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NOTICES

DIOCESAN OFFICE STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce that we have made an extremely good appointment to the Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry) role following interviews this week. We are just waiting for references to come back, so we hope to announce the name of the new member of staff in the next edition.

Our other part-time Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management), Ann Rae, will be leaving us on 5th 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 will therefore be CEASED from that date.



However **THIS LEAVES THE OFFICE WITH VERY LITTLE ADMIN COVER** for a while, so 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

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.



Passionate about the Environment and Climate Change? Join in with **Edinburgh Climate Festival** on Saturday 6th July. This is a free, family friendly & community-led event taking place for the first time in the Meadows from 12-9pm. It aims at celebrating and inspiring climate action. Featuring live music, performances, stalls, kids' and adults' activities, and loads more. Find out more and register (for free) on [Eventbrite here](#).

Welcoming the World - Extending our World: Towards a Welcoming and Inclusive Scotland.

Inspiring speakers and discussion at this day conference exploring themes associated with **New Scots: Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers**. This coming **Saturday 29th June**, at Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL. Registration 9.30, start at 10am – 5pm. £10 for a ticket. Further details and registration on the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace [website here](#).

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!

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



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.

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Ann Rae – Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management) finishes at the Diocesan Office on Friday 5th July

DIARY

Sunday 30th June	Bishop to Preside at Old St Paul's Patronal Festival
Thursday 4th July	Staff Development Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday 7th July	Bishop to Preside at St Catharine's, Bo'ness
Monday 15th July	Buildings Committee
Advance Notices	
Thursday 24th October	Diocesan Synod, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
5th-7th November	Clergy Conference
Saturday 14th December	A Provincial celebration of the 25 th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood @ St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth (2pm)

EVENTS

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 the **Year of Pilgrimage** 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

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.

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-assembly-seekers-welcoming-the-world-extending-our-world-towards-a-welcoming-and-inclusive-scotland-29-june-2019>



Organ Scholar
St Peter's Episcopal Church,
Lutton Place, Edinburgh
is looking to appoint
an Organ Scholar
for the academic year 2019-2020.
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and an application form,
please email the
Director of Music:
Rupert Forbes:
rupert@rof27.plus.com



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Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts at the Fringe

St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge

August 11th-17th, 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 11th – Saturday 17th 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 12th and Tuesday 13th. On Wednesday 14th "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 11th and Thursday 15th 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 12th *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 16th *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. 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 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 ESAF 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.

• 6TH JULY 2019 12 - 9 P.M. •

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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 30th / November 6th / Nov 13th / Nov 20st /
Nov 27th / December 4th / Dec 11th / 18th Dec

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

Term 3: 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:

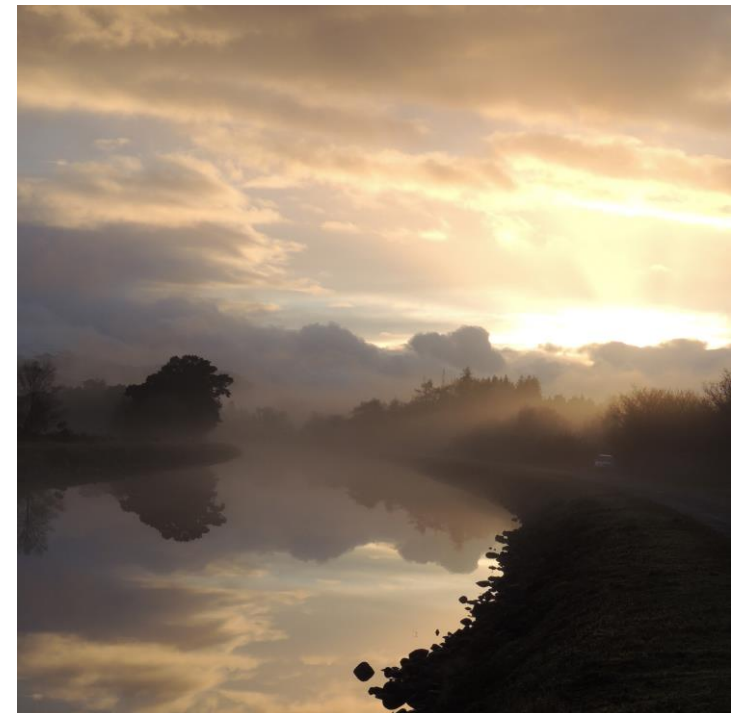
Applications should be made as soon as possible using the
enclosed form. For more information please contact:

Sharon Laidlaw

Tel: 07557104380

Email: Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING



October 2019 - May 2020

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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.

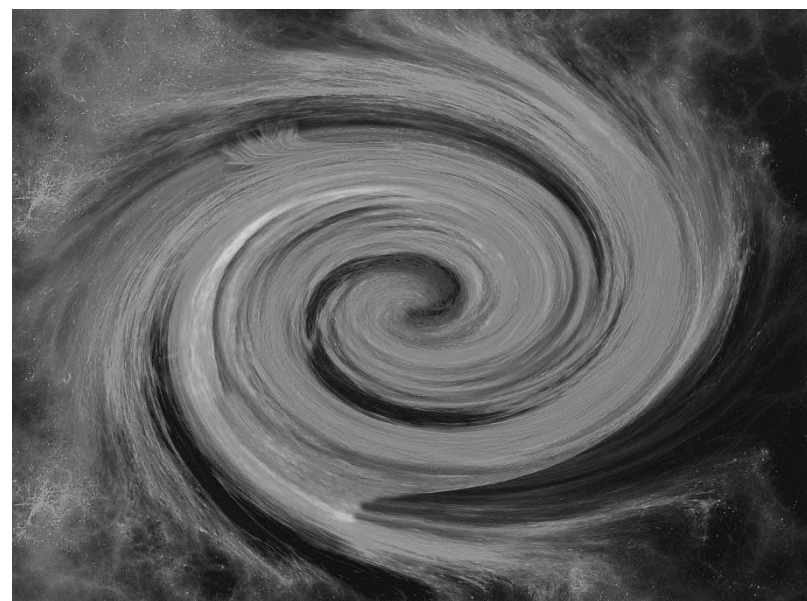
Discounted places Two places at £10 are available for each event, intended for those on very low incomes. Please book via Brown Paper Tickets and choose that option, subject to availability. Two FREE places are available at each event in exchange for help with either chairs/set up, or tea/coffee. Please 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



Lake Tekapo

by Adrian Wiszniewski RSA

Free Entry - donations to St Cuthbert's Outreach gratefully received

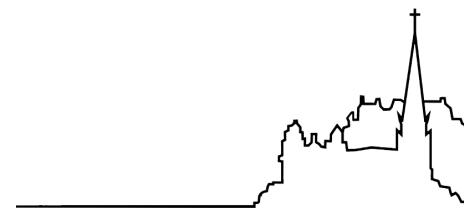
Viewing Times, May-October 2019:

Tuesday-Friday, 10.30-3.30pm

Saturday, 10.30-1.30pm

At the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, EH1 2EP

NB : Due to other events in the Church access may sometimes be restricted.



www.st-cuthberts.net