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NOTICES

Farewell to Nathalie



For the last 12 months, Nathalie Mareš has been scoping the role of Administrative Assistant, in the areas of mission and ministry, as well as dedicated support for our very busy Dean. This work had built up significantly in recent years, and we could no longer absorb it into the roles of existing staff. Nathalie has done a wonderful job, in only 10 hours a week, to find out exactly what is needed for us. Thanks to her, we have been able to re-

work some of the office tasks, and compile a job description for a new permanent role (see "Vacancies"). At the same time, she has been a really great member of the office team here, and we are all very sad to see her leave (though we knew this was going to happen, 12 months ago). She will continue her other role with the Church of Scotland, as well as pursuing some new challenges.

Thank you Nathalie!

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



NEWS FROM BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION



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.

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?



- ₱ 25th May and Ist June 2 different Saturday morning workshops
- ₱ 9.45am 2pm with lunch provided (free to attend but donations welcome).
- Led by Annie Naish and Oliver Brewer-Lennon.
- 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 <u>website here</u>. 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.

Rejoice as we worship God Together

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

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

Thursday 16 th May	OFFICE CLOSED (Staff Development Day)
Sunday 19 th May	Bishop - Preaching & Presiding at St Peter's, Lutton Place
Sunday 19 th May	Bishop - Celebrant, St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lothian Road
Monday 20 th May	OFFICE CLOSED (Victoria Day)

Monday 20 th May	Licensing of Revd Chris Jones as Priest in Charge, Berwickshire	
	Charges	
Sunday 26 th May	Bishop - Presiding at St Martin of Tours, Edinburgh	
Advance Notices		
Thursday 6 th – Saturday 8 th June	General Synod , St Pauls & St Georges, Edinburgh	
Thursday 24th October	Diocesan Synod, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh	
5 th -7 th November	Clergy Conference	
	SPECIAL NOTICE	
MONDAY 27 ¹⁴ MAY	Service of Rememberance & Thanksgiving for Brother	
	Kentigern of the Society of Saint Francis (SSF) at I I am at St David's, Pilton. All Welcome	

WANTED

St David's, Pilton are looking for Albs for our Children age 12 to 16 years of age and one adult Alb. If any church has any free to a new home. We'd be delighted to receive. People could contact me on email: shirleygreen80@gmail.com

VACANCIES

WORK PLACE CHAPLAINCY SCOTLAND Listening & caring - in confidence



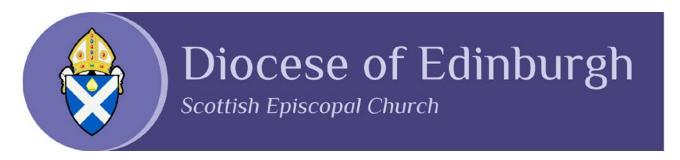
Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland provides chaplaincy service to over 2000 workplaces right across Scotland. It is a Christian Organisation working with all denominations and with excellent relations with most other faith groups.

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



EDINBURGH DIOCESAN OFFICE • 21A GROSVENOR CRESCENT EDINBURGH EH12 5EL

Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry)

18 hours per week (days & times negotiable)
Gross Salary (incremental) £7,984 per annum (£16,632 f.t.e.)
Includes a non-contributory pension.

We are seeking to appoint an Administrative Assistant to support the mission and ministry work in the Diocese of Edinburgh. You will work very closely with the Bishop's & Dean's PA and help to make sure both the Bishop and the Dean are able to use their time as efficiently as possible.

The Diocesan Office has a small and very friendly team of staff in a pleasant office very close to Haymarket. We are therefore very keen to get the right personality in the role to work within our team, as well as finding someone with the right skills. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the job before applying you are very welcome to ring Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator, on 0131 538 7033.



We are looking for someone with:

- A professional but pastoral approach to work
- Strong administrative and organisational abilities
- Ability to work independently and flexibly
- Good written verbal communication skills
- Computer skills use of MS Office suite (or equivalent) to a basic level
- Prior experience in an administration role

All staff are fully supported and developed through our Annual Review process.

Deadline for applications: Noon on Friday 7 June 2019

Interviews will be held towards the end of June (date tbc)

Download the application pack from https://edinburgh.anglican.org/vacancies-2/

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.



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

Scottish Charity Number SC007576

EVENTS

THE LIFE OF A GHANAIAN SEAFARER -Becoming A Seafarer

Born and raised in a small community in the Eastern Region of Ghana. I grew up in a nuclear family of eight, my mum, dad and five siblings. In spite of the highly unbalanced ratio of their low income to the family size, my parents were able to put most of us through school, the only long term investment they ever made.

Before I landed a job at sea, I had been searching for a job for four years, a very common phenomenon in Ghana. Most graduates spend lots of years searching for a jobs after school, especially those who studied technical courses in the tertiary level. As a chemical engineer graduate with no job, I had to resort to doing menial jobs like selling groceries on the street, running errands for shop owners just to get money to support myself and my family since I was the "lucky" one among my siblings. In my 4th year of job hunt I got introduced to the maritime industry by a friend though I wasn't so sure about it. Raised in the Eastern Region of Ghana which is about two hours drive from the nation's capital, the nearest place to the sea, the maritime industry wasn't so popular until recently. The fact is that most Ghanaians consider seafarers to be fishermen.

Prior to my research about this profession, I personally liked the idea of a job full of adventure and challenges, this fueled my appetite to learn more about this job. After some research and consultations, I had to raise enough money for the mandatory courses, this got me taking up extra jobs like private teaching classes for high school students and some landscaping jobs. After taking the mandatory courses, another job search commenced, this time focusing on the marine crewing agencies. Visiting a couple of marine crewing agencies convinced me that my dream of becoming a seafarer was a dead end. Most of these agencies wanted people with experience for employment even though the maritime university in my country is the only internationally recognized maritime university in the sub region there is not a single ship in the country to help trains students who graduates from the school after the only state owned shipping line, The black Star Line, which was sold in the late 90s. This makes it difficult for anyone to have any handson experience from school before joining a ship and some of these agencies also want as much as two months' salary before taking ones certificates for further processing. During these period, I had to travel about 45km every day for about two months just see an agent only to be told to come the next day because there was no job for me on each day. Some agencies also issue fake documents for huge sums of money from innocent people under the pretense of helping them get a desired ship. Generally, the marine crewing agencies are a major hurdle because of the huge sums of money they demand from the crew before getting them jobs.

After about a year and a half of searching I finally got a company, the only company I know in Ghana now who train lot of young graduates on their various vessels trading around the world. You can imagine the excitement when I got this job. I started the sea job as a deck apprentice on a gas tanker. I was basically de-rusting and painting always. With my educational background as a chemical engineer and determination I was able to prove to my company that I could do more. I am currently a gas engineer cadet on one of my company's gas tanker ships trading within the North Sea. A career at sea is just as challenging and adventurous as I had imagined it to be. Being the first black gas engineer in my company it hasn't been particularly easy but with determination and the immense support from the most welcomed visitors onboard from the Sailors Society of Scotland in the form of sound counselling sessions and warm kindness, I'm doing pretty good. This job also comes with incentives as I have had the opportunity to travel to about twenty countries in just three years. I get to see and interact with people from different cultures and it has been fascinating and this has nullified the many misconceptions I had through the media. The best part is that amidst the travel and adventure, I get to utilize my acquired knowledge from school as a chemical engineer. It is my dream to specialize in cryogenic engineering and help my company train more gas engineers from my country. Although it never crossed my mind to be working at sea, I will always choose to work at sea now and even in my next life.

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

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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WELCOME TO



EDINBURGH DIOCESAN OFFICE

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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May 2019

Dear Friends

MISSION TO SEAFARERS SCOTLAND ANNUAL MEETING 8 JUNE 2019

We would like to invite you to this year's Annual Meeting, which will be held in St Catharine's Episcopal Church, Cadzow Crescent, Bo'ness EH51 9AY.

This year's keynote speech will be delivered by The Reverend Mark Lawson-James, Port Chaplain, South Wales.

There will be tea / coffee from 10.00am with the meeting getting underway at 10.30am. This will be followed by our service in church and then a light lunch.

It would be good to welcome you as we reflect on the past year during which we have been very busy with the provision of support to seafarers. Please join us as we review the activities of The Mission to Seafarers Scotland over the last year and share with you our plans for the future.

Please reply by email (chaplain@mtss.scot) if you can come so that we have an idea of the numbers for our caterer.

On behalf of the Trustees of Mission to Seafarers Scotland

CHRISTIANITY & CLIMATE CHAOS



EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSES

ST ANNE'S CHURCH DUNBAR SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2.00 – 5.00PM

SPEAKERS

* MARK HUXHAM PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY NAPIER UNIVERSITY * THE REVEREND DAVID MUMFORD

* DISCUSSION * QUIET REFLECTION *

* TEA, COFFEE & CAKE *

ALL WELCOME

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ecogroup@stannesdunbar.org.uk

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE and the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



in collaboration with SCOTTISH PARTNERSHIP ON PALLIATIVE CARE

'Building and sustaining compassionate communities'
The role of the Churches in supporting people with end of life matters

Tuesday, 11th June 2019 10.00 -16.00 Methodist Halls, Nicholson Square, Edinburgh

Registration fee: £47.75 Register HERE

ALTERNATIVELY, book via our website www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk contact us by email info@fiop.org.uk or telephone 0131 346 7981 Coffee/tea/lunch included

When faced with the reality of deteriorating health, caring responsibilities, death or bereavement, people need many things from the NHS and other formal services, and from their friends, families and communities.

Though health and social care services play an important role, they are only part of the picture. Education, workplace culture, family networks, the media, community support and access to information all play an important role in shaping people's lives.

Churches and faith communities have a presence in nearly every area of Scotland and can offer support to those of faith or none. This conference will focus on how faith communities take an active part in developing approaches to support members of their congregations in all aspects of end of life – planning, spiritual care, support for the dying and the bereaved. The conference will explore examples of existing work and provide practical approaches and resources which churches can use.

Speakers include Mark Hazelwood, Rev Canon Dr Marion Chatterley, Rebecca Patterson, Robert Peacock, Richard Meade, Allan Logan, David Borrowman

Maureen O'Neill, Director, Faith in Older People 0131 346 7981 info@fiop.org.uk

DAYSFORGIRLS

Sewing workshop to make sustainable sanitary kits

Keeping girls in School in Malawi







Join us on Saturday, May 25th (10am-3pm) at St Columba's-by-the-Castle Church

14 Johnson Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2PW (Look for the blue door next to Castle Rock Hostel)



Light lunch, tea, coffee & worthwhile activity provided

For info & booking a place, email: lizacoates68@gmail.com

Spring Music at St Serf's Episcopal Church Burntisland..supporting



Please join us for an evening of Music Fife Ukulele Orchestra

Wednesday 22nd May 7.30pm St Serf's Episcopal Church, Ferguson Place, Burntisland KY3 9ES



Tickets at door: £5 to include refreshments.

Reserve On line: tickets@mtss.scot



FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

A valuable website for seeking out sources of funding. This particular page is related to obtaining funding to make disability-related improvements, but has some useful websites and contact details for grant-making bodies, which can fund other types of projects.



https://www.throughtheroof.org/obtaining-funding-to-make-disability-relatedimprovements/

Passing the Baton Befriending people back into the community



An opportunity for you and your Church to engage with people who are lonely and socially isolated in our communities



Bethany invites to you to two consecutive training evenings on the 4th and 11th June at Bethany Christian Trust, 65 Bonnington Road, Edinburgh, EH6 5JQ

Join us at 6.30pm for a buffet tea followed by two inspirational evenings of learning, encouragement and information to develop your important role as a volunteer Befriender with Bethany

Book your place today online at Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/passing-the-baton-befriending-training-tickets-59822631100

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

Venue:

The course will take place in the Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ.

Course dates for 2019-2020:

The course begins in October and ends shortly after Easter, and will be held on **Wednesday evenings 7.00 – 9.30pm.**

<u>Term 1:</u> October 30th / November 6th / Nov 13th / Nov 20st / Nov 27th / December 4th / Dec 11th / 18th Dec <u>Term 2:</u> January 8th / Jan 15th/ Jan 22th /Jan 29th /February 5th <u>Term 3:</u> February 26th / March 4th/ March 11th/ March 18th/ March 25th/ April 1st / April 22nd

Also one weekend: Friday April 17th: 7.00pm - 9.30pm and Saturday April 18th: 10.00am - 4.00pm, at The Christ Church Centre, Morningside Road, Edinburgh.

Course Fee: £360

A registration fee of £50, deductible from the total cost, is payable when accepted onto the course. The balance is payable in two instalments, by cheque. In the case of financial difficulty please enquire about financial help.

Applications and further information:

Applications should be made as soon as possible using the enclosed form. For more information please contact:

Sharon Laidlaw Tel: 07557104380

Email: Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING



October 2019 - May 2020





Introduction to Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting

The course aims to equip participants with a grounding in the theological understanding and practical knowledge needed to begin new worshipping communities or 'fresh expressions of church', through pioneer ministry and church planting.

This course will be run in partnership with the Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and the Scotlish Episcopal Institute. It will be led by experienced academics and practitioners.

Course organiser: Dr Sandy Forsyth

Where and when?

Classes will take place at New College, 21 September to 30 November 2019, and involve:

- Six evening classes, 6-8pm
- Two Saturday afternoon classes, 1-5pm

Assessment

The course will be piloted in 2019/20. Students who take part in the pilot will not be assessed.

Who is it for?

This course is open to all, lay or ordained, and from any Christian denomination. Participants are likely to be involved at present in beginning a 'fresh expression of church' in their context, or are hoping to do so soon.

Course fee

£200

Contact

To register your interest, please email NewCollege@ed.ac.uk

See overleaf for our other new course: Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context

Practical Information

Venue All events are held at The Hall, St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnstone Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2PW This is close to The Hub at the top of the Royal Mile, please note it is a BLUE door (there is another St Columba's with a red door!)

Access The venue is wheelchair accessible by lift, with an accessible toilet. There are blue badge parking spaces on the street outside.

Booking Each session is £25 including tea, coffee, cake and fruit. Bookings are via Brown Paper Tickets online system, see individual web links overleaf; the 'https' web address signifies a secure connection for Credit/Debit cards or PayPal. Workshops can be booked at any time during the year, however each event requires a minimum number to go ahead, so please book in plenty time to ensure the event runs. If the event is cancelled by Reflective Spaces your booking will be refunded. In all other cases places are non-refundable.

Discounted places Two places at £10 are available for each event, intended for those on very low incomes. Please book via Brown Paper Tickets and choose that option, subject to availability.

Two FREE places are available at each event in exchange for help with either chairs/set up, or tea/coffee. Please enquire directly to Elizabeth White for more details elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk

CPD The November and April events, in particular, are suitable as CPD. Certificates are available on request, please ask prior to event.

These workshops are offered by Reflective Spaces

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. More general information at www.reflectivespaces.org.uk
www.facebook.com/reflectivespaces

SOUL CARE WORKSHOPS



Four Saturday Workshops 1.30pm - 4pm

September 2019 – April 2020 at St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED GOOD QUALITY OFFICE FURNITURE?

The Scottish Bible Society is just beginning a major renovation of its office space. As a result it has a quantity of desks and chairs available for collection, together with modern matching tables, rectangular and semi-circular, that can be used separately or combined to form a large board room table. A donation in exchange would be welcomed, but the Society will be pleased to know that its furniture has a future use in a Christian context.

Contact Jacqualine Craig on 0131 347 9818 to arrange

