



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

### NEWS FROM YOUTH & CHILDREN



#### 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](#)

The latest highlights from around the Diocese are in the Youth and Children Newsletter [here](#). This edition features dinner with Malala, active Youth representatives, visitors to Play Church, grants for youth and children's work, and more! If you would like to receive an emailed link to the next Newsletter as soon as it is published, please contact [youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org) and Claire will add you to the mailing list.



## NEWS FROM BISHOPS ENABLER OF MISSION

**JUNE  
15  
2019**

### The Big Sing

You can now book in for the BIG SING on our [website here](#). Come and join in singing with others from across the Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, either as an individual or with a choir to learn, practise and sing together at a big Diocesan celebratory EVENSONG. Meet people over refreshments and lunch, join in an optional workshop and browse some music resources. All are welcome, but those under age 12 need to bring a responsible adult.

If singing in a choir is not your thing, **EVERYONE** is invited to join us at the Cathedral for afternoon tea at 3pm and worship together in a joyous EVENSONG at 4pm.

Please advertise this to all in your church and musical friends.

POSTER AVAILABLE LATER IN THIS COMMUNICANT OR [ON OUR WEBSITE HERE](#).

**Rejoice as  
we worship  
God Together**

Where: St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, EH12 5AW

When: 11am start (refreshments from 10:30am)  
3pm Afternoon Tea  
4pm Evensong

Lunch and refreshments provided - donations towards costs very welcome.

For more details or [to book a place email here](#) or phone 0131 538 7033

## Trypraying

I am sure you are familiar with [trypraying](#). If you have not joined in with this inspiring initiative, then please do consider it. It is a wonderfully effective and simple way of encouraging us all to pray using the booklet and then [trypraying](#) to give it away to help someone outside the church encounter God. During the Easter season there will be high profile advertising across Edinburgh so why not make the most of this and join in now. They currently have a special offer of 100 books and an outside banner for £100. [See here for details.](#)

## 10 Days of Prayer

I hope you have heard that as a Diocese we are engaging in prayer during the 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost. We are about encouraging everyone from across the Diocese to individuals, groups and whole congregations; **13 Churches**

**up for a specific period of either 12 or 24 hours of prayer.** Lots of ideas and resources are suggested [on our website](#) and the international initiative [Thy Kingdom Come](#) has lots of material too. Aberdeen Diocese are holding a **training day for Thy Kingdom Come on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.** [More details and to book are found here.](#) Look out for more news on our website as we Grow Together through engaging with God and listen as we pray.



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## ALL CHURCHES

“An Indian church congregation is looking for a church in Edinburgh to hold their services. Presently they meet once a month on 2nd Sunday afternoons, for a Holy Communion service led by their priest who covers Scotland. However, due to the reported parking charges from April 2019 on Sundays in Edinburgh, they would like to engage with an Episcopalian church outside the city centre where car parking is available and not charged and the church has easy access to key roads, because some of their members come from Glasgow, Falkirk and Kirkcaldy.

Please contact [robbie.j.thomas@me.com](mailto:robbie.j.thomas@me.com)”

Dear Respected Friends and Music Enthusiasts

We are the Goldenberg Duo-a classical violin/piano,sister/brother team. I am Susan, a violinist with the Kansas City Symphony. My brother, William, Distinguished Professor of Piano at Northern Illinois University. We are touring Scotland this April, and would be honored to perform for your organization. Our program is versatile and brings people together through the healing art of music. We can perform for your Easter celebrations.

Susan Goldenberg: E Mail - [helengo2002@yahoo.com](mailto:helengo2002@yahoo.com)”

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

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DIARY

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday	Bishop leading a Time of Reflection at Mustard Seed, Easter Road
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April, Easter Sunday	Bishop Presiding at St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Bishop Presiding at St Andrew’s, Innerleithen
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bishop Presiding at St John’s, Princess Street
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Personnel Committee meeting
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	EASTER MONDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
MANDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	MAY DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2018/19							16/04/2019
	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	22 Feb 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		6 Mar 19		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			26 Mar 19	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			13 Mar 19	28 Jan 19	5 Dec 18	11 Mar 19
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	25 Mar 19
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	
1.32	EDINBURGH St Thomas', Corstorphine		18 Dec 18	18 Dec 18		13 Feb 19	

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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	28 Feb 19
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity		11 Mar 19	11 Mar 19	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,		20 Mar 19	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 Nov 18
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,				13 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	11 Mar 19
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		7 Jan 19	7 Jan 19	13 Dec 18	13 Dec 18	28 Feb 19
1.50	PEEBLES St Peter's		25 Mar 19	25 Mar 19	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
55			45	46	45	55	46
			55	55	55	55	55
	Return Rate		82%	84%	82%	100%	84%
	Outstanding		10	9	10	0	9

### *Advance Notices*

<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	OFFICE CLOSED (Staff Development Day)
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Diocesan Synod (St Paul's & ST George's, Edinburgh)
<b>5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Clergy Conference

## **MINING MEMORIALS IN SCOTLAND**

The presence of the mining industry has been erased from the landscape of Scotland. It has not been forgotten and there are number of places where the legacy of the industry's past has been recorded by memorials. The National Mining Museum Scotland (NMMS) at Lady Victoria Colliery, Newtongrange houses the National Mining Memorial Centre which was opened in 2013. Work has been ongoing to produce a handbook for the Centre to provide details of all the mining related memorials in Scotland. Recent work has identified the potential for memorials to be housed within churches in Scotland. In recent months I have added stained glass windows in churches in Blantyre and Uddingston to my list of memorials. I would like to know if I have missed any memorials such as plaques, windows or other forms of memorials located in Scottish Episcopal Churches. My list of memorials can be viewed on the NMMS web site and photographs of them all can be viewed on the Healey Hero website. I can be contacted on 0131 664 7185 or jamesjhenry@yahoo.co.uk



**JUNE  
15  
2019**

# Rejoice as we worship God Together

Join us in singing at St Mary's Cathedral  
Come on your own or with your choir  
Practise and sing together at a grand Evensong

To book in as an individual or group,  
please visit the [webpage here](#)

**If singing in a choir is not for you, come  
for afternoon tea and worship  
together in Evensong**

# THE

St Mary's Cathedral, EH12 5AW  
11am start (coffee from 10:30am)

3pm Afternoon Tea

4pm Evensong

# BIG

For more details email  
[bigsing@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:bigsing@dioceseofedinburgh.org)  
or phone 0131 538 7033

# SING





Dear Friends,

I am writing with details for our CMD workshop scheduled for 21 May held at Holy Trinity and St. Barnabas in Paisley.

### **Financial Matters made simple - 'Financial Planning During your Ministry & Beyond'**

**Purpose of the Day:** A financial awareness and planning workshop for clergy and spouses/partners led by Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services (independent financial advisers) designed to demystify personal finance issues and help you plan for the future (regardless of how far away retirement may be).

Arrivals and coffee from 9:30am for a 10:00am start

Schedule for the Day:

930am Arrivals and Coffee

10am Workshop begins

1130am Coffee Break

1145am Workshop Continues

115pm Workshop Conclusion - Optional Lunch

145pm 1:1 sessions with professionals from Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services (available to 6 clergy/partners - please request when you RSVP)

#### **Some of the questions/topics that will be addressed:**

- Basic Financial Planning tips and the importance of planning ahead as early as possible
- Where will I live when I retire? (What are the housing options?)
- How will I afford it? (Including Mortgage options for those living in tied accommodation)
- What will I live on in retirement? covering
- Pensions (Including the clergy pension scheme, the state pension and options to boost/increase pensions. An explanation of annuities and the impact of the new retirement flexibility rules plus a brief mention about what to do about preserved pensions from pre ministry employment))
- Savings (including cash & Stocks and shares ISAs)
- Taking Investment Risk & how to manage it (this is a common theme underpinning the following items)
- How to Invest (including ethical investing)
- Protecting your family including benefits available from the church (the inclusion of this session depends on the age group concerned)

**Please email me ([canonmissioner@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:canonmissioner@glasgow.anglican.org)) to RSVP - in your RSVP please indicate if you will be coming, if your partner/spouse will attend, if you would like to stay for the optional lunch, and if you are requesting a 1:1 session.**

Yours in Christ,

Audrey Stewart

Canon Missioner

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

transforming conflict • embracing difference

place for hope



Dear friends,

On behalf of Place for Hope and our partners, I'm delighted to announce that bookings for the 'Gathering in Glasgow on Conflict and Faith' are now live.

Details and a booking link are [here](#).

We have 350 places available at a variety of rates. Accommodation needs to be booked separately. Can I encourage you to pass this link/message around your networks. Please do confirm your booking as soon as possible to secure your place. You can make multiple bookings on behalf of a group if that helps.

If you would like to keep up to date with Place for Hope developments, join our (free) [Peacemaker's Network](#). If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With love and light,

Ruth

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Bookings Now Open:

[Gathering in Glasgow on Conflict and Faith](#)

at The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and Adelaide Place Baptist Church, Glasgow

Thursday 31st October, 10:00 – Saturday 2nd November, 12:30, 2019

# Don't Burn the Meadows

## Community pop-up art project

Like yourselves, we at the Community Garden care desperately about the Meadows and the environment. This summer, we know that the lovely green space of the Meadows will be covered with burn patches, and filled with smoke from disposable barbeques, again. Heaps of rubbish, smouldering bins, and emergency call outs for the Fire Service will happen, again. Arthur's Seat has already been set alight again, this year.

Last year, we put on a Better BarbeQue event to spread the message - **Don't Burn the Meadows!**

This year, we are planning another event on 4 and 5 May, along with a special community art project, to spread the message about caring about the environment much more effectively.



Help us create a flock of sheep, each 12cm long, made of recycled woollies, for a pop-up art installation in the Meadows! See our FB page for details, and come to our workshop on 12 April, 3 to 6 pm in 28 Lauriston St . Bring old woollies and socks to recycle – materials will be provided, and help with crafting.

Email **dontburnthemeadows@gmail.com** for updates about our event and art project.

Our website is [www.dontburnthemeadows.btck.co.uk](http://www.dontburnthemeadows.btck.co.uk)

Have you already made your sheep (length 12cm)? Post it up on our **Don't Burn The Meadows FB page ...**

**<https://www.Facebook.com/Dont-Burn-The-Meadows-21289535340493281/>**

**We really appreciate the contribution that local groups and schools make to the Community Garden on the Meadows, and feel sure that this community art project with its environmental message will appeal to the local community.**

# ONE STEP AT A TIME



A learning resource for faith communities to build a more supportive environment for people with dementia and their families

Download your copy from  
[faithinolderpeople.org.uk/project/one-step-at-a-time/](http://faithinolderpeople.org.uk/project/one-step-at-a-time/)



## How dementia friendly is your faith community

TAKE THE  
QUIZ

1. Is our place of worship 'emotionally safe'?
2. Are all people welcomed, included, valued and respected?
3. Do we know who has dementia in our faith community?
4. Do our members with dementia find it difficult to participate in worship?
5. Is our place of worship physically safe?
6. Is the toilet easy to find and safe to use?

## Welcome at church !

To all who welcome folk at the church door.

Street Pastors often meet people who are worried about going to church for the first time or visiting a new church.



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Just as Street Pastors carry information about homelessness, debt advice, addictions, etc., we thought that we would let congregations know that Street Pastors are now carrying a card with the Street Pastor logo on it to give only to folk who show an interest in a church connection. The idea is that this would help remove nervousness about going to a church for they would have the card to show at the church door, assured that they will be made welcome.

A visitor may appreciate someone sitting with them to explain what happens. Sometimes a visitor may wish to chat with someone, or find out more about the Christian faith through e.g. a Christianity Explored or NUA course. It is good too when both noticeboards and websites are accurate, especially at holiday periods !!

Street Pastors also have a small waterproof sticker on which there is the Street Pastor logo designed to be placed on outside noticeboards. This would assure a stranger of a warm welcome in that congregation. These may be obtained by emailing [admin@ascensiontrustscotland.co.uk](mailto:admin@ascensiontrustscotland.co.uk)

It will therefore be very helpful if those who are on "door duty" in congregations are alerted to this so that on the front line they may fulfil a "ministry of welcome!"

Many thanks

(Rev) Sandy Gunn  
on behalf of Street Pastors in Scotland  
[sandygunn@btinternet.com](mailto:sandygunn@btinternet.com)



A large, close-up portrait of Graeme Stephen, a man with dark, slightly messy hair and a serious expression, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a dark shirt.

**jazz**  
at St James

**Red  
Door**  
PRESENTS

"Stephen's daring writing and willingness to complement conventional lyricism with sonic experiment makes for a powerful experience"  
The Scotsman

# GRAEME STEPHEN

## Letters for Peace

Award winning composer and guitarist Graeme Stephen, performs his work with string trio, inspired by the stories and letters of WW1 conscientious objectors. Music, spoken word and image highlight their sacrifices and the public perception of war



**8pm Friday 12th April 2019**  
**St James Church, 11a Johns Place, Leith**

**8pm Friday 26th April 2019**  
**St Peter's Church, 153 High Street, Linlithgow**

Tickets £15 (£10 for 16 and under) available from:  
[jazzatstjames18@gmail.com](mailto:jazzatstjames18@gmail.com) 07849 509407 and 'Far From the Madding Crowd', 20 High Street, Linlithgow, tel 01506 845509





## **GRUP TERNARI** **a unique concert!**

**Sunday 28th April  
2019 at 7pm  
Craigmillar Park  
church EH16 5LZ**

Grup Ternari - an organist & 2 *dulzaina* players specialising in European religious & baroque music – are coming over to Edinburgh from Spain the weekend after Easter. Their unusual combination of instruments blends the sound of the dulzaina, a popular folk instrument from Valencia, with that of the more solemn and sacred church organ. They are all professional music teachers, who are keen to bring their music, which has been described as ‘the sound of heaven and earth’, to a wider audience.

The programme ranges from English Baroque to Spanish contemporary:

- Trumpet Voluntary J. Clarke
- Trumpet Tune H. Purcell
- L'incoronazione di Poppea C. Monteverdi
- Sound the trumpet H Purcell
- Trumpet Voluntary op. 6 n° 5 John Stanley
- Cahoineah cu Chulainn Bill Whelan
- Ofertoiro Eduardo Torres (only organ)
- Canon J. Pachelbel
- Tendresa Saül Gómez
- Les noces del Manyà J. R. Pascual Villaplana
- Cant de l'enyor Lluís Llach
- Canciones de Clarines con eco Anónimo s. XVIII

The concert, which includes refreshments afterwards, is free, but donations will be requested for Edinburgh Direct Aid to support Syrian refugees in Lebanon. You can reserve tickets with Rosanna (07867 596071), book on Eventbrite, or just come along.



[Foundation Grants](#) are available to churches of all Christian denominations around the United Kingdom towards work that addresses urgent maintenance, as identified as a priority in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or survey. The works should be stand-alone projects costing between £1,000 and £10,000 excluding VAT. Grants range from £500 to £3,000. The **next deadline is 12 May 2019** for a decision in July.

In order to apply applicants should have 2 quotes for the work, 50% of funding in place, as well as permissions (e.g. List B consent, Faculty, Trustee approval or equivalent thereof), and be able to evidence the urgency for the work. Projects should be led, overseen and supervised by a suitably qualified architect or surveyor, with conservation accreditation if the building is listed. We cannot fund work retrospectively though work may commence after an application has been submitted to us. To date our grants have been used to fund small scale roof repairs, repointing, drainage, guttering etc. The grants can also be used to fund small investigate works and surveys. Applications should be made online via the relevant grant programme page [here](#). Please be sure to read the guidance note before applying.

Please contact [grants@nationalchurchstrust.org](mailto:grants@nationalchurchstrust.org)

A reminder too, in case of interest, of our other grant programmes (see also the attached leaflet and our website [here](#)) and ongoing initiatives.

- **Gateway Grants** are awards of £3,000 to £10,000 to support churches to develop high quality, well researched, sustainable projects through the diagnosis of issues affecting the church, by testing the viability of proposed solutions, and through developing plans up to RIBA stage 1, in advance of applying to a major church heritage funder. For the guidance notes (including the full eligibility criteria, scoring and grant conditions) and online application form, please visit [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants) Next deadline 9 May 2019 for a decision in July.
- **Cornerstone Grants** are awards of £10,000 to £50,000 towards urgent and essential structural repairs, with an estimated cost of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees) and/or the introduction of kitchens and toilets costing at least £30,000. For the guidance notes (including the full eligibility criteria, scoring and grant conditions) and online application form, please visit [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants) Next deadline 1 July 2019 for a decision in November.
- **MaintenanceBooker** [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk) Based on the principle that prevention is better than cure MaintenanceBooker can help churches and chapels avoid having to carry out major repairs to their buildings by making it easy to carry out regular maintenance. The service is available to churches, chapels and historic buildings across England and Wales and provides an online 'one stop shop' where churches and chapels can book accredited contractors for services including gutter clearance, tree maintenance, lightning protection system inspections and asbestos management services. **Small grants are also available** towards the costs of some services booked via the site. For more information, see [here](#).
- **ExploreChurches** [www.explorechurches.org](http://www.explorechurches.org) Churches, chapels and meeting houses are literally 'treasure houses' of heritage, history and community. Through ExploreChurches the National Churches Trust aims to develop a high quality resource for visitors and churches alike. The potential for churches to attract visitors and for visits to be enjoyable and worthwhile is huge. The UK has a wonderful national collection of churches, chapels and meeting houses peppered across the countryside and nestling in our towns. Perhaps this is why visiting churches (both old and new) is one of the most popular pastimes in the country, and such sites also attract foreign visitors. We would like to include all churches, chapels and meeting houses that are open for visitors (even if this is only during specific hours or on certain days). All you need to do is complete our online form: <https://www.explorechurches.org/add-your-church>

**Catherine Townsend**

Head of Church Support, National Churches Trust, t. 020 7227 1933 | [nationalchurchestrust.org](http://nationalchurchestrust.org)

## **VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2019: May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Vocations Sunday is on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Please take this opportunity to encourage your congregation to reflect on vocation in its widest sense, as well as to pray for everyone to listen for God's call to them.

There are several ways you can do this:

- use the materials on the SEC website for your worship on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Vocation Sunday page at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/vocations-sunday/> has a link to resources for sermons, collects, intercessions and hymns.

- circulate this prayer and use it on your weekly sheet:

Loving Shepherd, you call us to follow you: help each one of us to answer your call in our lives. Grant wisdom to our bishops as they provide ministry for your people. Guide all who offer themselves for public ministry. Bless with insight all who discern the vocations of others. Encourage those being formed for ministry, and sustain the staff and students of the Scottish Episcopal Institute. So may your Church be light to the world, joining you in making your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

- Use this article in your newsletter or magazine:

### **VOCATIONS SUNDAY: May 12<sup>th</sup>**

'Vocations Sunday': that's just about clergy isn't it? Not at all – we celebrate God's call to every Christian to follow Christ in witness and service. In congregations and communities across the world, people are listening for God's voice and responding in faith in all sorts of different ways. Vocations Sunday is observed in many denominations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. It is often called 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the gospel reading for the day comes from John 10, where Jesus explores his identity as the Good Shepherd calling his sheep, who hear his voice and respond.

God calls us in at our baptisms, and we respond with promises to live as worshipping disciples of Christ, to proclaim the good news in word and deed, to work for justice and peace, and to honour God in all Creation. Each of us will live out this vocation in a different way. Who we are and what we do – at home, in our communities, at work – is our calling.

Think now of your congregation, and the different ways people live their calling in it. There will be people leading worship, singing, preaching, teaching; there will be people caring, administering and many engaging with others inside the church and beyond. The bishops are keen to encourage, resource and recognise the ministries that are emerging in Scottish Episcopal congregations, and to celebrate them as signs of new life.

Some will experience a call to authorised ministry, as a Lay Reader, a Deacon or a Priest. In recent years, there has been a healthy number of people offering themselves for ordination in the Scottish Episcopal Church, including a significant number of younger candidates. We need a steady stream of ordinands to be formed for the future leadership of our Church.

Link to Vocations Sunday Resource page

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





## **Ways of Praying Course**

**13<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

This short course explores prayer for anyone seeking a prayer life that touches the inner core based on an awareness of self in relationship with God

We meet weekly 7pm until 9pm at Healthlink360, Elphinstone Wing, Musselburgh, EH21 8PW from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June.

A suggested donation for the course would be £100 but we would not want cost to be a barrier to anyone taking part.

Numbers are limited so please sign up as soon as you can. Facilitated by Sharon Laidlaw and Duncan Hughes of the Epiphany Group.

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