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NOTICES

SEI NEWSLETTER

The next edition is now online at :

https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/sei/sei-newsletter/

NEWS FROM YOUTH & CHILDREN

Here is another opportunity to apply for funding for church-based youth and children's projects. Do you have a great idea that needs some cash to get it off the ground? Would a small grant enable you to help your young people in some particular way? Previous grants have gone towards a children's library in church, youth group resources, a Family Fun Day, Godly Play materials and more. Apply before 15 May: forms available on the diocesan website here or email <u>youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org</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 here

NEWS FROM BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Mission Shaped Space Workshops - 25th May and Ist June

Every person and every church has a Mission Shaped Space. What Yours? Our world is changing, so how do we respond? Are there new ways of engaging and being church in the twenty first century? If so, what does it look like?

Come and explore mission and church life in current contexts.

- 25th May and 1st June 2 different Saturday morning workshops
- ₱ 9.45am 2pm with lunch provided (free to attend but donations welcome).
- ✤ St Ninian's Church, EH4 I AG
- ✤ Led by Annie Naish and Oliver Brewer-Lennon.
- \blacksquare All are welcome, as an individual or with others from your church.

For catering purposes please book a place by contacting Annie Naish at mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org or 07800 866 494. Poster available on our Website here or later in this issue.

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 15th 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.

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





Rejoice as we worship **God Together**



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CAN WE USE YOUR SKILLS IN OUR COMMITTEES?



From time to time we have vacancies on our committees, and we would like to start a new initiative which is to maintain a list of those who have particular skills and experience in the areas we need and, when opportunities arise, to make contact and discuss how we might use them. Whilst the principal need is for committees, there are other occasions when we setup smaller short-term groups, to look at specific projects.

We are not necessarily looking for a long-term commitment, just an indication of interest at this stage. It may be that you have limited time available, but do have the skills/experience, and there are various ways we want to try and use those, without the need for attending regular meetings in Edinburgh. These are some of the areas in which we periodically need help:

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

- Committee members meeting 4 times a year, dealing with accounts, budgets etc.
- Wider financial reviews of both diocesan funds and the accounts of the congregations in the diocese
- Assist in supporting less-experienced Vestry Treasurers
- Financial policies

BUILDINGS

- Committee members meeting at least 6 times a year, dealing with permissions for schemes of work and developments, grant applications and reviewing quinquennial reports
- Experience of church buildings, both maintenance and development/preservation
- Advice on residential properties (Rectories) and their management/upkeep
- Local site visits to look at individual schemes, from time to time, and produce a report for the committee to discuss

COMMUNICATIONS

- Advice on policies and practices
- Technical help for our Communications Coordinator

PERSONNEL

- Help with updating our policies (for office staff)
- Reviewing proposals for new posts

These areas are not exhaustive, and the central work of the diocese is always kept under review. If you think you have skills we might be able to use, not covered here, please do still get in touch.

In the first instance, send an email to Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator, at:

dioadmin@dioceseofedinburgh.org

He will then log the expressions of interest and pass them to those who are responsible for the appropriate area of work. Getting in touch does not commit you to any involvement. We would only hold your details for this specific purpose, and would only contact you twice a year to check that you were still happy for us to do this.

Thank you very much for considering this which, we hope, will enable us to provide an improved service across the entire diocese.



What is YOUR church doing for our Diocesan 10 Days of Prayer? For the days between Ascension and Pentecost we are engaging in a special season of prayer and every person and congregation is invited to join in. Get in touch with Annie Naish to tell us what you are planning – we would love to come and visit and join in with you in

prayer. <u>Email here</u> or phone 07800 866 494. 14 Churches have signed up for a specific period of either 12 or 24 hours of prayer. Lots of ideas and resources are suggested <u>on our website</u> and the international initiative <u>Thy Kingdom Come</u> has lots of material too. More news on our website coming soon.

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"

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

None

DIARY

Sunday 5 th May	Bishop Presiding at Bi–Centenary Celebrations
	St John's, Princes Street
Thursday 9th May	Personnel Committee meeting
Sunday 12 th May	Bishop Presiding at St David's, Pilton
MONDAY 6 TH MAY	MAY DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday 16 th May	OFFICE CLOSED (Staff Development Day)

Advance Notices		
Thursday 6 th – Saturday 8 th June	General Synod , St Pauls & St Georges, Edinburgh	
Thursday 24 th October	Diocesan Synod, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh	
5 th -7 th November	Clergy Conference	

VACANCIES



Pastoral Development Assistant

(Part Time)

St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton, Edinburgh seeks a part time Pastoral Development Assistant who will, in consultation with the Rector, maintain and develop pastoral care, with particular responsibility for the elderly and for children, young people and their families.

This newly created post may suit someone who is ordained or has a theological background who is seeking a part time position. Other candidates with appropriate training and experience would be considered.

16 hours per week, times to be agreed in consultation with the Rector

The appointment is subject to a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record Disclosure (Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007).

For more information or an informal chat please contact the Rector Nicki McNelly on stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com

www.stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk

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WORK PLACE CHAPLAINCY SCOTLAND Listening & caring - in confidence



Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland provides chaplaincy service to over 2000 workplaces right across Scotland. It is a Christian Organisation working with all denominations and with excellent relations with most other faith groups.

Every day our dedicated team of Chaplains provide spiritual and pastoral support to workers regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity or political ideology. We work with Churches, charities, emergency services, local authorities and businesses large and small. We offer an independent caring presence as well as training and guidance to build wellbeing within individuals and organisations.

After over 9 years in post creating and establishing the organisation, our CEO is retiring and we are seeking an individual with faith, vision, drive and experience to build on this legacy and lead us into an exciting future.

This person will have an active Christian faith (this is a Genuine Occupational Requirement in terms of the Equality Act 2010), a deep understanding of church and business in Scotland and experience of providing strategy and leadership at board level. If you possess the right mix of skills and experience coupled with high levels of drive and enthusiasm we look forward to receiving an application from you. For a job description and person specification please contact: info@wpcscotland.co.uk.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 24th May

EVENTS

City Centre Churches Meeting

2.30 Sun 12 May 2019 Lauriston Hall 28 Lauriston St, Edinburgh

Meeting to discuss proposed changes to parking regulation on Sundays. The Edinburgh Council has proposals to introduce parking restrictions and charges on Sundays from 12.30 or earlier.

Two years ago the city centre churches came together to successfully campaign against the Council's proposals to introduce all day parking restrictions on a Sunday.

All the city centre churches are invited to a meeting at the Lauriston Hall at 2.30 on Sunday 12 May to discuss this issue and address what action needs to be taken by the churches working together.

Alan Cran info@averon.biz

Member of Churches Committee in 2016 which campaigned in 2016 against all day parking restrictions in Central Edinburgh.

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

St Mary's Cathedral, EH12 5AW 11am start (coffee from 10:30am) 3pm Afternoon Tea 4pm Evensong

For more details email bigsing@dioceseofedinburgh.org or phone 0131 538 7033



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OPEN DAY - Thursday 30th May

If you have never been to 21a Grosvenor Crescent or have done and would like to find out a little more about who we are and what we do - come along on 30th May between 11am - 3pm.

We will be providing teas & coffees, as well as cakes, baked by the staff here (The Great Episcopal Bake-Off?). Just drop in at any time during those hours,

have a chat to the staff, and see what resources we have here to help support our congregations. If you just want the cake, that's fine.

> No need to let us know - just drop in 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

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What does yours look like?

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Come explore mission and church life in current contexts. Sign-up for this diocesan-sponsored course presented over two Saturdays, led by the Revd Annie Naish and the Revd Oliver Brewer-Lennon. Lunch provided.

25 May & 1 June 9:45 am - 2:00 pm

St Ninian's, Comely Bank Edinburgh EH4 1AG

To book or for more details, contact the Revd Annie Naish mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org 0131 346 9089

All welcome Church groups & individuals 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 (<u>canonmissioner@glasgow.anglican.org</u>) 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 Peace in ourselves, peace in our world

World Labyrinth Day

Saturday 4 May 2019 1.00 – 2.30pm FREE EVENT – ALL WELCOME



On this day, every year, people around the world walk the labyrinth in solidarity with others to promote peace.

Arrive any time from 12.45pm onwards. Your last opportunity to walk is 2.30pm. Labyrinth closes 3pm.

If you have not walked a labyrinth before there will be people around to show you how - it is very easy. The labyrinth is varnished on the floor inside Polwarth church. (As an extra, we may have an outdoor labyrinth too).

Polwarth Parish Church, 36 – 38 Polwarth Terrace Edinburgh EH11 1LU. <u>www.polwarth.org.uk</u>

See over page for morning meditation taster sessions

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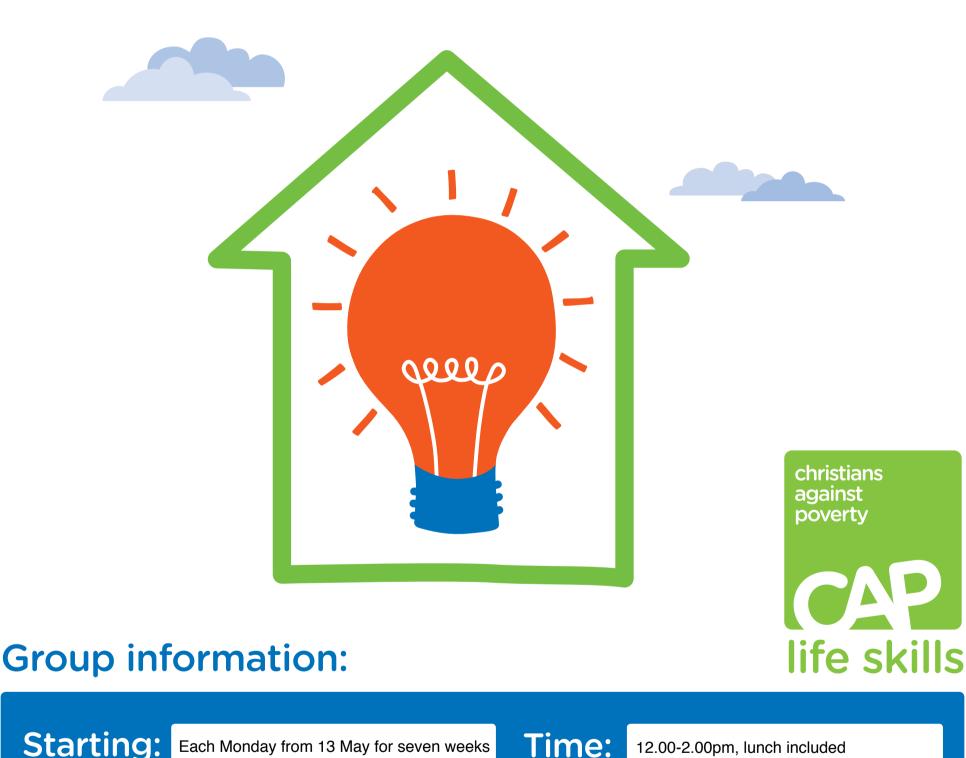
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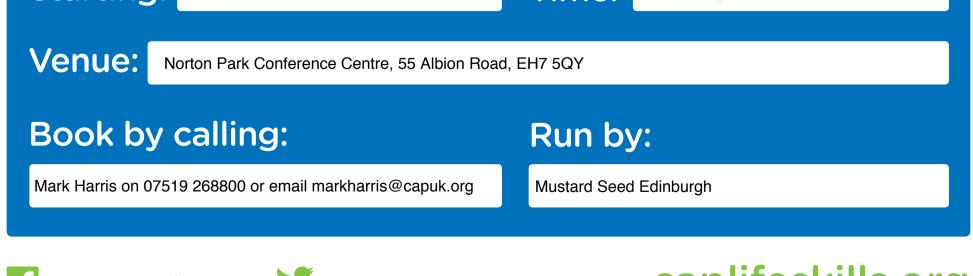




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Saturday 4 May 10.00am - 12noon

Try Three Morning Meditations

A simple introduction to meditative disciplines * walking meditation * seated meditation * Tai Chi *

FREE – but please book a place



Polwarth Church, working with the Edinburgh Mysticism Group, will introduce you to three different types of meditation in the morning. You are welcome to stay on in the afternoon and walk a labyrinth with others for World Labyrinth Day – see over the page.

10.00-10.30am:	welcome and registration
10.30-12noon:	3 taster sessions – for all participants
12noon-12.45pm:	tea/coffee/biscuits. (Bring a packed lunch if you wish)
1.00-2.30pm:	Join with others to walk a labyrinth for Healing and Peace, for ourselves and for our world.

To BOOK A PLACE for the Morning Meditation email Margaret: labyrinth@polwarth.org.uk

Polwarth Parish Church,36 – 38 Polwarth Terrace,EH11 1LU.www.polwarth.org.ukRegistered Charity SC004183

Choral Concert in aid of Christ Church Duns and Re-tweed

Friday 3 May at 7:30 pm Music Room Marchmont House andante

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featuring the newly restored Marchmont organ Organist: Paul Starkey

Tickets: £13.50 / £11.50 (includes interval refreshments)

Duns Post Office www.christchurchduns.org





<u>Foundation Grants</u> 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 <u>here</u>. Please be sure to read the guidance note before applying.

Please contact grants@nationalchurchstrust.org

A reminder too, in case of interest, of our other grant programmes (see also the attached leaflet and our website <u>here</u>) 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 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 <u>www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants</u> Next deadline 1 July 2019 for a decision in November.
- MaintenanceBooker www.maintenancebooker.org.uk Based on the principle that prevention is better than cure MaintenancBooker 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 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



Ways of Praying Course 13th May to 10th 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 13th May to 10th 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

SOUL CARE WORKSHOPS 2019-20

Four individual workshops for those who tend their own soul, or who help to care for others' spiritual wellbeing

Saturday Afternoons 1.30pm - 4pm at St Columba's by the Castle, Central Edinburgh

28 September 2019: The Masculine Soul

Can masculinity be both wild and sacred? In a post-Weinstein, 'me too' world, can poet Mary Oliver's soulful exhortation to "let the soft animal of your body love what it loves" truly apply to men? Nick Thorpe believes so. Here he offers an interactive workshop that seeks to go beyond the often-binary media narrative in search of the distinctive gifts and spiritual needs of men, and to explore how men and women might experience 'the masculine soul'. This event is open to all, and all genders are warmly welcome. With **Nick Thorpe**, an award-winning writer, coach and speaker on subjects ranging from risk-taking to male rites of passage. <u>www.nickthorpe.co.uk</u>

23 November 2019: Right Use of Power

When power is often misused to manipulate and control, how can we develop heart-filled, power-positive skills to bring restoration, goodness and change? We will use Webinar material from Psychotherapist Dr Cedar Barstow, to explore our personal and positional relationship to power; how our own experience as client, learner or directee can help build sensitivity and awareness to the use of power and influence in the roles we have for others. For all who offer soul care e.g. faith leaders, spiritual teachers, pastoral carers. With **Elizabeth White**, a spiritual director and pastoral supervisor who also coordinates a project exploring a national accreditation pathway for directors. <u>www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/consultation</u>

1 February 2020: The Dynamic Ignatian Exercises

Designed as an introduction to the dynamic of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, this event will include input, guided reflection and interactive 'stations' to open up an overview of the Exercises' scripture-based themes. It is for those who are simply curious, those who would like to revisit their experience of making the Exercises, and those who offer them to others and would like to practice some visual and creative ways into the material. Open to all, with a maximum of 18 participants - book early! **Elizabeth White** works with individuals and groups in Edinburgh and online. For several years she was involved in training others in Spiritual Conversation/Direction, and based her supervisory diploma project around the use of creative methods to teach the Ignatian guidelines. <u>www.reflectivespaces.org.uk</u>

25 April 2020: Exploring Spiritual Abuse

What is spiritual abuse? What are the key characteristics that lie behind this difficult label? And what impact does the experience of spiritual abuse have on people's lives? Through input from current research, small group discussion and plenary, this workshop will help 'soul care practioners' to consider the definitions and implications of these questions for their work. Brief pointers may be given for accompanying those who have experienced abuse, but the main emphasis will be on what we need to be aware of as we hold safe, sacred space for others. This event is open to faith leaders, spiritual directors, therapists etc, particularly those working in 1:1 or small group settings. With **Anne Solomon**, an experienced spiritual director and supervisor working in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Also a Chartered Psychologist, she works and writes within the fruitful dialogue between spirituality and psychology. <u>www.spiritual-life.co.uk</u>

Booking:

Each session is £25 including tea, coffee, cake and fruit For further details and online booking see: <u>www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/soul-care-workshops</u> Or email <u>elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk</u>

These workshops are organised by Reflective Spaces <u>www.reflectivespaces.org.uk</u>

Reflective Spaces facilitates spiritual reflection in life and work and is rooted in a broad, contemplative Christian tradition; those from other spiritual traditions are very welcome at these events.



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 <u>here</u>.

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) <u>Peacemaker's</u> <u>Network</u>. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With love and light,

Ruth

Ruth Harvey Director Place for Hope

t: 07884 580 357 skype: ruth.placeforhope e: <u>ruth.harvey@placeforhope.org.uk</u> w:<u>http://www.placeforhope.org.uk</u>

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