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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES



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### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW-LOOK COMMUNICANT**

Same content, but we now have a new look for all the material we produce, here in the office, so you may well see this look in other things you receive. Please continue to send us content in the same way, and remember to send any 'news' content to James Parsons, our Communications Coordinator, for inclusion on our Facebook page or Twitter/Instagram feed.

## CONTACT US

You can get in touch with us at the office via our individual emails or direct-dial phone numbers. All our details are on the website: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-staff/staff-based-at-the-diocesan-office/>

						
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## NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

### REMINDER TO ALL CLERGY – CMD DAY 16<sup>th</sup> January



Last chance for clergy to book for the **CMD day “Made in God's Image” reflecting on Identity and Gender, next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** 10am – 4pm at the Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, EH12 5AW. Lunch is provided so advance booking is essential. Contact Annie or Nathalie at the office 0131 538 7033. More details on our [website here](#).

### TryPraying Breakfast Presentation this Saturday

It's not too late to book for the Trypraying Breakfast Presentation **this coming Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January at Ps and Gs Church**, 10 Broughton Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3RH, 09:00 - 10:30am. Come and be inspired by stories from across Scotland, and hear and pray for the plans for 2019. [Email the office at trypraying](#) to book breakfast.

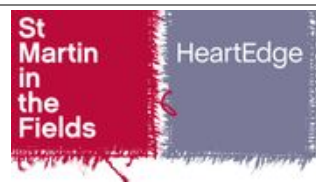
### Faith Action for Nature

Did you know that the SEC, RSPB and Eco-Congregations (with a few others) have formed a partnership called Faith Action for Nature? This is a project **to encourage churches in Scotland to engage with nature**, and manage their grounds for wildlife and they are offering fabulous seasonal resources on their [website](#). Check out the latest [Winter booklet of ideas here](#).

And if you or your church are signed up to **Eco-Congregations**, there is a network planning meeting in the Millar Hall at Duddingston Kirk on Thursday the **31st January at 7.30pm**. Come along to contribute to planning events and ideas for 2019. [Contact Annie](#) at the office for more details.

## Find out more about HeartEdge - in Hamilton 6<sup>th</sup> February

Have you heard of HeartEdge, a growing ecumenical network of churches across the UK, initiated by St Martin-in-the-Fields?

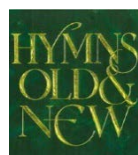


HeartEdge exists to help churches develop commercial, cultural and community activity, while deepening relationships and insights with those most marginalised. For details see their [website here](#). They are holding a day in Hamilton Parish Kirk on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00-15.30, which includes theology, ideas, solutions and support for re-imagining Church. [Book here](#). There will also be a conference in Scotland this coming October. Watch out for further details



## SEI News January Newsletter available on line, see link below

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



## HYMN BOOKS AVAILABLE

St Cuthberts, Colinton is offering pre-loved Hymns, old and new (green cover) free to a good home please. Words only. We've got over 100. [stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com)

## CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

<b>Revd Simon Cake</b>	Centre of Mission, Scottish Borders
<b>Rev Canon Peter Allen</b>	Died on 25th December 2018 whilst with his family in Somerset. Any details of the funeral or memorial service we receive will be circulated as soon as possible.

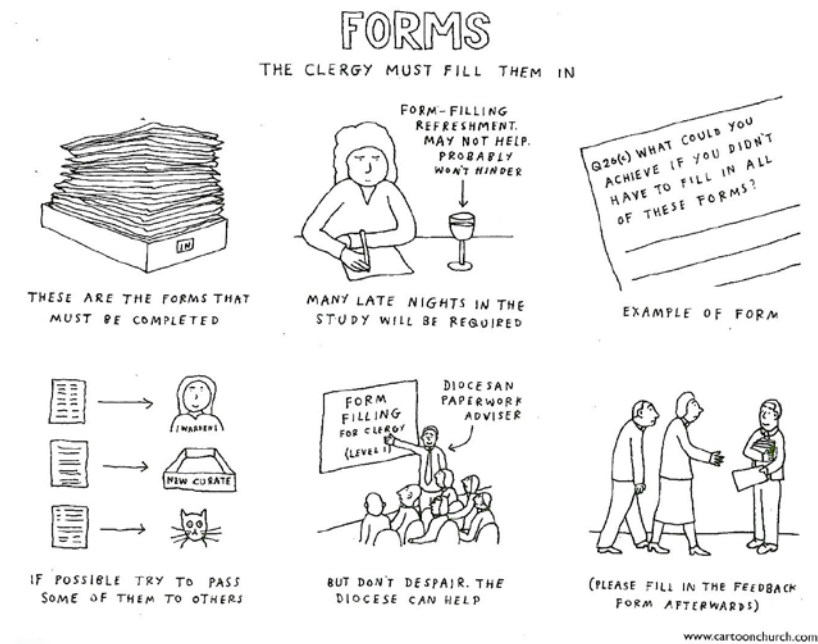
## DIARY

<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mission & Ministry Committee meets
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Bishop Presiding at St Columba's by the Castle
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Bishop Presiding at St Mary's, Dalmahoy
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Bishop attends Evensong at St Vincent's, Stockbridge
	Personnel Committee meets

## Advance Notices

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	Diocesan Synod @St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
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# ANNUAL FORMS



This is the usual plea for these forms to be completed and sent in to the Diocesan Office, please. We need them all in by 31<sup>st</sup> January, which is now only 3 weeks away. However, **the Congregational Statistics are being sent to the Province later this week** – the day for completing them was 12 December. Unfortunately, we only have 37 of those (we should have 55) so if you could do all you can to complete that one, it would be hugely appreciated, otherwise we have to submit a ‘nil’ return.

FINANCE SCHEDULE ● CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS ●  
DIOCESAN SCHEDULE ● PVG CHECKLIST

All the forms can be found here:

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

In advance – *thank you!*

# EVENTS

Diocese of Edinburgh



## MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

A reflective day to explore gender identity,  
for all clergy and lay readers.



**Wednesday 16th January, 10am – 4pm**  
**Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, EH12 5AW**

Free lunch will be provided, so please book in with dietary requirements by contacting Nathalie at [nmares@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:nmares@dioceseofedinburgh.org), 0131 533 7033

The day will be facilitated by:

*Jo Clifford – Edinburgh based actor and playwright of about 80 plays.*  
and

*Alex Clare-Young - student minister with the United Reformed Church writing a PhD on transgender identities and theology, and as a transmasculine person, passionate about trans identities and people.*

For further details contact Marion Chatterley [marion@cathedral.net](mailto:marion@cathedral.net)

# ONLY JUSTICE

Local Information

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

Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)



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Not just in the City

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

## Into Silence: Stillness and Silent Prayer

A monthly group offering guided stillness and silent prayer. Come occasionally or regularly.

Led by spiritual director and counsellor Mollie Paterson.

Fridays: 25 January, 22 February, 29 March etc. 1:30pm - 3pm at Christ Church Centre, Holy Corner, Edinburgh.

Donations: £5 or thereabouts on the day. Enquiries:

[molliemollie19@gmail.com](mailto:molliemollie19@gmail.com)

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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

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month**

**10:00 – 12:00**

## Emmaus House

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