



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

Bishop John will be away from the office from the 25<sup>th</sup> January until the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February, part summer holiday from last year and part visit to Dunedin, New Zealand, one of our companion dioceses.

As Bishop John will only have limited access to email, it is advisable to delay sending any emails or requests until the bishop has returned. Anything that is received during the Bishop's annual leave will be replied to in due course. In an emergency, please contact Sam Campbell on 0131 538 7044 or email [BishopsPA@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:BishopsPA@dioceseofedinburgh.org) in the first instance.










## 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/>

						
Claire Benton-Evans Youth & Children Officer	Sam Campbell Bishop's PA	Simon Filsell Diocesan Administrator	Nathalie Mares Admin Assistant (Mission & Ministry) & Dean's PA	Annie Naish Bishop's Enabler of Mission	James Parsons Communications Coordinator	Ann Rae Admin Assistant Finance & Management

## News from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission

### Young Women's Strategy Group – Make it Work!

Do you know any women age 40 or under with great project ideas promoting peace, justice, intercultural and ecumenical understanding, women's rights or climate justice? If so, then the Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women (EFECW) are looking for such women to apply to participate in a 4-day workshop in Moldova to equip them with key skills to help implement their project on a regional, national or international level.

For more [details see here](#) (ignore that it says the deadline has passed), or email [Miriam Weibye](#) at the Provincial office

### 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](#).

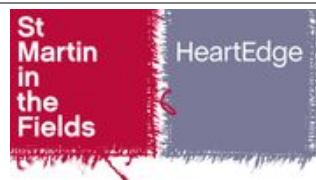
And if you or your church are signed up to **Eco-Congregations**, there is a network planning meeting in the Millar Hall at Duddingston Kirk on Thursday the **31st January at 7.30pm**. Come along to contribute to planning events and ideas for 2019. [Contact Annie](#) at the office for more details.

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

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

HeartEdge exists to help churches develop commercial, cultural community activity, while deepening relationships and insights

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.



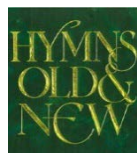
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**SEI News January Journal available on line, see link below**

<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

None at present

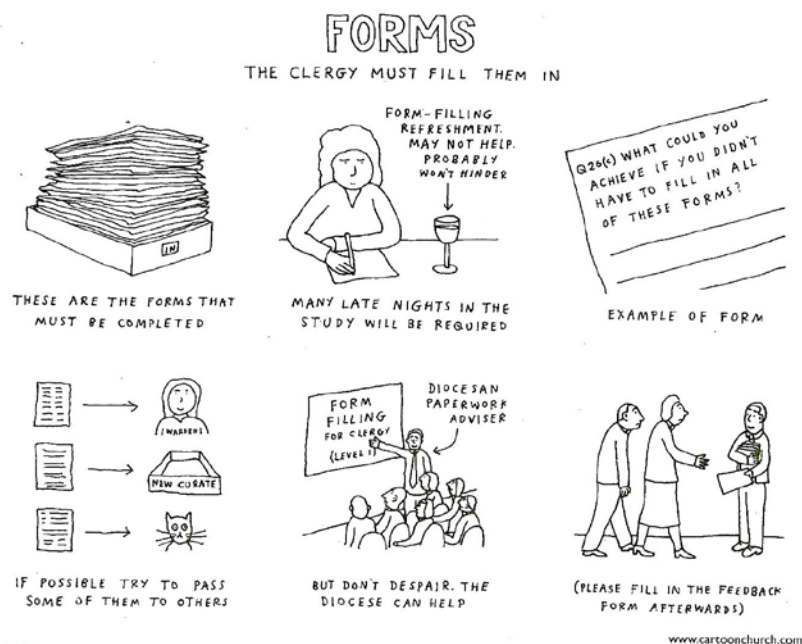
## DIARY

<b>Tuesday 29 January</b>	Finance & Management Committee meets
<b>Sunday 3 February</b>	Memorial Evensong for Canon Peter Allen @3.30pm (St Mary's Cathedral)
<b>Monday 4 February</b>	Buildings Committee meets
<b>Thursday 7 February</b>	Standing Committee meets
<b>Sunday 10 February</b>	Dean attends Consecration of Bishop of Espoo

### Advance Notices

<b>Thursday 28 February</b>	Staff Development Day (DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED)
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	Diocesan Synod @St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh

# 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 now being sent to the Province** – the day for completing them was 12 December. Unfortunately, we only have 49 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!*

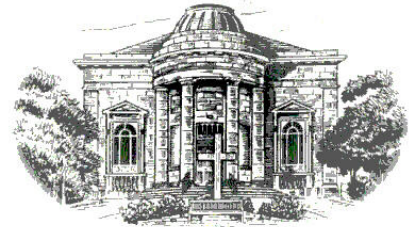
Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2018/19							23/01/2019	
Charge		Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn	
1.01	St Mary's Cathedral		4 Jan 19	4 Jan 19		17 Jan 19		
1.02	BALERNO St Mungo's				23 Jan 19	10 Dec 18	23 Jan 19	
1.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's				24 Dec 18	10 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	6 Dec 18
1.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's				3 Jan 19			
1.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls		5 Dec 18	13 Dec 18		17 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	
1.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's		23 Jan 19	23 Jan 19		10 Jan 19	14 Jan 19	14 Jan 19
1.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's		6 Dec 18	6 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	1 Nov 18	
1.08	DUNBAR St Anne's		11 Dec 18	11 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	
1.09	DUNS Christ Church		24 Dec 18	24 Dec 18				
1.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		17 Dec 18	17 Dec 18				18 Jan 19
1.11	EDINBURGH Emmanuel Church, Clermiston		19 Oct 18	19 Oct 18				10 Dec 18
1.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield		24 Dec 18	24 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	26 Nov 18	28 Nov 18	
1.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		5 Dec 18	8 Dec 18	14 Jan 19	17 Dec 18	26 Nov 18	
1.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's							
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun							9 Jan 19
1.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle				3 Jan 19	22 Nov 18	7 Jan 19	
1.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton				20 Dec 18	20 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	28 Nov 18
1.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		5 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	7 Jan 19	26 Nov 18	7 Jan 19	
1.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone		17 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	17 Jan 19	6 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	
1.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith		5 Dec 18	5 Dec 18		10 Jan 19		
1.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street		17 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	1 Nov 18	
1.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road					5 Dec 18		
1.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello					20 Nov 18	20 Nov 18	3 Jan 19
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		8 Dec 18	10 Dec 18	28 Nov 18	28 Nov 18		
1.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints			3 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	8 Jan 19		
1.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		19 Dec 18	19 Dec 18	20 Dec 18	10 Dec 18		
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				23 Jan 19	23 Jan 19	23 Jan 19	
1.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place				17 Dec 18	17 Dec 18		
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James		10 Jan 19			1 Nov 18		
1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		6 Dec 18	6 Dec 18	13 Dec 18			
1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		18 Dec 18	18 Dec 18				

	Charge	Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
1.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge		24 Dec 18	24 Dec 18	3 Jan 19	10 Dec 18	7 Jan 19
1.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's					13 Dec 18	
1.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church		7 Jan 19	7 Jan 19		5 Dec 18	14 Jan 19
1.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		17 Dec 18		17 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	19 Dec 18
1.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's				17 Dec 18	14 Jan 19	21 Jan 19
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's					13 Dec 18	
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity					17 Dec 18	
1.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's		5 Dec 18	5 Dec 18		17 Dec 18	3 Jan 19
1.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's		10 Dec 18	10 Dec 18		14 Jan 19	
1.42	JEDBURGH, St John's		8 Dec 18	8 Dec 18	22/01/2019/	13 Dec 18	22 Jan 19
1.43	KELSO, St Andrew				13 Dec 18	6 Dec 18	13 Dec 18
1.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,	24/12/2018		24 Dec 18	5 Dec 18	14 Jan 19	26 Nov 18
1.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's				3 Jan 19	5 Dec 18	3 Jan 19
1.46	LIVINGSTON					21 Jan 19	
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		3 Dec 18	3 Dec 18	7 Jan 19		
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,				13 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		7 Jan 19	7 Jan 19	13 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	
1.50	PEEBLES St Peter's				1 Nov 18	3 Dec 18	23 Nov 18
1.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,		19 Dec 18	19 Dec 18	22 Nov 18	13 Dec 18	1 Nov 18
1.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's		8 Jan 19	8 Jan 19	14 Feb 19	15 Jan 19	14 Jan 19
1.54	SELKIRK St John's		19 Dec 18	19 Dec 18		11 Dec 18	1 Nov 18
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel					10 Dec 18	22 Jan 19
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		14 Jan 19		14 Jan 19	22 Jan 19	
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed						23 Jan 19
55			34	35	31	49	31
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	Return Rate		○ 62%	● 64%	○ 56%	● 89%	○ 56%
	Outstanding		○ 21	○ 20	● 24	○ 6	● 24

# VACANCIES

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## **We are seeking to recruit a .... .....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 the Rector; Sophia Marriage –**  
[rector@stmarksportobello.org](mailto:rector@stmarksportobello.org)

Or on 07787 553537

**Closing Date:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm;

Interviews will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February in the morning.

## EVENTS

### 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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### **Mark Set to Music**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm;**

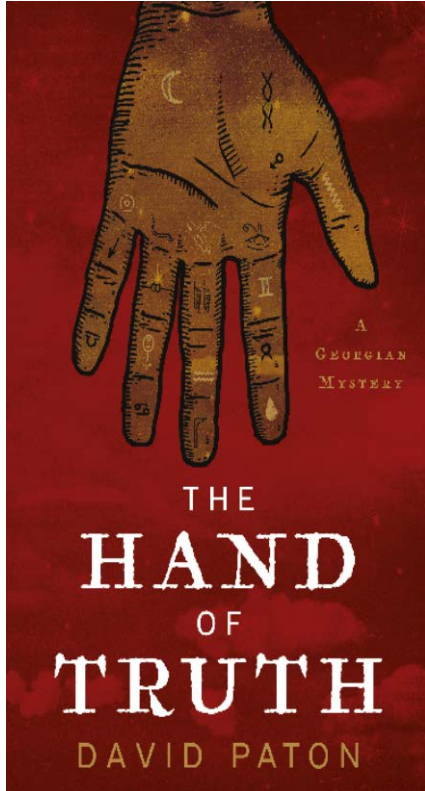
**St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh**

A chance to reflect on the first part of Mark's Gospel (1:1-35) with the help of a new musical setting by John Longley. The frequent scene changes in Mark's fast-paced narrative are matched by shifts between different musical styles: classical, folk, rock, plainchant and more. An opportunity to engage imaginatively and emotionally with the text and perhaps hear the Gospel story in a new way.

This short refection will be followed by a simple soup and cheese supper.

so please let us know if you are coming: [rector@stcs.org.uk](mailto:rector@stcs.org.uk)





## "The Hand of Truth"

**A Georgian Mystery by David Paton (aka David Paton-Williams, Rector of St Columba's by the Castle) published by The Book Guild, £9.99 from 28th January**

"It's hard being a quack in Georgian England - harder still when your patients are being murdered and their deaths blamed on you.

The year is 1780, war rages in America and, in Amsterdam, a British agent is stabbed to death while investigating a conspiracy. It seems worlds away from the back streets of Leeds, where Charlie Rossi, a young electrical healer and showman, is fighting to survive. He is being out-performed by a travelling French magician and vilified for his electrical therapies by a local physician. Then three of his patients, leading citizens of the town, die suddenly after receiving his treatments. When the physician publicly lays the blame on Charlie, his future hangs by a thread.

If electricity didn't cause the deaths, what did? Can a mysterious stage illusion help Charlie uncover the truth?

Set among the Yorkshire woollen mills of the early industrial revolution, *The Hand of Truth* weaves together medicine and magic in an atmospheric and gripping Georgian mystery.



# **Holy Ground in Unexpected Territory**

**Lecture by Rev. Joanna Jepson**

New life and hope are not what you'd expect to find in a maximum security prison once described as 'the bloodiest and most violent prison in America', but leaving behind its brutal history, inmates are inspiring global change in prison rehabilitation.

St Aloysius' College welcomes Reverend Joanna Jepson, former chaplain at the London College of Fashion, to deliver the 2019 Romero Lecture. Rev. Jepson will spend the evening discussing her time working at Louisiana State Penitentiary, the radical transformation taking place there and the lifers who are making it happen. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A session.

**Tuesday 29th January | 7pm**

Main Hall, St Aloysius' College  
45 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6RJ

**Entry: Free**

For more details or to register visit [\*\*staloyusius.org\*\*](http://staloyusius.org)

St Aloysius' College is an educational charity registered in Scotland. Charity No. SC042545.



## **A Quiet Day for Lent**

**Saturday 2nd March 2019 - 10am to 4pm**

Lent is a time to take breath, to slow down, to prepare for the rollercoaster of Holy Week and Easter. The day will be punctuated with reflections and communal prayer but will mainly be a contemplative space giving time for God to speak into the passions, struggles and vulnerability of our lives. There will be an opportunity to walk in the beautiful grounds of Carberry Estate.

**Availability is limited so please book as soon as possible.**

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

Facilitated by Sharon Laidlaw and Duncan Hughes of the Epiphany Group.

Donations of between £5 to £30 welcome

For further details and to book: [dghughesssc@gmail.com](mailto:dghughesssc@gmail.com)

# St. Cuthbert's Lecture

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

7pm

Followed by refreshments

St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church

Westgarth Avenue, Colinton

Rev Canon Stephen Robbins CB

Retired Chaplain General to the Forces

In the Centenary Year of

The Royal Army Chaplains Department



'Can the Church learn anything  
from the Army?'



# TAKE TIME JUST TO BE



**Come to the  
Provincial Retreat**  
Tuesday to Thursday  
**9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Theme:  
**Trust in God,  
in good times and bad**

Leader:

**Revd. Martin Roff**

Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness

at St Mary's Monastery  
Hatton Road  
Kinnoull, Perth

**Cost: £160 - full board per person**

(£15 reduction when sharing a bathroom)

More information and online application form:

<http://muscotland.org.uk/Retreat.htm>



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## The Church of the Ascension, Cadenabbia, Lake Como, Italy



Should you be considering a trip to Italy and to the region of Lake Como you might like to consider calling in on the Church of the Ascension at Cadenabbia, (immediately opposite Bellagio), on Lake Como.

The Church is open daily and their regular Sunday Morning Service in English is at 10.30am to which all are most welcome, at this very inspiring and beautiful part of the world.

The Church is also available for Weddings, Renewal of Wedding Vows, Baptisms, Retreats and all the normal services of the Church.

The Church was built by residents and holiday makers back in the 1890's, it is one of the important land marks of Cadenabbia and should you be walking the Greenways Walk it is mentioned as a place to visit. This prominent church with a number of fine features is immediately opposite the Passenger and Car Ferry in Cadenabbia.

More information can be found on the church's website (<http://www.churchonlakecomo.com>) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/The-Church-of-the-Ascension-Lake-Como-Diocese-in-Europe-305044226196337/>)

**Contact Rev'd Roger Williams, Chaplain** (mailto: [revrgwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:revrgwilliams@hotmail.com))

