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NOTICES

DIOCESAN SYNOD AGENDA

The agenda is now published, and has been posted on the front page of the diocesan website: <u>www.edinburgh.anglican.org</u>

- I. Paper copies are being posted in the next few days to voting members:
 - Incumbents & Priests in Charge
 - Clergy holding a Licence, Authorisation or Commission
 - Lay Representatives
 - General Synod Representatives



- 2. . **If you do not get your copy** by next week, please contact the Diocesan Office, and we will post another copy out to you
- 3. A Nomination Form is included, for those vacancies other than Area Council nominations
- 4. Any additional papers will be posted online
- 5. All synod papers (including archives) can be found at: <u>https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-synod/</u>



CONSTITUTIONS

We are in the process of asking any charges to update their Constitutions, if they are more than 10 years old, to bring them in line with OSCR regulations. Many vestries have already been going through this process and we are hugely grateful

for your time and effort on this. We will be in touch with others to encourage you to put this on your Vestry agenda for the Autumn. The GSO produced a model document in 2008 for both single and joint incumbencies and we have now added to this a working document which simply gives a box down the side in which to type any changes you wish to make to the model, thus clearer for you and for the Diocesan Registrar to look over"

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

THE BIG SING - CHANGE OF DATE - NOW 15th JUNE, 10.30-17.00

You may have heard me mention at Synod (or other event) that everyone is invited to a BIG SING Diocesan event at the Cathedral, 10.30am gathering for an 11am start. 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 at 4pm. 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 <u>website here</u> 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<u>email Annie</u>, and give us your ideas for Easter too by <u>emailing Nathalie</u>.

How Green is your Church? Saturday 23rd February



All are invited to this ecumenical event with Eco-congregation Scotland at St Columba's RC Church, 9 Upper Gray St, Edinburgh. EH9 ISN 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 <u>online here.</u>

Soul Talk – "Risky Compassion" a café style conversation, with Ash Barker Saturday 2nd March 7.45pm

The Mustard Seed community and Soul Food Edinburgh invite you to their first Soul Talk event - a cafe style evening of conversation focused on what it is to live practically and prayerfully, inspired by Micah 6:8. At each Soul Talk conversation we will hear from speakers, musicians & creatives: those who are living this way with intentionality. We hope that these conversations will inspire, encourage and equip those with hearts for justice and Jesus.

Soul Talk takes place at St Margaret's Church, 170 Easter Road, EH7 5QE. Doors open at 7:45pm and refreshments will be available all evening. The cost of the event is £10 (£5 for students and free for unwaged). For more information or to book tickets, <u>please click here</u> or contact <u>richard@mustardseededinburgh.org</u> or Jenny at <u>hello@soulfoodedinburgh.org</u>

For this first Soul Talk the music is provided by the talented Selah Corbin and the speaker is Ash Barker (<u>http://newbiginhouse.uk</u>) a much sought after speaker, so do come and be inspired by his story and passion. After 25 years of urban mission in Melbourne and Bangkok, Ash and his family moved to Winson Green, Birmingham and now live in the residential community at Newbigin House, a bustling hub for community projects, leadership development and worship events. After spending twelve years living and working in Bangkok's largest slum with his family, the risky questions about what really matters in life confronted him along with the invitation to join with God's risky compassion.

Restless for Mission Day Conference - Saturday 16th March

Come and join Edinburgh City Mission for their annual conference. "Restless for Mission" is about stimulating community engagement and mission in Edinburgh's most deprived communities.



God cares about people in our local communities. Hear what is going on to support them, find out what ideas others have, what works and hear what other churches and organisations are doing. Come along and meet other people who have a similar heart and vision for Edinburgh and be inspired to get involved.

The event is from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Kings Church, 104 Gilmore Place, EH3 9PL, and is free but please register your attendance on <u>Eventbrite here</u>. for more details <u>email</u> <u>Edinburgh City Mission here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>

Provincial Youth Week 2019 Booking is now open for the Youth Week at Glenalmond (21-27 July) - further information and forms can be found <u>here</u>

SEI NEWSLETTER

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

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Revd. Elizabeth O'Ryan	Rector of Holy Trinity, Haddington from 12 March 2019
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DIARY

Sunday 24 th February	Bishop Presiding at St James the Less, Penicuik		
Thursday 28 February	Staff Development Day (DIOCESAN OFFICE CLOSED)		
Sunday 3 rd March	Bishop Presiding at St Peter's, Peebles		
Monday 4 March	Buildings Committee meets		
Saturday 9 March	Diocesan Synod @St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh		
Sunday 10 th March	Bishop Presiding at St Baldred's, North Berwick		

Advance Notices			
Monday 15 th April Chrism Mass – St Mary's Cathedral			
Thursday 24th OctoberDiocesan Synod (venue tbc)			
5 th -7 th November	Clergy Conference		



Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2019

I invite you to focus your Lenten giving this year on two important causes.

Our international charity offers free healthcare in places where medical services are in short supply. A Christian organisation, *Mercy Ships* brings hope and healing to thousands of people each year in some of the world's poorest nations. Closer to home, *Fresh Start Borders* (an initiative from Selkirk churches) offers practical help to those moving from homelessness into housing. Poverty may be less visible than in the city but it is, nevertheless, a painful reality in our Borders towns too.

Both these causes invite us to be Christ to others, speaking good news to the poor and helping to transform the lives of those in the greatest need. I commend them to you and to the diocese and ask you to give generously.





Set up in 2008 by the Selkirk Council of Churches with assistance from Scottish Churches Housing Action and grant funding from Awards for All, **Fresh Start Borders** provide starter packs of household goods and essentials to people in need who are moving from homelessness to a permanent tenancy.

Individuals and families alike are referred to us by support workers from Scottish Borders Council, local housing associations, Citizens Advice and other local charities. Each starter pack, which is made to meet individual requirements, contains new or good quality second hand essential items and cleaning materials. Money raised and donated enables us to purchase new kettles, toasters, duvets and pillows for every pack and when possible, we purchase portable heaters and microwaves for clients in need of these particular items.

In recent years, a rising number of people are needing our help. Relying on grants and fundraising to continue the provision of starter packs, the organisation is run by local volunteers and dependent on goods donated by the public.

Your support ensures we can continue making a difference to vulnerable people in the Scottish Borders.



www.freshstartborders.org.uk



Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2019



Mercy Ships UK funds the world's largest hospital ship, the Africa Mercy. This ship, staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations, travels to the world's poorest nations to provide free surgeries for patients with no access to healthcare.

Patients like Baby Junior:

When he first arrived on the dock of the *Africa Mercy* cradled in his mother's arms, Junior weighed less than 2KG. He was born with a cleft lip and palate that made it nearly impossible for him to nurse, and at just three months old he was slowly starving.

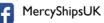
With treatment on board the Africa Mercy, three months later, weighing a whopping 6.4 kilograms (14.1 pounds) and three times the baby he was when he first arrived, he was now strong enough for surgery to repair his cleft palate.

"His cleft palate repair was the culmination of our team's efforts," said Janet Stucky, the volunteer Clinical Dietician and Infant Feeding Coordinator. "a successful surgery, which will change his life forever."

Baby Junior is just one of the thousands of patients that Mercy ships has helped. Conditions that are almost unheard of in the Western world such as Club feet, Obstetric Fistulars and benign tumours can become life threatening in countries where there is no healthcare.

Help us **#Changetheodds** for patients like Baby Junior.

www.mercyships.org.uk





Registered Charity No: 1053055 (England & Wales) SC039743 (Scotland)

Donations should be made payable to your local church

If you are eligible for GIFT AID, contact your treasurer, to maximise your contribution. For any information please contact the Diocesan Office on 0131 538 7044 or email: BishopsPA@dioceseofedinburgh.org





Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2018/19							
	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	23 Jan 19	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		19 Feb 19	30 Jan 19	11 Feb 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	18 Feb 18	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	20 Feb 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		26 Nov 19	3 Dec 18	17 Dec 18	8 Jan 19	11 Feb 19
1.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		19 Dec 18	19 Dec 18	20 Dec 18	10 Dec 18	11 Feb 19
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
1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		6 Dec 18	6 Dec 18		13 Dec 18	

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1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		18 Dec 18	18 Dec 18		13 Feb 19	
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		19 Feb 19	19 Feb 19	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	6 Feb 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 Feb 19	11 Dec 18	1 Nov 18
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel		19 Feb 19	19 Feb 19	28 Jan 19	10 Dec 18	22 Jan 19
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		14 Jan 19	3 Jan 19	14 Jan 19	22 Jan 19	4 Feb 19
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed					4 Feb 19	23 Jan 19
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THE NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL

Do you have any old, unloved copies of the New English Hymnal?

Holy Trinity Melrose are running short, happily due to increasing attendance at Choral Evensong. Any spares would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Philip

Blackledge on philipblackledge@gmail.com if you are able to spare some.

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 bookkeeping 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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 2 March 9:30 to 13:00 St Ninian's Comely Bank Edinburgh https://www.stninians-edinburgh.org.uk/

Wednesday 20 March 18:00 to 20:30 St Baldred's North Berwick

https://edinburgh.anglican.org/find-a-church/st-baldredsnorth-berwick/

Safeguarding training is recommended for clergy, PVG coordinators, vestry members and those who are working with the vulnerable in our church communities.



The programme will follow a similar pattern to the events held at Christ Church Morningside and Holy Trinity Melrose in 2018, so if you attended one of these events there is no need to attend again this year. Those who have been unable to attend training in the last two years are encouraged to attend.

Please email <u>DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org</u> if you are planning to attend. All are welcome, but it is helpful to know numbers in advance so that we print enough copies of the handouts.

Topics covered:

- Safeguarding responsibilities for leaders
- Theology of safeguarding
- Risk assessment in church communities
- Case studies

Arranged by St Columba's RC Church, in collaboration with Mayfield Salisbury and St Peter's Lutton 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

MISERERE

Choral music for Passiontide including Miserere by Sir James MacMillan

plus works by Casals, Whitacre, Poulenc, Bruckner & Gibbons

St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Belmount Place, Kelso TD5 7JB

Sunday 7 April 2019 @ 5.00pm

Tickets: £5 - on the door Proceeds towards St Andrew's Church

www.scottishvocalensemble.com

Conductor: Mark Hindley



Cantos Final Sance Choral Music

Tomkins Gibbons White Tallis Byrd

7:30pm | Saturday March 9 Old Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh Free with retiring collection

BRITAIN, PALES/**ÍINE**, 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 EH89LH

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 lain Cunningham Church of Scotland Ilan Baruch Israeli Ambassador to South Africa (retired)

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

with Islamic and Middle Book through Eventbrite. Free event. Ballour Project with Islamic and Middle BOOK through Eventure. Free event. Donations to cover expenses welcome. Further information: www.balfourproject.org

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-batonbefriending-training-tickets-55562777764

Email us on ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com **Ring or text** us on 07969 771659 *Follow us on twitter @Befriending_BCT*





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)

