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Scottish Episcopal Church

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NOTICES

NEWS FROM YOUTH & CHILDREN

The latest Youth & Children newsletter is out now! You can find it [here](#).

This edition features:

YOUTH PARTICIPATION - school climate strikes, and the new youth representatives have their say.

TODDLER GROUPS - news, resources and support for this valuable ministry: learn how the toddler group can be a key part of your church's mission.

ACTIVE KIDS IN CHURCH - ideas from the archive for working with children who don't want to sit still!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES - Be A Chorister Afternoon, Morland and The Big Sing.



THE PROVINCIAL YOUTH WEEK - a delegate writes, and last call for applications for Glen '19: don't let a young person miss out!

NEWS FORM BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

10 Days of Prayer is HERE and NOW! From

Ascension Day on 30th May our whole diocese enters a special season of prayer until Pentecost and every person and congregation is invited to participate. There are lots of ways to join in - for example think of 5 friends and pray for them every day, pray using the [Prayer Topics Leaflet to download here](#), and take part in what your own church

is doing. It's great that 14 Churches from across the diocese have signed up for a specific period of either 12 or 24 hours of prayer. This is an ecumenical and global initiative so you could also go along to a different local church and pray with them during the week. Folk in the office would love to visit and join you in prayer, so please get in touch with Annie Naish to tell us what is happening locally. [Email here](#) or phone 07800 866 494.



JUNE
15
2019

Anyone who is planning to come to the **Big Sing on 15th June** does [need to book in on our website here](#). Come and join in singing with others from across the Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, either as an individual or with your choir to learn, practise and sing together at a big Diocesan celebratory EVENSONG. We will have some resources to buy or browse and some **great workshops on offer at lunch time**, including "New ideas for music for smaller churches" and a chance for a few organists to try out the great "Father Willis" Cathedral organ.

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 (all welcome).

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

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

If you have a connection with the RSCM, their music Sunday is on the following day 16th June and so you might also like to plan something special for that day. Some further details can be found on their website here:

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/music-sunday/>

DIOCESAN OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



You will have seen, in the last edition, that Nathalie Mares has now finished her 12-month scoping of the Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry) role, and moves on to new challenges!

Her email address (nmares@dioceseofedinburgh.org) is no longer in use, therefore.

There is an auto-reply setup, but please contact another member of [the office team](#) for your enquiry. There is no one else in the office able to directly cover this work at the moment, but we hope to appoint someone to a new role (see Vacancies) when we hold interviews towards the end of June.

Thank you for your patience.

2021 SEC celebrates a Year of Pilgrimage

In September 2018, the College of Bishops is designating 2021 as a Provincial Year of Pilgrimage. Events will be planned at the Provincial level and it is hoped that dioceses and charges will also organise their own events to experience, celebrate and promote pilgrimage as a spiritual discipline and tradition of our faith.

It is hoped that we can encourage as many people as possible to take part in a holy walk during the year and to share their experiences and support others.

More details are found here:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/2021-provincial-year-of-pilgrimage/>

We are setting up a small group within the Diocese of Edinburgh to take this forward here. Would you like to be involved? Have you ideas of what we could do as a diocese?

If you are interested, please email the Convenor of the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committee:

sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org

General Synod papers / Annual Report – available on SEC Website

Both the General Synod papers and the SEC Annual Report (Blue Book) are now available on the SEC website:

- General Synod Papers
- Annual Report



There are a number of other documents relating to the General Synod meeting also available on the website: <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-general-synod/>

FREE CAKES!

Just to draw your attention to the **Diocesan Office Open Day** on Thursday 30 May. See the flyer in the Events section – we'd love to see you!



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



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.

The screenshot shows the 'Through the Roof' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo on the left, contact information (01372 749955, info@throughtheroof.org) in the center, and buttons for 'DONATE', 'SHOP', and 'LOGIN' on the right. Below this is a search bar and social media icons. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'About Us', 'International Mission', 'Supporting You', 'Holidays and Groups', 'News', 'Get Updates', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a large image of a smiling woman and a young boy. Below the image is the breadcrumb trail: 'Through the Roof > Resources > Obtaining Funding to Make Disability-Related Improvements'. The title 'Obtaining Funding to Make Disability-Related Improvements' is displayed in red. The text explains the difficulty of finding funding for church building improvements and provides advice on contacting local authorities and grant-making trusts. A photograph of a church interior is shown on the right. At the bottom, a note states: 'You will need to promote the community aspect strongly. A good starting point of contact will be your local authority Access Officer.'

01372 749955
info@throughtheroof.org

DONATE SHOP LOGIN

Quick Search...

Home About Us International Mission Supporting You Holidays and Groups News Get Updates Contact

Through the Roof > Resources > Obtaining Funding to Make Disability-Related Improvements

Obtaining Funding to Make Disability-Related Improvements

Locating funding sources to make changes to church buildings to facilitate disability access can be very difficult. Unfortunately, there is no statutory funding generally available and so churches need to look for other sources creatively. This document contains some contacts that may be able to help, but our recommendation is that churches look to local grant making trusts to provide assistance.

If your premises are used regularly by community organisations for non church-based activities then the local authority may consider assisting with funding. For example, if your building is used for mother and toddler groups, elderly people's day centre, local scout and guide activity or if you rent rooms for local community groups.

For small projects such as construction of a small ramp, a tip is to contact the local authority immediately after Christmas when there may be some unspent budget in local authority budgets which must be spent by 31 March. One example of a successful application is a church which was a short distance away from a residential home and had a problem in that residents from the home had to cross a busy road because there was no pavement between the residential home and the church. The local council created an 80 meter long pavement for residents.

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<https://www.throughtheroof.org/obtaining-funding-to-make-disability-related-improvements/>

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

None

DIARY

Monday 3rd June	Buildings Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5th June	I & C Committee Meeting
Thursday 6th – Saturday 8th June	General Synod , St Pauls & St Georges, Edinburgh
Sunday 9th June	Bishop Presiding at St Mary's Cathedral
Saturday 15th June	The Big Sing , St Mary's Cathedral
Sunday 16th June	Bishop Presiding at St Peter's, Musselburgh
<i>Advance Notices</i>	
Thursday 24th October	Diocesan Synod, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
5th-7th November	Clergy Conference
SPECIAL NOTICE	
Death of Bishop Joseph Devine 23rd May 2019 Bishop Joseph Devine, former Bishop of Motherwell, died on Thursday 23 rd May at Wishaw general Hospital, aged 82.	

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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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/>



Vacancy: Part-Time Chaplain – The Robin Chapel Edinburgh

<http://robinchapel.org.uk/>

Following the retirement of the current Chaplain, after 13 years devoted service, the vacancy has arisen as Chaplain of The Robin Chapel in Edinburgh.

A unique Charge and a Grade One listed building, the Robin Chapel is a non-denominational memorial Chapel that takes the form of a Charitable Trust, the surplus funds of which support mental health projects for Veterans. It was built and dedicated in memory of a Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards who was killed 5 days before the end of the Second World War. The Chaplain is employed for 17 hours per week, some 3 hours of which is on Sunday afternoon. The salary is approximately pro rata with the median scale for Church of Scotland ministers.

This is a very different role for a Minister. The Chapel is not affiliated to any denomination, although it falls within the Reformed tradition and there is no Parish per se, although there is a growing group of "Friends". The Chapel is governed and directed by a Board of Trustees, to whom the Chaplain reports and if not a Minister of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh customarily invites the Chaplain to be an Observer. The Chaplain's duties are split between organising Sunday services and guest preachers, liaising with the Director of Music, ensuring the Chapel is properly maintained through its Factors, and maintaining close contact with the Chairman of Trustees.

Weekly services are conducted on Sundays at 4.00 pm. This allows for the ready availability of guest preachers who have recently come from a very broad base ranging from Roman Catholic Archbishops to Salvation Army Officers. The service time also allows the Chapel to benefit from one of the best choirs in Edinburgh made up of the cream from other choirs and led by an exceptionally talented Director of Music. The Order of Service is broadly set, with some scope for leeway, and there is a specific Original Order for 3-4 Sundays in the year.

The Chaplain is expected to lead every service, other than when on holiday or sick, when he or she should organise a stand-in. The Chaplain is expected to preach on an average of two Sundays each month and should aim to invite guest preachers for the remainder of the month if possible. It should be noted that Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

It is extremely desirable that the Chaplain will have a strong empathy with the Armed Forces and the sacrifices of military service, together with a keen interest in engaging with the history of the Chapel. Expressions of Interest are invited from Ministers from the Reformed Churches and should be sent to the Chairman of Trustees, from whom a detailed Job Description will be forwarded, at the following address:

Professor H. A. Kerrigan QC,
Airdene,
20 Edinburgh Road,
Dalkeith, EH22 1JY.

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.

EVENTS

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

**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
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

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Debate Night has only 2 more programmes going out from **Edinburgh Napier University** at the beginning of June and I'm wondering if you would be able to share the link below to help us increase the numbers of applications we receive for audience members. It would be great if you could share the link with your staff/members/mailling list/social media – whichever you channels you can manage please. We want to make sure we can hear from as many different perspectives as possible. We will need people from 15:30 to 18:30, but anyone thinking of appearing in the audience must apply via the link below.

Here's some information on the show:

BBC Scotland's new discussion programme, hosted by Stephen Jardine, is looking for you to be part of the audience and put your questions to the people in power.

Debate Night lets you lead the agenda – it is your questions that make the programme.

Each week we gather a panel of politicians and people in public life to join our panel, and give you the answers.

It has never been a more important time to have a programme that lets you speak directly to those in power.

So whether you have a question about the UK leaving the EU, the NHS, schools, climate change, or issues affecting your family – we want to hear from you.

Details of where the programme will be recorded, and how to apply to be in the audience over the coming weeks, are on the website: <https://bbc.in/2GNNb96>

Upcoming programmes are filmed on Sunday afternoons in the following locations:

2nd June	Edinburgh
9th June	Edinburgh

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0141 611 9616.

Jennifer Haine
Researcher
Debate Night

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THE 2019 ABBEY SUMMER SCHOOL

JESUS' HUMANITY & OURS: THE POETRY OF EVERY DAY LIFE

NEWHAVEN CHURCH, EDINBURGH
JUNE 6TH - JUNE 8TH, 2019

For more details, www.abbeysummerschool.com

2019 Abbey Summer School

"Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering."

Romans 12:1-2,
The Message

In a culture of exceptionalism and Instagram perfection, what might it mean to recognise our common life as “a spiritual act of worship?”

What does the humanity of Jesus have to teach us about the way that God works?

How might the kingdom of God break through in (and not despite) the sacred ordinary?

With Julie Canlis, Malcolm Guite and a number of workshop leaders, we will together take a closer look at the glory of everyday life and call it "good."

2019 Abbey Speakers



Julie Canlis
Author, "A Theology
of the Ordinary"



George Guthrie
Professor of New
Testament,
Regent College



Malcolm Guite
Poet, Anglican
Priest

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An ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving
for the life and work of
Jean Vanier (10 Sept. 1928 – 7 May 2019+)

Monday 17th June 2019 at 7pm, in
St Mary Magdalene's,
Bingham Ave, Edinburgh EH15 3HY

With the support of St Mary Magdalene's & St John's, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Portobello and Joppa Parish Church and the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, PACT & Edinburgh Churches Together, and the Scottish communities of **L'Arche** and **Faith and Light**. All welcome.



'Welcome each other, as Christ welcomed you'

