

# YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH

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IN THE  
TOP TEN!

Our recent Wee Sleep Out raised an amazing £2513.75, making us one of Social Bite's top ten fundraisers! This means that two young people will be going to Social Bite's Thank You dinner in March, with special guest, Malala Yousafzai! All Wee Sleep Out participants are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity [here](#) - closing date 7 February.

*Further details on pages 2-3.*



## AN EVENING WITH **MALALA YOUSAFZAI** FOR SOCIAL BITE

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, EICC Edinburgh



### Wee Sleep Out Incentives

**The top 10 fundraising Wee Sleep Outs**  
(judged by the group's overall total)

These groups will be given 3 tickets each to the Malala dinner! (for 2 young people accompanied by their Supporting Adult)

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# THE WEE SLEEP OUT

MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## Top 25 Wee Sleep Out Fundraisers

Position	Fundraiser	Amount
1	James Gillespies HS	£11,476.00
2	Edinburgh Academy	£10,872.50
3	High School of Dundee	£6,596.20
4	100th Pentland Scout	£4,389.63
5	Mrs Burnbrae Boys	£4,007.71
6	Larkhall Academy	£3,785.00
7	St Columba's School	£2,651.27
8	Edinburgh Diocese	£2,513.75
9	Victoria Primary	£2,137.55
10	Dreghorn/Troon Guide	£1,909.50

This amazing achievement was made possible by our very generous donors, and above all by the dedicated young people and leaders from the Dioceses of Edinburgh and St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane, who spent a chilly night in St Mary's Cathedral as part of Social Bite's campaign to end homelessness in Scotland.

*Above: the league table of top Wee Sleep Out fundraisers  
Below: wrapped up warm for a night in the Cathedral*



The final totals are in, and our Wee Sleep Out is at number 8!

To our Wee Sleep Outers: THANK YOU for being brave enough to sleep in a cold Cathedral, for speaking up about homelessness in school and at church, and for raising so much money.

To all the folk who donated in support of the Wee Sleep Out and Social Bite: THANK YOU for your amazing generosity, which helped us raise five times our original target!

Together we raised an amazing total of £2513.75 for Social Bite. This money makes a real difference:

Your donation has helped Social Bite build homes for 830 homeless people in Scotland.

Your donation has helped pay for Social Bite's cafés, which support homeless people throughout the year. Social Bite's co-founder Alice Thompson says: "We couldn't do this without you, and are forever in your debt."

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YOUNG PEOPLE  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

St Mary's Cathedral wasn't the only place to host a Wee Sleep Out... St Michael's and All Saints, Edinburgh also got in on the action.

Huge congratulations to the young people and adult volunteers who collectively raised £500 for Social Bite during a chilly November night. Looks as if everyone was well wrapped up!

# WEE SLEEP OUT

AT ST MICHAEL'S AND ALL SAINTS



*Camping out in the church, including the inventive use of pews, kneelers and - is that a piano...?!*



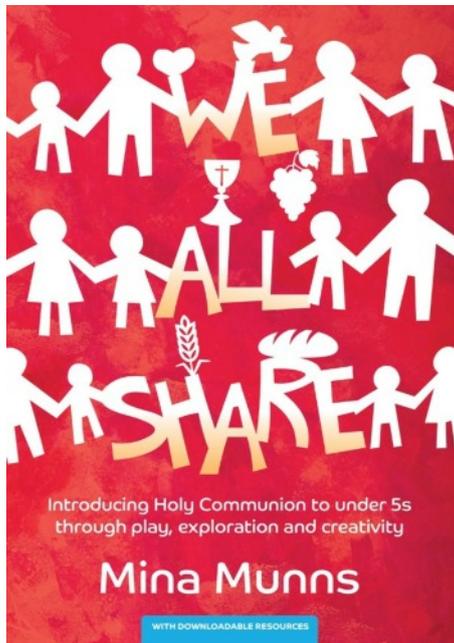
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# RESOURCES ROUND-UP

## *We All Share* by Mina Munns

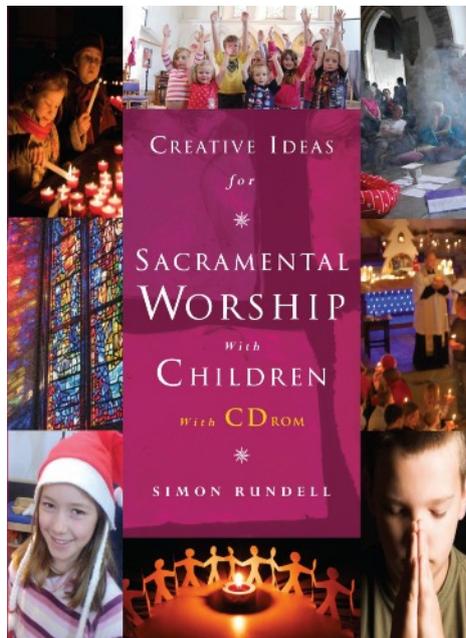


“If you have ever wondered how you can help the very youngest children in our churches to connect with the story of Holy Communion, then *We All Share* is what you have been looking for! ... *We All Share* explores how children from the tiniest babies can participate in the themes and actions of one of our most important Christian rites. With easy-to-use ideas and a wealth of real-life stories of how churches and families are helping children to join in, this is an invaluable resource for churches, children’s ministry leaders and parents.” Buy it [here](#) or borrow a copy from the Diocesan Office.

“This ideas-filled book offers a range of practical resources for engaging children and young people in worship in ways that are profoundly missional and attractive. It explores how participation in the Eucharist and other sacraments can enable children to encounter the depths of the faith without trivialization ... It provides a wide selection of prayers, songs, action responses, short talks and complete liturgies with visuals, videos and suggestions for music.”

This comes with a CD-Rom - you can borrow my Diocesan copy or buy it [here](#). The website [www.nurseryrhymemass.org.uk](http://www.nurseryrhymemass.org.uk) also offers some interesting ideas and resources.

## *Creative Ideas for Sacramental Worship with Children* by Simon Rundell



## DISCOVER GODLY PLAY



Discovery Days help you to find out a bit more about Godly Play. The day includes a full Godly Play session, so you can experience the key elements of Godly Play for yourself. You will also find out about the different types of story, get to have a look and work with some of the storytelling materials and have plenty of time to ask questions about how this works and how you can start. This particular Discovery Day is also a chance to see the Godly Play room which is taking shape at Uddingston Old Parish Church.

The day costs £15 and lunch is included.

When: Saturday, 9 February 2019 from 10:00-16:00

Where: Uddingston Old Parish Church, Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston

Booking [here](#).

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# AROUND THE DIOCESE



ST PETER'S  
LUTTON PLACE

St Peter's Lutton Place held a recycled Christmas craft event: Trashy Christmas! Kristee Boyd, the Children & Families' worker there, has also recently set up an International Student Cafe for the young adults who have been attending lately. Their first breakfast together is set to take place next month at Dishoom in Edinburgh.



ST NINIAN'S  
COMELY BANK



St Ninian's Comely Bank Children's Theatre Workshops are up and running!

Contact Libby at  
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## YOUTH EVANGELISM

A message from Youth For Christ:

"Young people are the most extraordinary evangelists. Most people who become Christians do so under the age of 18 and peer to peer relationships are often crucial in a young person's journey to faith. This is the most connected generation in history and it is incredibly exciting to think of the potential of every Christian young person equipped and inspired to share their faith with those around them. That could change the world. That is what Sync is about. The SYNC Scotland Tour is an interactive and engaging evening as we grow and encourage one another in sharing our faith stories! If you are a young person...come along! If you are a Youth Worker...bring your youth group!"

The Edinburgh event is on 7 February 7.15pm at Kirkliston Community Church - see [here](#) for more details.



Sync Tour - Scotland

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## CALLING FOR CHANGE



“Your sons and daughters will prophesy” promised the prophet Joel. At the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, the world heard one of these young prophets: the 15-year-old climate change activist from Sweden, Greta Thunberg. She spoke to the rich and powerful people present about the urgent problem of climate change: “Adults keep saying, ‘We owe it to the young people, to give them hope.’ But I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful, I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day and then I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if the house was on fire – because it is.”

I urge you to watch Greta’s fierce [speech](#) and her contribution to a [panel discussion](#): this is what true youth participation looks like.

## PLAY CHURCH NEWS

Being a bishop Was  
GREAT

FROM AROUND  
THE DIOCESE...

I had fun with the play church. my favorite part was when i was the priest



Play Church is two years into its diocesan pilgrimage! It is currently at St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh - pictured here after a visit from some very enthusiastic schoolchildren! Why not pop in and browse the Play Church Visitors’ Book? It contains wonderful pictures and comments from host churches. Find out more on the special [Play Church page](#) of the website.

I loved having play church because I was inspired when I saw how creative generous and beautiful worship was when the children led it. It has given me lots of ideas about use of symbol, touch and welcome. Thank you.

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# LOOKING TOWARDS LENT...

## BIG PANCAKE PARTY

Here's a great idea from the Church Urban Fund: a pancake party with a focus on trying to end food poverty. This is a Church of England initiative, but the [resources](#) are free and downloadable for anyone to use. Why not run an event to raise awareness of food poverty in your community, and partner with local organisations such as Food Banks that are trying to help? You can find more information and resources [here](#).

## REAL EASTER EGGS



It's that time again... According to the Meaningful Chocolate Company, "The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects." Find out more on their website [here](#).

# BOOKING OPENS SOON...

## GLEN '19

at Glenalmond College, Perthshire  
**Stories and Songs**



SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

YOUTH WEEK

21st July - 27th July 2019

Glenalmond College,

Perthshire

Want to do something different this summer? Come and join the fun! The Youth Week is open to anyone in secondary education.

Enjoy a week filled with fun, fellowship, learning and sharing—not to mention the great activities and workshops!

For more information and to download an application form, which includes full details : <https://tinyurl.com/SEC-PYC>

For more details, please contact your Diocesan Youth Officer, or email Rev Tembu Rongong [rector@stpi.org.uk](mailto:rector@stpi.org.uk)

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Watch this space... Posters and application forms will be posted out in early February and available on the Provincial website [here](#).

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