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NOTICES

Bishop John is away from the office until the week commencing 18th February, part summer holiday from last year and part visit to Dunedin, New Zealand, one of our companion dioceses.

As Bishop John only has limited access to email, it is advisable to delay sending any emails or requests until he 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 in the first instance.

BEWARE OF FRAUD – We have just been notified of this scam, where a Vestry has lost several thousand £s:

“An e-mail came in with an attached invoice (supposedly) from our Property Convenor. I sought clarification by e-mail from them on what the invoice was for. It claimed it was for 'Managing the project steering work and implementing a data Governance framework' which meant nothing to me. The email response was that the

invoice was OK and should be paid quickly as it was several days overdue. Only after paying the invoice by bank transfer did I become suspicious and a phone call to the Property Convenor confirmed that it was bogus and that his email account had been hacked. In retrospect, I should have phoned them before paying, but the whole thing i.e. the invoice and the apparent email replies were very convincing. The only clue was that the emails were often grammatically incorrect and some words were missing.

My main reason for emailing you is that perhaps you can warn other churches in the Diocese to be on their guard. The invoice purported to be from **Inplant**, a small firm based in Hemel Hempstead”



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.

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

THE BIG SING - CHANGE OF DATE - NOW 15th JUNE

You may have heard me mention at Synod (or other event) that everyone is invited to a BIG SING Diocesan event at the Cathedral, where singers and choirs can come together for a few hours on a Saturday in June to sing and prepare for a special evensong, and those not singing are also invited to join us in the afternoon for refreshments and the service. Originally this was to be on 1st June, but **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE HAS HAD TO CHANGE TO 15th JUNE**. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. More details and advertising will be available soon.... But for now, **SAVE THE DATE!**



Resources for Lent

On our [website here](#) are now some ideas for Lent Resources. Browse some inspiring suggestions to reflect on Scripture, mission, art, poetry, studies on recent films (e.g. The Greatest Showman). Something here for everyone - individuals, small groups, free downloads, liturgy, children and young people; a real cornucopia! Please do support the Edinburgh Cornerstone Bookshop (0131 229 3776) and order your books from there rather than online. We would love to hear from you if you have other recommendations, do [email Annie](#), and give us your ideas for Easter too by [emailing Nathalie](#).

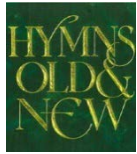
How Green is your Church? Saturday 23rd February



eco
congregation Scotland

All are invited to this ecumenical event with **Eco-congregation Scotland** at St Columba's RC Church, 9 Upper Gray St, Edinburgh. EH9 1SN on Saturday 23rd February. 10am for coffee, 10.30am start - until 12.30pm. The co-ordinator, David Bethune will help us to think about how green our church life REALLY is

and inspire us in what we might do better. Come along to swap stories and ideas with other congregations too. See the attached poster later in this Communicant and [online here](#).



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

NEWS FROM YOUTH & CHILDREN

The latest Youth & Children newsletter is out now! This edition features exciting Wee Sleep Out news, Play Church updates, news from around the Diocese, ideas for Lent and resources for engaging small children with Holy Communion, and more... Read all about it [here](#)



Provincial Youth Week 2019 Booking is now open for the Youth Week at Glenalmond (21-27 July) - further information and forms can be found [here](#)

SEI NEWSLETTER

The February edition is now online at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/sei/sei-newsletter/>

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

None at present

DIARY

Thursday 7 February	Standing Committee meets
Sunday 10 February	Dean attends Consecration of Bishop of Espoo
Monday 4 March	Buildings Committee meets

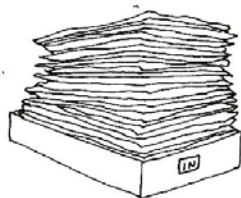
Advance Notices

Thursday 28 February	Staff Development Day (DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED)
Saturday 9 March	Diocesan Synod @St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh

ANNUAL FORMS

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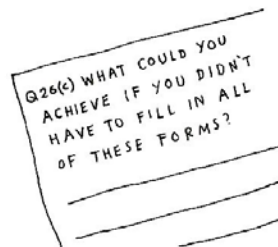
THE CLERGY MUST FILL THEM IN



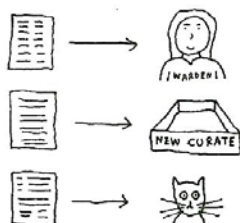
THESE ARE THE FORMS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED



MANY LATE NIGHTS IN THE STUDY WILL BE REQUIRED



EXAMPLE OF FORM



IF POSSIBLE TRY TO PASS SOME OF THEM TO OTHERS



BUT DON'T DESPAIR. THE DIOCESE CAN HELP



www.cartoonchurch.com

This is the usual plea for these forms to be completed and sent in to the Diocesan Office, please. They were all due in by 31st January. However, **the Congregational Statistics have now been sent to the Province** – the day for completing them was 12 December. Unfortunately, we only had 52 of them (we should have 55) so if you could do all you can to complete that one, it would be hugely appreciated, as we have had to submit a 'nil' return where we have no data.

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							06/02/2019
	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	23 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			30 Jan 19		3 Jan 19	31 Jan 19
1.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls		5 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	23 Jan 19	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		28 Jan 19	
1.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		17 Dec 18	17 Dec 18		18 Jan 19	28 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				28 Jan 19		28 Jan 19
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		9 Jan 19	9 Jan 19	9 Jan 19	9 Jan 19	24 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	17 Dec 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	28 Jan 19	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				28 Jan 19	5 Dec 18	
1.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello		20 Nov 18	20 Nov 18	3 Jan 19	30 Nov 18	20 Nov 18
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		28 Jan 19	
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James		30 Jan 19		28 Jan 19	10 Jan 19	1 Nov 18

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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			
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				28 Jan 19	13 Dec 18	
1.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church		7 Jan 19	7 Jan 19	28 Jan 19	5 Dec 18	14 Jan 19
1.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		17 Dec 18	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		22 Jan 19	22 Jan 19	4 Feb 19	13 Dec 18	
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity				4 Feb 19	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 Jan 19	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				28 Jan 19	10 Dec 18	22 Jan 19
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		14 Jan 19		14 Jan 19	22 Jan 19	4 Feb 19
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed					4 Feb 19	23 Jan 19

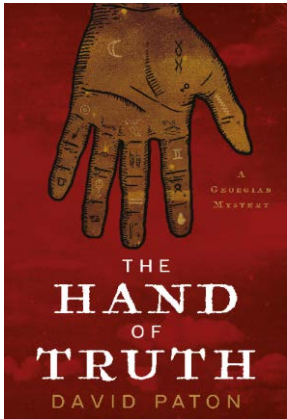
VACANCIES

Plea for Help

The Treasurer at St Salvador's Church in Edinburgh has now retired, and they currently have no-one with the skills to undertake this role. They are hoping to find someone, in the long-term, but would be hugely grateful if anyone knew of a person who could just keep the book-keeping going for them, at least? Of course, an offer from someone to become Treasurer would be an answer to prayer, but their short-term needs a priority at the moment. If you know of anyone who might be able to offer even temporary help, please contact The Revd Andrew Bain andrewbain99@hotmail.com



EVENTS



"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.

**Arranged by St Columba's RC Church, in collaboration
with Mayfield Salisbury and St Peter's Luton Place.**

CARING FOR CREATION

How Green is your Church?

Speaker: David Bethune

Programme Co-ordinator

Eco-congregation Scotland

Saturday 23rd February 2019

10.30am - 12.30pm

**St Columba's Middle Hall
Upper Gray Street,
Edinburgh, EH9 1SN**

Coffee available from 10 am



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

St. Cuthbert's Lecture

Tuesday 19th 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?’

Passing the Baton

Befriending Training



Transforming lives through friendship

Bethany Christian Trust invites you to two consecutive inspiring training evenings which will equip you towards build meaningful friendships with people who are facing loneliness, social isolation and homelessness in our communities. The training evenings are 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 Evening

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.

Tuesday 5th March 2019, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 1)

- Why is friendship important?
- What is transactional analysis?
- Why do we need boundaries and confidentiality?

Tuesday 12th March 2019, 6.30 – 9.00pm (Part 2)

- What makes a good conversation?
- Listening for people's hopes and skills
- Helping people to achieve their goals

Book your place today online at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-5556277764>

Email us on ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com

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Hire Charges (per Item, not inclusive of VAT)

Room	Hourly	Hourly Weekend	9-5 Weekday
Ettrick Valley Room	£18	£33	£114
Finlas Room	£22	£36	£150
Daniel Sandford Room	£30	£42	£204
Room Combinations			
Ettrick and Finlas Rooms	£36	£54	£252
All Rooms	£60	£72	£432
Kentigern Room	£15	£30	£102

All evening bookings after 5pm please add £10 per hour.

A 25% non-refundable deposit is required to secure any booking and full payment must be made within four weeks of your booking.

PREFERENTIAL RATES AVAILABLE FOR CHARITIES

Catering available from the Cornerstone Café



TAKE TIME JUST TO BE



**Come to the
Provincial Retreat**
Tuesday to Thursday
9th - 11th 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>



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Province of Scotland

Scottish Charity
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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)





BRITAIN, PALESTINE, ISRAEL TRAGEDY IN GAZA

BRITAIN'S LEGACY, SCOTLAND'S ROLE

SUNDAY 17 March 2019

1.00pm – 6.30pm

Gordon Aikman

Lecture Theatre

George Square, University of
Edinburgh EH8 9LH

Gaza, an integral part of Palestine, is home to two million Palestinians, living in intolerable conditions. By 2020, according to the UN, Gaza will be uninhabitable. We British have a historical responsibility for Palestine, and a duty to advance human rights for all in Israel and Palestine. How do we do it? What is Scotland's role?

Panellists include:

Jamie McGoldrick UN Humanitarian
Coordinator, Palestine

Dr **Philippa Whitford** MP Breast Cancer
surgeon

Dr **Imad Karam** Gazan film-maker

Rev **Iain Cunningham** Church of Scotland

Ilan Baruch Israeli Ambassador to South
Africa (retired)

Dr **Anthony Gorman** Islamic and Middle
Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh

*Balfour
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with **Islamic and Middle
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University of Edinburgh

Book through **Eventbrite**. Free event.

Donations to cover expenses welcome.

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