelly
event

SOCIALBITE's



A nationwide sleep out to end homelessness in Scotland for good.

4 Cities. One night. 12,000 people under the stars.

Saturday 8th December, 2018

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

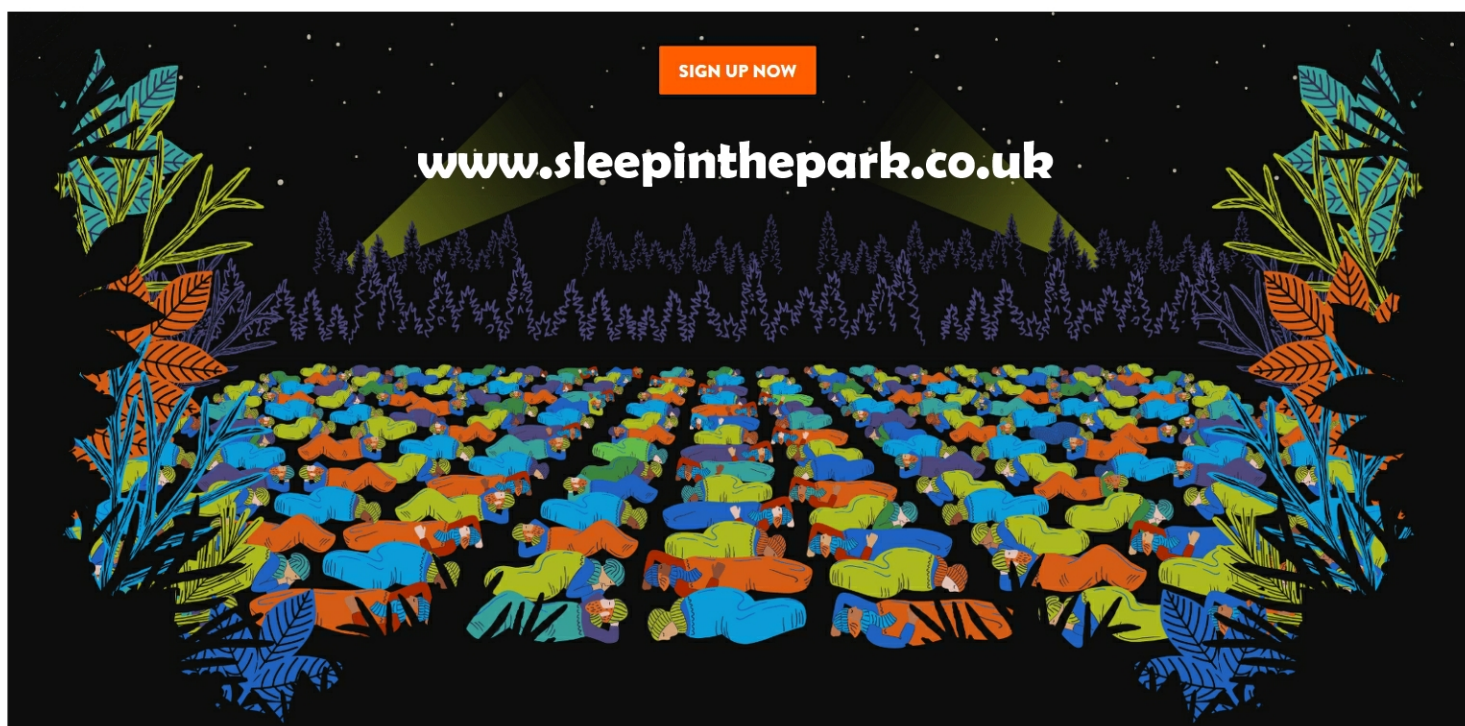
Let us know you're coming!
Email mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org

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

SIGN UP NOW

www.sleepinthepark.co.uk



ONLY JUSTICE

Local Information

Service of Prayer and Worship for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Monday January 21st at 7.30pm

Palmerston Place Church

10 Palmerston Place

Edinburgh EH12 5AA

Hosted by Edinburgh Churches Together

A reception will follow the service.

*"Justice, and only justice, you shall
pursue"*

(Deuteronomy 16 : 18-20)

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer



Edinburgh Churches
TOGETHER
Not just a word

churches
together
in Britain and Ireland

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019



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

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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*





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!



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

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