



# Diocese of Edinburgh

Scottish Episcopal Church

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# The Communicant

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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## NOTICES

### DIOCESAN OFFICE STAFF NEWS

Our part-time Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management), Ann Rae, will be leaving us on 5<sup>th</sup> July, to take up a new full-time role elsewhere. We are very sorry to see her go, but are pleased that she has been offered this full-time job, which suits her own needs much better. The email address [arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:arae@dioceseofedinburgh.org) will therefore be CEASED from that date.



As Nathalie Mareš left the other Administrative Assistant role at the end of last month, **THIS LEAVES THE OFFICE WITH VERY LITTLE ADMIN COVER** for a while – until we manage to re-appoint.

Please bear with us, as Simon & Samantha will be trying to deal with all of the diocesan administrative work between them for a while, so there may be times when the phone cannot be answered, or they will not be able to respond to emails promptly. *Thank you for your patience!*

## NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

JUNE  
15  
2019

**Very last chance to book** for the **Big Sing on 15<sup>th</sup> June** [using our booking form on our website here](#) at St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, EH12 5AW

10.30am	Registration and refreshments
11am	Learn and rehearse together
12.30 - 2pm	Lunch break
1.10 - 2pm	Optional workshops and resource stalls
2-3pm	Continue rehearsing
3pm	Afternoon Tea for everyone to come
4pm	Celebratory evensong

If you have already booked final details have been sent out, but they can [also be downloaded here](#).

A choice of optional workshops will be available to book on arrival;

- Psalms in the Scottish Tradition, *with Pete Crockett*
- Simple, New Ideas for Mass Settings and Music, *with Iain McLarty*
- Making a Joyful Noise; Ideas for inspiring worship, *with Lesley Penny*
- Inspiration from the Royal School of Church Music, *with Lorraine Fraser & Frikki Walker*
- Final chance to play the great cathedral "Father" Willis organ, *with Joseph Beech*

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

Rejoice as  
we worship  
God Together

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

### Seminars on Jesus and Justice with **Shane Claiborne**, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Over the last 10 years or so, there has been a growing exploration in the US and UK of Christian community life focused around social justice called New Monasticism, and it is very exciting that Shane Claiborne from the Simple Way in the US, who has helped inspire and shape this movement, is coming to Edinburgh and leading two seminars on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. In co-operation with Soul Talk at the Mustard Seed they will be launching a new network called Red Letter Christians. **For all leaders and those interested in social justice** there is a morning seminar from 10.30am-12.30pm at St Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL. Cost £11.25 [More details and booking here.](#)

There is also **a specific seminar for young adults**, students and those under 25 in the afternoon at St Margaret's Church, Easter Rd, EH7 5QE from 3-5pm. Free to unwaged, Students £5.92 and waged £11.25. [More details and booking here.](#)

## Resources on Stewardship – Evening Roadshows on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June

The Church of Scotland have developed new resources to help churches teach and reflect on the **biblical theme of stewardship** called “*A Narrative of Generosity*” and are holding a number of ecumenical evening seminars from 7-9pm around the country to launch this material. All are welcome attend and the events are free. [More details and booking here](#) for either 24<sup>th</sup> June at Greenbank Church, Braidburn Terrace, EH10 6ES, or 25<sup>th</sup> June at Duns Church, Church Square, TD11 3DD.

## Where have we sensed God's presence and how have we seen God at work in our 10 Days of Prayer?

We have heard some **snapshots and stories and seen a few photos** already of our 10 Days of Prayer – and would LOVE to find out more about what have been the highlights or maybe challenges of you. Please do [email here](#) or phone Annie Naish (0131 346 9089), so we can inspire and support each other to help us Grow Together.



## 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!



## 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](mailto:sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org)

### **Ecclesiastical launches £1m Movement for Good Awards**

On Tuesday 23 April, the company launched its Movement for Good Awards, which is a programme designed to give £1million directly to charities “that are changing people’s lives for the better”.

The giving programme has two funding categories: £1,000 awards, which will be awarded to 500 charities, (open for nominations from 23 April – 17 May), and £50,000 grants, which will be awarded to just 10 eligible charities with an income of less than £5million, (open for nominations from 17 June – 26 July). <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/>

### **Near Neighbours Small Grant Fund Invites Applications for 2019**

The Near Neighbours programme was set up in 2011 in partnership between the Church Urban Fund and the Archbishop’s Council with funding from the Government. The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government is providing another £1.3 million in funding for 2019.

Seed funding grants of between £250 and £5,000 will support projects that develop social interaction and social action - to develop positive relationships in multi-faith and multi-ethnic areas.

<https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/small-grants>

### **Allchurches Trust’s new grants programme: Growing Lives**

Is aimed at helping churches and Christian organisations throughout the UK and Ireland to connect with children and young people and forge lasting links with families in their local area.

Grants of up to £25,000 are available, and the amount you receive will depend upon the cost of your project and level of need in your community, ranging from 10% of project cost through to 80%.

<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/growinglives>



## 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](mailto:shirleygreen80@gmail.com)

## CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

**None**

## DIARY

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Big Sing ,St Mary's Cathedral , Palmerston Place
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Bishop Presiding at St Peter's, Musselburgh
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Bishop Presiding at Old St Paul's
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Finance & Management Meeting
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Buildings Committee Meeting
<i>Advance Notices</i>	
<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

# 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](mailto: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.**



### **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.

# EVENTS

New College's Centre for Open Learning is planning to run a course on 'Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context' in collaboration with SEI.

This course will be of interest to those who wish to explore the possibility of leading worship in their local church setting. It will focus on the history, theology and structure of worship services in a variety of styles, in order to ground current practice in its wider context. All of the components of a church service will be considered in theory but also from a practical perspective. Participants in the class will have opportunities to prepare and deliver prayers, children's talks and sermons, as well as to construct meaningful orders of service. Constructive critique will be offered to enable students to develop their abilities and explore ways in which their learning might be applied in their local context.

## Week 1

Introduction to the course

Lecture on the history of liturgy, including worship in the Bible and in the Reformed tradition: where we have come from and why it matters.

## Week 2

Discussion of themes raised by Week 1 lecture and further readings. Lecture on the theology of liturgy: different perspectives on why Christians worship the way they do.

## Week 3

Discussion of themes raised by Week 2 lecture and further readings. Lecture on choosing themes and readings for worship: introducing the lectionary and the liturgical year; varieties of approaches.

## Week 4: Saturday afternoon event

Public prayer and music in worship:

Workshop on writing prayers for public worship. Hymns as theology. Constructing an order of service

## Week 5

Discussion of themes raised by Week 3 lecture and further readings. Lecture on leading worship with children and young people

## Week 6

Formative Feedback event

Discussion of themes raised by Week 5 lecture and further readings. Lecture on Preaching in a variety of contexts

## Week 7: Saturday afternoon event

Interactive Focus on Preaching- how to birth a sermon. Homiletics, biblical hermeneutics, technical advice

## Week 8

Formation for leading worship: the theological, biblical and pastoral issues involved. Taking account of the local context (eg rural, suburban, city-centre, UPA). Exploring the next steps.

**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**







## **Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts at the Fringe** **St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge** **August 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Edinburgh Fringe is a wonderful mix of stand-up comedy, street performers and theatre. This year, the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts is once again bringing something quite different to the usual fare -- a mini festival-within-a festival that celebrates the long alliance between Christianity and the arts. Alexander McCall Smith will speak briefly at the official opening, when Anna Menzies will play the world premiere of a specially commissioned piece for cello by Edinburgh-based composer Harry Whalley.

Following the festival's successful debut in 2018, The Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation, in collaboration with Golden Hare Books, the Diocese of Edinburgh and Edinburgh University, has brought together a wide diversity of artists and musicians for a seven-day programme of events at St Vincent's Chapel in the heart of the New Town, from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019.

### **Visual Art**

"Seeing the Sacred through the Artist's Eye" is an exhibition of photographs on view from Monday to Saturday. Scottish stained-glass artist, Erlend Tait presents his work, and talks about it, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> "CONSIDER THE LILIES: Christian Themes in the Language of Flowers" is a day-long exhibition of floral arrangements inspired by poetry and presented by six of Edinburgh's Flower Guilds.

### **Music**

Evening recitals on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> offer audiences a chance to hear two rarely performed works -- Rossini's *Petite messe solonelle*, with the Reid Consort directed by Cole Bendall, and Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri* with Coro Vincenzo, under the direction of Leslie Shankland.

### **Drama & Poetry**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> *St MARK LIVE!*, Gerald Osborne's highly acclaimed enactment of the Gospel According to Mark brings a dramatic dimension to the festival for the first time, and on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> *The Poetry of God and War* builds on the success of last year's poetry reading, when readings from 'The Anglican Tradition of Poetry' attracted an audience in excess of 40 people.

Full details of the week-long program can be found at [www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org](http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org)

Many of the events are free. Tickets are available through the Fringe Box Office and at the door.

St Vincent's Chapel is located at the foot of Howe Street.

Local Contact: The Hon Barnaby Miln [barnabymiln@mac.com](mailto:barnabymiln@mac.com) 0131 557 8028 or 07901 782482

### **About the Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation**

The Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation was established in 2018 as the organization responsible for the annual Festival of the Sacred Arts in the Fringe. It is directed by Gordon Graham, formerly Professor of Philosophy and the Arts at Princeton Theological Seminary in the USA. The ESF is committed to engaging the wider community. In 2019 it gratefully acknowledges supporting partnerships with the Bishop and Diocese of Edinburgh, the Rector and Vestry of St Vincent's Chapel, the University of Edinburgh Centre for Theology and Public Issues, and Golden Hare Books.

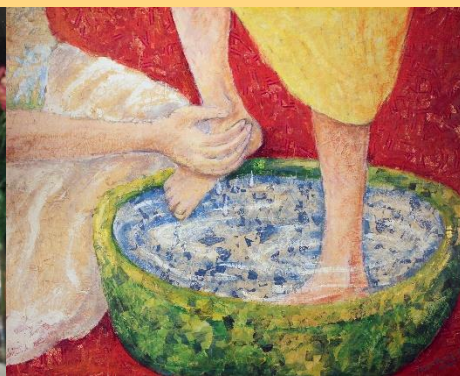
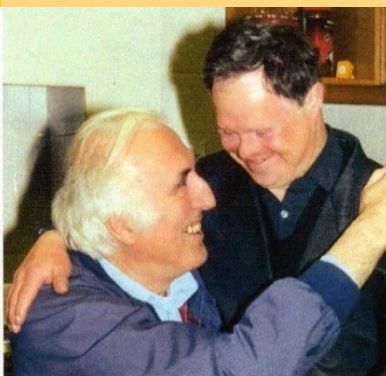
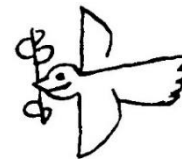
An ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life and work of  
**Jean Vanier** (10 Sept. 1928 – 7 May 2019+)

**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'**



# **EICSP**

## **DAY CONFERENCE**

**NEW SCOTS: IMMIGRANTS , REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS  
EXTENDING OUR WORLD: TOWARDS A WELCOLMING &  
INCLUSIVE SCOTLAND**

Please see link below for details on this event :

<http://eicsp.org/events/event-details/696-day-conference-new-scots-immigrants-refugees-and- asylum-seekers-welcoming-the-world-extending-our-world-towards-a-welcoming-and-inclusive-scotland-29-june-2019>



## 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.

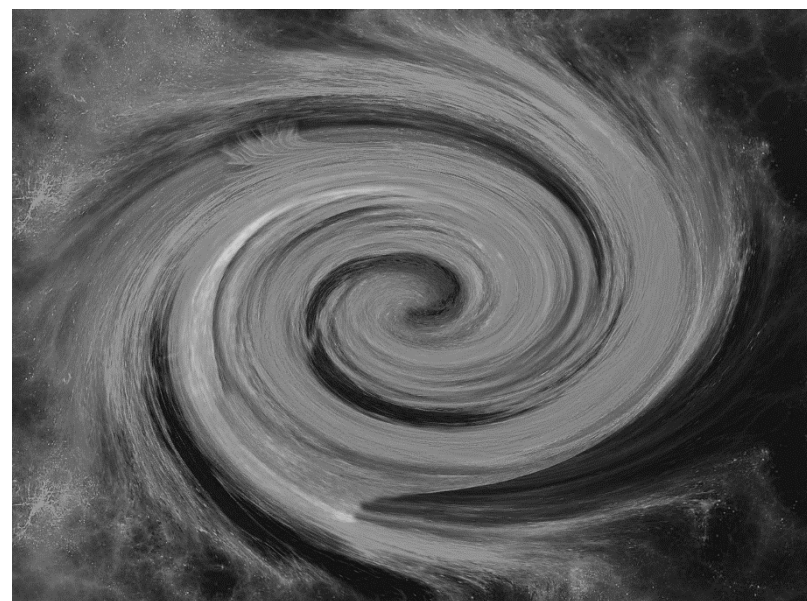
**Discounted places** Two places at £10 are available for each event, intended for those on very low incomes. Please book via Brown Paper Tickets and choose that option, subject to availability. Two FREE places are available at each event in exchange for help with either chairs/set up, or tea/coffee. Please enquire directly to Elizabeth White for more details [elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.reflectivespaces.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/reflectivespaces](https://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

**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.**

Term 1: October 30<sup>th</sup> / November 6<sup>th</sup> / Nov 13<sup>th</sup> / Nov 20<sup>st</sup> /  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup> / December 4<sup>th</sup> / Dec 11<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Term 2: January 8<sup>th</sup> / Jan 15<sup>th</sup> / Jan 22<sup>th</sup> / Jan 29<sup>th</sup> / February 5<sup>th</sup>

Term 3: February 26<sup>th</sup> / March 4<sup>th</sup> / March 11<sup>th</sup> / March 18<sup>th</sup> /  
March 25<sup>th</sup> / April 1<sup>st</sup> / April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Also one weekend:** Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>: 7.00pm - 9.30pm and Saturday  
April 18<sup>th</sup>: 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:**

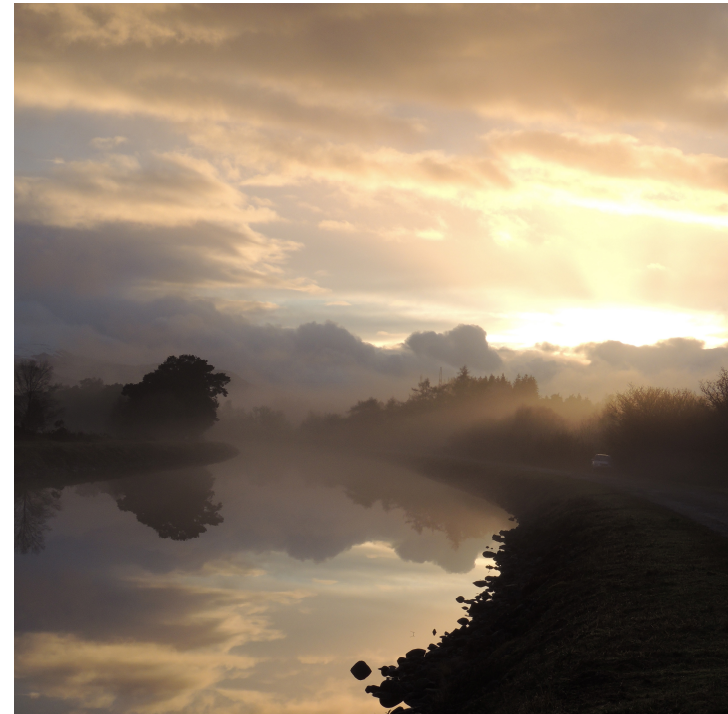
Applications should be made as soon as possible using the  
enclosed form. For more information please contact:

**Sharon Laidlaw**

**Tel: 07557104380**

**Email: Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com**

# GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING



**October 2019 - May 2020**

Facilitated by...

**EPIPHANY  GROUP**  
rooted in the Ignatian tradition

Come and join us at  
**Duddingston Kirk**  
on  
**Tuesday 18 June 2019**  
to learn about  
**Church Orchards**

6 pm: Tour of the Glebe

7 pm: Talk in the Church Hall

The Reverend Dr Tamás Kodácsy will speak about  
the inspiring **Hungary Fruit Tree Project**  
and there will be news of the  
Church and Community Orchards Twinning Project.



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**All are welcome** to join us for fellowship and  
to let us get to know one another that little bit better!

Church website: [www.duddingstonkirk.co.uk](http://www.duddingstonkirk.co.uk)